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THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS commenced on this day, conformably to the Constitution and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 129) appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, approved on December 4, 2014 (PL 113-201); and the Senate met in its Chamber in the city of Washington.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

The Honorable JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., VICE PRESIDENT of the United States and President of the Senate, called the Senate to order at 12:08 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the VICE PRESIDENT led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CREDENTIALS OF SENATOR-ELECT FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, James Lankford was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oklahoma a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2017, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the resignation of TOM COBURN.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Mary Fallin, and our seal hereto affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

MARY FALLIN,
Governor.

CHRIS BENGE,
Secretary of State.

CREDENTIALS OF SENATORS-ELECT FOR SIX YEAR TERM

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of the following Senators-elect, duly chosen by the qualified electors of their respective States for the term of six-years beginning January 6, 2015; which were deemed read and ordered placed on file:

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify, that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Lamar Alexander was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Tennessee a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our governor Bill Haslam, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

BILL HASLAM,
Governor.

TRE HARGETT,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fourth day of November, 2014, Cory Booker, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2015.

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

By the Governor:

CHRIS CHRISTIE,
Governor.

Attest:

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

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

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fourth day of November, Two Thousand Fourteen, Shelley Moore Capito was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, Two Thousand Fifteen.

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

By the Governor:

EARL RAY TOMBLIN,
Governor.

NATALIE E. TENNANT,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of December, 2014, "Bill" Cassidy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our governor Bobby Jindal, and our seal hereto affixed at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 16th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

BOBBY JINDAL,
Governor of Louisiana.

TOM SCHEDLER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November 2014, Thad Cochran was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State

of Mississippi a Senator from Mississippi to represent Mississippi in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, Two Thousand Fifteen.

Given under my hand, and our seal affixed hereto, at the City of Jackson, this the 8th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.

PHIL BRYANT,
Governor.

Attest:

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

STATE OF MAINE

Greeting:

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

Know Ye, That this is to certify, that on the fourth day of November, in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen, Susan M. Collins was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maine, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Paul R. LePage, and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

By the Governor:

PAUL R. LEPAGE,
Governor.

MATTHEW DUNLAP,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF DELAWARE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day November, 2014, Christopher A. Coons was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Delaware a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January 2015.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Jack Markell, and our seal hereto affixed at 11:00 a.m. this 9th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

JACK A. MARKELL,
Governor of Delaware.

JEFFREY W. BULLOCK,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF TEXAS
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, John Cornyn was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Texas, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our governor Rick Perry, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

In testimony Whereof, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my Office in the City of Austin, this the 1st day of December, 2014.

By the Governor:

RICK PERRY,
Governor.

Attest:

NANDITA BERRY,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ARKANSAS
CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, the Honorable Tom Cotton was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arkansas a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His Excellency, our Governor, the Honorable Mike Beebe, and our seal hereto affixed at the State Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas, this 21st day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

MIKE BEEBE,
Governor.

MARK MARTIN
Secretary of State.

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

I, Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that Steve Daines was duly chosen on November 4th, 2014, by the qualified electors of the State of Montana as a United States Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate. The six-year term commences on January 3rd, 2015.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Steve Bullock, and the official seal hereunto affixed at the City of Helena, the Capital, this 25th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

STEVE BULLOCK,
Governor.

Attest:

LINDA MCCULLOCH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Richard J. Durbin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Illinois a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2015.

Witness: His Excellency Our Governor, Pat Quinn, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Springfield, Illinois, this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

PAT QUINN,
Governor.

JESSE WHITE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF WYOMING
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November 2014, Mike Enzi was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2015.

Witness: His Excellency our governor, Matthew H. Mead, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 10th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the governor:

MATTHEW H. MEAD,
Governor.

MAX MAXFIELD,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF IOWA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November 2014, Joni Ernst was duly elected as Senator to the Senate of the United States to represent the State of Iowa beginning on the 3rd day of January 2015.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 1st day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.

TERRY BRANSTAD,

Governor of Iowa.

Attest:

MATT SCHULTZ,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fourth day of November, 2014, Al Franken was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mark Dayton, and our seal hereto affixed at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 19th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

MARK DAYTON,
Governor.

MARK RITCHIE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF COLORADO
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fourth day of November, 2014, Cory Gardner was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2015.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor John Hickenlooper, and our seal hereto affixed at Denver, Colorado this eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

JOHN HICKENLOOPER,
Governor.

SCOTT GESSLER,
Secretary of State.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fourth day of November A.D. 2014 Lindsey Graham was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of South Carolina a Senator from said state to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January 2015.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor Nikki R. Haley and our seal hereto affixed at Columbia, South Carolina, this twenty-fourth day of November in the year of our Lord 2014.

NIKKI R. HALEY,
Governor.

MARK HAMMOND,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Jim Inhofe was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oklahoma a Senator from said State to represent Oklahoma in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Mary Fallin, and our seal hereto affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 12th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

MARY FALLIN,
Governor.

CHRIS BENGE,
Secretary of State.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fourth day of November, two thousand and fourteen Edward J. Markey was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and fifteen.

Witness: His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, and Our Great Seal hereto affixed at Boston, this third day of December in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen.

By His Excellency the Governor:

DEVAL PATRICK,
Governor.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Steven L. Beshear

Governor

To all Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting: Know Ye That Honorable Mitch McConnell having been duly certified, that on November 4, 2014 was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Kentucky a Senator from said state to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd day of January 2015.

I hereby invest the above named with full power and authority to execute and discharge the duties of the said office according to law. And to have and to hold the same, with all the rights and emoluments thereunto legally appertaining, for and during the term prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed. Done at Frankfort, the 18th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and in the 223rd year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor:

STEVE BESHEAR,
Governor.

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF OREGON
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Jeff Merkley was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oregon, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, John Kitzhaber, and our seal hereto affixed at Salem, Oregon this 4th day of December, 2014.

JOHN A KITZHABER, MD,
Governor.

KATE BROWN,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF GEORGIA

By His Excellency

Nathan Deal

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, David Alfred Perdue, Jr. was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Georgia, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Nathan Deal, and the Great Seal of the State of Georgia hereto affixed at the Capitol, in the city of Atlanta, the tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

By the Governor:

NATHAN DEAL,
Governor.

BRIAN P. KEMP,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Gary Peters was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 1st day of December, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen.

By the Governor:

RICHARD D. SNYDER,
Governor.

RUTH JOHNSON,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, John F. Reed was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Lincoln D. Chafee, and our seal hereto affixed at this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

LINCOLN D. CHAFEE,
Governor.

A. RALPH MOLLIS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF IDAHO
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, James E. Risch was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Idaho a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, and our seal hereto affixed at Boise this 19th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER,
Governor.

BEN YSURSA,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF KANSAS
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Pat Roberts was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Kansas a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our governor Sam Brownback, and our seal hereto affixed at Topeka, Kansas this 26th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the governor:

SAM BROWNBACK,
Governor.

KRIS W. KOBACH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Office of the Secretary of State
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

This is to Certify that on the fourth day of November, 2014, at a general election, Mike Rounds was elected by the qualified voters of the State of South Dakota to the office of United States Senator for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2015.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed at Pierre, the Capital, this 13th day of November, 2014.

DENNIS DAUGAARD,
Governor.

Attested by:

JASON GANT,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEBRASKA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Ben Sasse was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Dave Heineman, and our seal hereto affixed at 1:26 p.m. this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

DAVE HEINEMAN,
Governor.

JOHN A. GALE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ALABAMA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Jefferson B. Sessions, III, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Alabama a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our governor Robert Bentley, and our seal hereto affixed at Montgomery this 24th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

ROBERT BENTLEY,
Governor.

JIM BENNETT,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Executive Department

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fourth day of November, two thousand and fourteen Jeanne Shaheen was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Hampshire to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and fifteen.

Witness, Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan and the Seal of the State of New Hampshire hereto affixed at Concord, this third day of December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen.

By the Governor, with advice of the Council:

MARGARET WOOD HASSAN,
Governor.

WILLIAM M. GARDNER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ALASKA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Dan Sullivan was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Alaska a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our governor Sean R. Parnell, and our seal hereto affixed at Juneau this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

SEAN R. PARNELL,

Governor.

By the Lieutenant Governor:

MEAD TREADWELL,
Lieutenant Governor.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Thomas Roland Tillis was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Carolina, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capital City of Raleigh this the 1st day of December, 2014.

PAT MCCRORY,
Governor.

ELAINE F. MARSHALL,
Secretary of State.

THE CANVASSING BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 9th day of December, 2014, Tom Udall was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Mexico a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2015.

Witness: Her excellency our governor Susana Martinez, and our seal hereto affixed at Santa Fe, NM this 9th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

SUSANA MARTINEZ,
Governor.

DIANNA DURAN,
Secretary of State.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2014, Mark R. Warner was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Virginia a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2015.

Witness: His excellency our governor Terence R. McAuliffe, and our seal hereto affixed at Richmond, Virginia this 10th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2014.

TERRY MCAULIFFE,
Governor of Virginia.

LEVAR STONEY,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO SENATORS-ELECT

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

Mr. LAMAR ALEXANDER, from the State of Tennessee,

Mr. CORY BOOKER, from the State of New Jersey,

Mrs. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, from the State of West Virginia,

Mr. BILL CASSIDY, from the State of Louisiana,

Mr. THAD COCHRAN, from the State of Mississippi,

Ms. SUSAN COLLINS, from the State of Maine,

Mr. CHRIS COONS, from the State of Delaware,

Mr. JOHN CORNYN, from the State of Texas,

Mr. TOM COTTON, from the State of Arkansas,

Mr. STEVE DAINES, from the State of Montana,

Mr. DICK DURBIN, from the State of Illinois,

Mr. MIKE ENZI, from the State of Wyoming,

Mrs. JONI ERNST, from the State of Iowa,

Mr. AL FRANKEN, from the State of Minnesota,

Mr. CORY GARDNER, from the State of Colorado,

Mr. LINDSEY GRAHAM, from the State of South Carolina,

Mr. JAMES INHOFE, from the State of Oklahoma,

Mr. JAMES LANKFORD, from the State of Oklahoma,

Mr. EDWARD MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Mr. MITCH MCCONNELL, from the Commonwealth of Kentucky,

Mr. JEFF MERKLEY, from the State of Oregon,

Mr. DAVID PERDUE, from the State of Georgia,

Mr. GARY PETERS, from the State of Michigan,

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island,

Mr. JAMES RISCH, from the State of Idaho,

Mr. PAT ROBERTS, from the State of Kansas,

Mr. MIKE ROUNDS, from the State of South Dakota,

Mr. BEN SASSE, from the State of Nebraska,

Mr. JEFF SESSIONS, from the State of Alabama,

Mrs. JEANNE SHAHEEN, from the State of New Hampshire,

Mr. DAN SULLIVAN, from the State of Alaska,

Mr. THOM TILLIS, from the State of North Carolina,

Mr. TOM UDALL, from the State of New Mexico,

Mr. MARK WARNER, from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

QUESTION OF A QUORUM

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

Whereupon,

The VICE PRESIDENT directed the roll to be called;

When

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

[Quorum No. 1]

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

The VICE PRESIDENT stated that a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS

The foregoing 89 responding Senators signified their attendance in the Senate at the first session of the 114th Congress on this day.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, December 16, 2014,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, December 16, 2014,

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the provisions of the foregoing resolution,

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 3) to elect ORRIN G. HATCH, a Senator from the State of Utah, to be PRESIDENT pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. HATCH was escorted to the rostrum by Mr. LEAHY and the oath of office was administered to him by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by him; and

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) took the Chair.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 4) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a PRESIDENT pro tempore.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 5) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a PRESIDENT pro tempore.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE HONORABLE PATRICK J. LEAHY

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 6) expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable PATRICK J. LEAHY for his service as PRESIDENT pro tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator LEAHY as PRESIDENT pro tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 7) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF HON. JULIE ADAMS AS SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 8) electing Julie Adams as Secretary of the Senate.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO SECRETARY OF THE SENATE-ELECT

Ms. Adams was escorted to the rostrum by Mr. MCCONNELL and the oath of office was administered to her by the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and subscribed by her.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTION OF A SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 9) notifying the President of the United States of the election of the Secretary of the Senate.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 10) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of the Secretary of the Senate.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTING A SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 11) electing Frank Larkin as Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTION OF A SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 12) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 13) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 14) electing Laura C. Dove, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE MINORITY OF THE SENATE

Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. REID) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 15) electing Gary B. Myrick, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, had appointed the following individual to serve as Senate Legal Counsel: Patricia Mack Bryan, of Virginia.

MAKING EFFECTIVE APPOINTMENT OF THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 16) to make effective appointment of Senate Legal Counsel.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, had appointed the following individual to serve as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel: Morgan J. Frankel, of the District of Columbia.

MAKING EFFECTIVE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 17) to make effective appointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel.

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

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DURATION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

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

Ordered, That for the duration of the 114th Congress, the Select Committee on Ethics be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 114th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7 1/2 minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded of the last 7 1/2 minutes;

Ordered further, That, during the 114th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate;

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

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed;

Ordered further, That, the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 114th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend rule XVI, pursuant to rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 114th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 114th Congress, when the Senate is in

recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and, with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions, messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the PRESIDENT of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 114th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 114th Congress; it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day; and

Ordered further, That, for the remainder of the 114th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

OBJECTION TO THE MEETING OF A COMMITTEE

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources be authorized to meet on tomorrow for the purpose of hearing testimony on the Keystone XL Pipeline; that the hearing be chaired by Ms. MURKOWSKI and Ms. CANTWELL, as ranking member; that the following Senators not currently serving on the Committee be considered members of the Committee for the purpose of this hearing: Mr. DAINES, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, and Ms. WARREN; that the meeting comport with all Senate rules related to the conduct of committees; and that the customary authorized expenses be permitted.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

RESOLUTION OVER, UNDER THE RULE

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution (S. Res. 18) making majority party appointments for the 114th Congress, intended to be proposed by him.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that the (proposed) resolution would go over under the rule.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. LEE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PAUL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. SASSE):

S. 1. A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; read the first time

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 11. A bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 12. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 13. A bill to establish the Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 14. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interest in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 15. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 16. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain Congressional staff and members of the executive branch; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 17. A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 18. A bill to prohibit authorized committees and leadership PACs from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 19. A bill to appropriately manage the debt of the United States by limiting the use of extraordinary measures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 20. A bill to establish a procedure to safeguard the Social Security Trust Funds; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 21. A bill to ensure efficiency and fairness in the awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 22. A bill for the relief of Alemseghed Mussie Tesfamical; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 23. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the definition of "widow" and "widower", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LEE):

S. 24. A bill to clarify that an authorization to use military force, a declaration of war, or any similar authority shall not authorize the detention without charge or trial of a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 25. A bill to improve the coordination of export promotion programs and to facilitate export opportunities for small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. COONS):

S. 26. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal defense contract, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 27. A bill to make wildlife trafficking a predicate offense under racketeering and money laundering statutes and the Travel Act, to provide for the use for conservation purposes of amounts from civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution under such statutes based on such violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 28. A bill to limit the use of cluster munitions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 29. A bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 30. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 31. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 32. A bill to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 33. A bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 34. A bill to prohibit assistance to the Palestinian Authority until it withdraws its request to join the International Criminal Court; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 35. A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 36. A bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 37. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for State accountability in the provision of access to the core resources for learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SASSE, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. DAINES):

S.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE:

S.J. Res. 2. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 3. A resolution to elect Orrin G. Hatch, a Senator from the State of Utah, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 4. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 5. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. REID):

S. Res. 6. A resolution expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy for his service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Leahy as President Pro

Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 7. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 8. A resolution electing Julie Adams as Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 9. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of the Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 10. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of the Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 11. A resolution electing Frank Larkin as Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 12. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

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By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 14. A resolution electing Laura C. Dove, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. REID):

S. Res. 15. A resolution electing Gary B. Myrick, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 16. A resolution to make effective appointment of Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 17. A resolution to make effective appointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 18. A resolution making majority party appointments for the 114th Congress; over under the rule.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 19. A resolution relative to the death of Edward W. Brooke, III, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 20. A resolution limiting certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process; over under the rule.

ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate on today, the Record remain open until 4 p.m. on today, for the submission of bills, resolutions, statements, and cosponsor requests.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF EDWARD W. BROOKE, III

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 19) relative to the death of Edward W. Brooke, III, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, introduced today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. LEE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PAUL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. ERNST, Mr.

TILLIS, and Mr. SASSE), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

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

ATTENDANCE OF A SENATOR

Ms. HEITKAMP attended the session of the Senate on today.

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

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

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

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

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, under the provisions of resolution S. Res. 19, following remarks by Mr. UDALL and Mr. MERKLEY, for 15 minutes each.

RESOLUTION OVER, UNDER THE RULE

Mr. UDALL asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution (S. Res. 20) limiting certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process, intended to be proposed by him.

Mr. UDALL objected.

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

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 1:40 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of resolution S. Res. 19, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Edward William Brooke III, of Massachusetts, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, introduced on yesterday by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. LEE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PAUL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. SASSE), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0449)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters (Type Certificate Currently Held by AgustaWestland S.p.A.) (Agusta)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0472)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0425)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0132)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0191)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0062)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0170)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0489)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0256)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Division Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0072)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0159)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-12. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0193)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-13. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various de Havilland Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0701)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-14. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0195)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-15. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0449)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-16. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dowty Propellers Constant Speed Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0776)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-17. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0776)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-18. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0235)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-19. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0971)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-20. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0452)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-21. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0289)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-22. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0430)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-23. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0836)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-24. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0594)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-25. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc." ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0437)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-26. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Restricted Category Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0337)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-27. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1066)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-28. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0168)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-29. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1064)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-30. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0192)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-31. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0288)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-32. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (130); Amdt. No. 3611" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-33. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (67); Amdt. No. 3612" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-34. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (101); Amdt. No. 3614" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-35. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (124); Amdt. No. 3613" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-36. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (60); Amdt. No. 3617" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-37. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (19); Amdt. No. 3616" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-38. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (60); Amdt. No. 3615" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-39. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (296); Amdt. No. 3618" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-40. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aviation Training Device Credit for Pilot Certification" (RIN2120-AK62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-41. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; North Central and Northeast United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0986)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-42. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Roanoke Rapids, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0792)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-43. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D and E Airspace; Hammond, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0600)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-44. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; MacDill AFB, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0541)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-45. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lakeport, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0309)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-46. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Apalachicola, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0831)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-47. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Designations; Incorporation by Reference Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0540)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-48. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment and Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Santa Rosa, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0305)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-49. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0174)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-50. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0232)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-51. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0483)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-52. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Credit Union Ownership of Fixed Assets" (RIN3133-AE05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-53. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security Annual Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-54. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report relative to the status of the Commission's licensing activities and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-55. A communication from the Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Representation--Case Procedures" (RIN3142-AA08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-56. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)" ((RIN0578-AA62)(Docket No. NRCS-2014-0007)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-57. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-58. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2014 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-59. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-60. A communication from the President and CEO of the African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to 2014 grant audits; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-61. A communication from the Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions from the Unanticipated Needs Account for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-62. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-63. A communication from the Special Counsel, United States Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Office of Special Counsel's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-64. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality based comparability payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-65. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report relative to the ongoing negotiations of the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-66. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-4160); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-67. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Instant Criminal Background Check System Regulation" (RIN1110-AA27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 38. A bill to ensure that long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 39. A bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 40. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 41. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deduction for travel expenses to medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 42. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to address certain inconsistencies between the self-attested information provided by an applicant in enrolling in a health plan on an Exchange and being determined eligible for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions or in being determined to be eligible for enrollment in a State Medicaid plan or a State child health plan under the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the data received through the Federal Data Services Hub or from other data sources; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 43. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 44. A bill to provide for the expedited processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 45. A bill to amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 46. A bill to reduce the amount of financial assistance provided to the Government of Mexico in response to the illegal border crossings from Mexico into the United States, which serve to dissipate the political discontent with the higher unemployment rate within Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 47. A bill to prohibit the implementation of any program that grants temporary legal status to, or adjusts the status of, any individual who is unlawfully present in the United States until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that the US-VISIT system has been fully implemented at every land, sea, and air port of entry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 48. A bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 49. A bill to include a question to ascertain United States citizenship and immigration status in each questionnaire used for a decennial census of population, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 50. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 51. A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 52. A bill to close the loophole that allowed the 9/11 hijackers to obtain credit cards from United States banks that financed their terrorist activities, to ensure that illegal immigrants cannot obtain credit cards to evade United States immigration laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 53. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 54. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 55. A bill to extend the seaward boundaries of certain States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 56. A bill to prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 57. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prevent the illegal trafficking of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits by requiring all program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 58. A bill to ensure orderly conduct of Nuclear Regulatory Commission actions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 59. A bill to reject the final 5-year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for fiscal years 2012 through 2017 of the Administration and replace the plan with a 5-year plan that is more in line with the energy and economic needs of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 60. A bill to prohibit aliens who are not lawfully present in the United States from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits that are not available to all citizens and nationals of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 61. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 62. A bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 63. A bill to require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 64. A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to implement a drug testing program for applicants for and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 65. A bill to authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 66. A bill to prohibit any regulation regarding carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the United States until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 67. A bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 68. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 69. A bill to require that the Government give priority to payment of all obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt limit is reached; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 70. A bill to direct the General Accountability Office to conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 71. A bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 72. A bill to allow for the portability of funds under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 73. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from mandating, incentivizing, or coercing States to adopt the Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, instructional content, curricula, assessments, or programs of instruction; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 74. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for dependent care savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 75. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the social security number of the student and the employer identification number of the educational institution for purposes of education tax credits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 76. A bill to provide tax relief with respect to the Hurricane Isaac disaster area; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 77. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 78. A bill to impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 79. A bill to impose a fine with respect to international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 80. A bill to prohibit appropriated funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 81. A bill to authorize preferential treatment for certain imports from Nepal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 82. A bill to suspend sales of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 83. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to improve nonretaliation provisions relating to equal pay requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. COONS):

S. 84. A bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 85. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 86. A bill to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 87. A bill to require the disclosure of determinations with respect to which Congressional staff will be required to obtain health insurance coverage through an Exchange; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 88. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to clarify the definition of accidental release, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 89. A bill to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 90. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to authorize hunting under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 91. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 92. A bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 93. A bill to withhold United States contributions to the United Nations until the United Nations formally retracts the final report of the "United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 94. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to State and local governments for payment of obligations, to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from financially assisting State and local governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 95. A bill to terminate the $1 presidential coin program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 96. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection maintains on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 97. A bill to clarify that the anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, the federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs under title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 98. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 99. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to allow workers who attain age 65 after 1981 and before 1992 to choose either lump sum payments over four years totaling $5,000 or an improved benefit computation formula under a new 10-year rule governing the transition to the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 100. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for expenses relating to home schooling; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 101. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home school education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 102. A bill to amend the public charter school provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 103. A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a funding gap caused by the failure to enact interim or full-year appropriations for the Armed Forces occurs, which results in the furlough of non-emergency personnel and the curtailment of Government activities and services; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 104. A bill to provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 105. A bill to permit management of the red snapper by Gulf Coast States and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 106. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit removal to United States district courts of certain civil actions filed in State courts; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 107. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to repeal certain designation authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, to repeal the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BURR, Mr. KING, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 108. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve access for students to Federal grants and loans to help pay for postsecondary, graduate, and professional educational opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 109. A bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless the authority provided by the Constitution of the United States for the legislation can be determined and is clearly specified; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 110. A bill to rescind funds made available to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency if the Administrator fails to meet certain deadlines; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 111. A bill to prohibit a Federal agency from establishing or implementing a policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 112. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis

at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 113. A bill to ensure that Federal Register notices submitted to the Bureau of Land Management are reviewed in a timely manner; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 114. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide the public with access to research of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 115. A bill to increase oversight of small business assistance programs provided by the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 116. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 117. A bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 118. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to address certain inconsistencies between the self-attested information provided by an applicant in enrolling a health plan on an Exchange and being determined eligible for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions or in being determined to be eligible for enrollment in a State Medicaid plan or a State child health plan under the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the data received through the Federal Data Services Hub or from other data sources; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 21. A resolution making majority party appointments for the 114th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. REID):

S. Res. 22. A resolution to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Con. Res. 1. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax is not in the economic interest of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 12

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 12, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 16

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 16, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain Congressional staff and members of the executive branch.

S. 23

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 23, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the definition of "widow" and "widower", and for other purposes.

S. 29

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] were added as cosponsors of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 31

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 31, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 10:31 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 22. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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

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

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 1, resolving that Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, and that Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, and that Ed Cassidy of the State of Connecticut be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, and that Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

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

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 4, resolving that the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected JOHN A. BOEHNER, a Representative from the State of Ohio as SPEAKER, and Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland as Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

The message further announced that pursuant to H. Res. 3, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make: Mr. MCCARTHY of California and Ms. PELOSI of California.

At 11:41 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2001, and the order of the House of today the SPEAKER appoints the following Members to the House Office Building Commission to serve with himself: Mr. MCCARTHY of California and Ms. PELOSI of California.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS

Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BROWN attended the session of the Senate on today.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:25 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Novotny, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 26. An act to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

MAKING MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 114TH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 21) making majority party appointments for the 114th Congress, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

CONSTITUTING THE MINORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 22) to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. REID), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

APPOINTMENT BY MINORITY LEADER

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRUST FUND BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, in consultation with the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 95-277, as amended by the appropriate provisions of Public Law 102-246, had appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five year term: George Marcus, of California.

APPOINTMENT BY MINORITY LEADER

MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 70-770, had appointed Mr. HEINRICH to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 5:56 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 11 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 26

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

Ordered, That, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 26) to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes; that an amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. WARREN, be the only amendment in order to the bill; that Budget Act points of order be the only points of order in order to be raised; that, if any of said points of order are raised, a motion to waive be considered made in relation thereto; that no other motion be in order; that the time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, and disposition of any Budget Act points of order and subsequent motions to waive, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment by Ms. WARREN; that said amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition thereof, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage thereof; and that said bill, as may be amended, receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RUBIO in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 26) to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

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

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1, in the nature of a substitute).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CRAPO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 31, nays... 66

[Rollcall Vote No. 1 Leg.]

YEAS --- 31

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hirono, Kaine, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 66

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was not agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 93, nays... 4

[Rollcall Vote No. 2 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 4

Cantwell, Rubio, Sanders, Warren.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015, the pending motion to proceed be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; and that Ms. MURKOWSKI then be recognized to propose an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1:

MITCH MCCONNELL, LISA MURKOWSKI, CHUCK GRASSLEY, RICHARD BURR, TIM SCOTT, JOHN BOOZMAN, RON JOHNSON, LINDSEY GRAHAM, JAMES LANKFORD, JIM INHOFE, DEAN HELLER, RAND PAUL, KELLY AYOTTE, BILL CASSIDY, JOHN CORNYN, DAVID VITTER, JOHN HOEVEN.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

ATTENDANCE OF A SENATOR

Mr. MORAN attended the session of the Senate on today.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-68. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Plants for Planting" ((RIN0579-AD47)(Docket No. APHIS-2008-0071)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-69. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AI20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-70. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0057; FV14-987-3 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-71. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Interim Report to Congress on Endangered Species Act Implementation in Pesticide Evaluation Programs"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-72. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Single Family Housing Loans and Grants" (RIN0575-AD01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-73. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beauveria bassiana strain ANT-03; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9918-65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 22, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-74. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zeta-cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9920-23), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-75. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labeling of Pesticide Products and Devices for Export; Clarification of Requirements" ((RIN2070-AJ53)(FRL No. 9919-63)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-76. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco mild green mosaic tobamovirus strain U2; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9919-26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-77. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Listing of Five Species of Sawfish under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XZ50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-78. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Fish and Wildlife Service on reasonably identifiable expenditures for the conservation of endangered and threatened species for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-79. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9920-63)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-80. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benzidine-Based Chemical Substances; Di-n-pentyl Phthalate (DnPP); and Alkanes, C12-13, Chloro; Significant New Use Rule" ((RIN2070-AJ73)(FRL No. 9915-60)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-81. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas; Alabama; Redesignation of the Alabama Portion of the Chattanooga, 1997 PM2.5 Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9920-61-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-82. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Ozone and PM2.5 Standards" (FRL No. 9920-47-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-83. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas; Georgia; Redesignation of the Georgia Portion of the Chattanooga, 1997 PM2.5 Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9920-60-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-84. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulemaking on the Definition of Solid Waste" ((RIN2050-AG62)(FRL No. 9728-5-OSWER)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-85. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Reconsideration of Additional Provisions of New Source Performance Standards" ((RIN2060-AR75)(FRL No. 9921-03-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-86. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Designations for the 2012 Primary Annual Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" ((RIN2060-AR95)-(FRL No. 9921-00-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-87. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identification of Nonattainment Classification and Deadlines for Submission of State Implementation Plan (SIP) Provisions for the 1997 Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 9920-83-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-88. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Pennsylvania; Determination of Attainment for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Lyons Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9920-68-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-89. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program: Addition of Global Warming Potentials to the General Provisions and Amendments and Confidentiality Determinations for Fluorinated Gas Production; Correction" ((RIN2060-AR78)-(FRL No. 9920-59-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-90. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Department of the Navy and was assigned Navy case number 13-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-91. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of select reserve units, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-92. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a, for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-93. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of a completion date of May 2015 for a report relative to the Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-94. A communication from the Principal Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition), Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that the Navy proposes to donate the historic destroyer ex-CHARLES F ADAMS (DDG 2) to the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-95. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation as an emergency requirements all funding so designated by the Congress in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, pursuant to section 251 (b) (2) (A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, for certain accounts, including accounts to implement a comprehensive strategy to contain and end the Ebola epidemic and to enhance domestic preparedness; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-96. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of funding for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-97. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-98. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on the Effect the Low Enriched Uranium Delivered Under the Highly Enriched Uranium Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation had on the Domestic Uranium Mining, Conversion, and Enrichment Industries and the Operation of the Gaseous Diffusion Plant During 2012"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-99. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-100. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 22, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-101. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department in the position of Assistant Secretary for Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 22, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-102. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of the Microprocessor Military End-Use and End-User Control" (RIN0694-AG27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-103. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-104. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-105. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-106. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule Regarding Principal Trades with Certain Advisory Clients" (RIN3235-AL56), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-107. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-108. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Stress Test--Schedule Shift and Adjustments to Regulatory Capital Projections" (RIN1557-AD85), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-109. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-110. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to blocking property of the Government of the Russian Federation relating to the disposition of highly enriched uranium extracted from nuclear weapons that was declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-111. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-112. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-113. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 100th Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Board covering operations for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-114. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Risk Retention" (RIN2501-AD53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-115. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-116. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Law and Policy, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consumer Leasing (Regulation M)" (RIN7100-ZA09), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-117. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Law and Policy, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)" ((RIN7100-ZA08)(12 CFR Part 1026)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-118. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Law and Policy, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold Adjustment--Final Rule" ((RIN3170-AA11)(12 CFR Part 1026)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-119. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Law and Policy, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C) Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold" (12 CFR Part 1003), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-120. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Law and Policy, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold" (12 CFR Part 1026), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-121. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-8363)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-122. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Section 232 Healthcare Facility Insurance Program--Aligning Operator Financial Reports With

HUD's Uniform Financial Reporting Standards" (RIN2502-AJ25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-123. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Export Administration Regulations: Controls on Electronic Commodities; Exports and Reexports to Hong Kong" (RIN0694-AG33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-124. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defining Larger Participants of the International Money Transfer Market" ((RIN3170-AA25)(Docket No. CFPB-2014-0003)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-125. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Fund Transfers (Regulation E)" ((RIN3170-AA45)(Docket No. CFPB-2014-0008)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-126. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrections and Clarifications to the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AG34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-127. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Risk Retention" (RIN2590-AA43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 23, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-128. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to the Congress: Impact of Home Health Payment Rebasing on Beneficiary Access to and Quality of Care"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-129. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-130. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Physician Compare Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-131. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Genitourinary Disorders" (RIN0960-AH03), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-132. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 Semiannual Report to Congress on the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-133. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Task Force on the Prohibition of Importation of Products of Forced or Prison Labor from the People's Republic of China (PRC): October 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-134. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Administration's fiscal year 2014 Competitive Sourcing efforts; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-135. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Standard Mileage Rates" (Notice 2014-79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-136. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Rev. Proc. 2012-24, Implementation of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2014-64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-137. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting of Specified Foreign Financial Assets" ((RIN1545-BJ69)(TD 9706)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-138. A communication from the Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-139. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-140. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-141. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-142. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-143. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2014 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-144. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department of State's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-145. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Update on Integrated Scanning System Operations; Fiscal Year 2014 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-146. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Endowment's fiscal year 2014 Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act submission of its commercial and inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-147. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Automated Commercial Environment; Fourth Quarter, Fiscal Year 2014 (July-September 2014)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-148. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-149. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 and the Semi-Annual Report of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-150. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-151. A communication from the Director, Policy and Planning Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Miscellaneous Changes: Medically Underserved Areas" (RIN3206-AN03), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-152. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Homeland Security Privacy Office 2014 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-153. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-154. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-155. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2014 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-156. A communication from the Senior Associate General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 22, 2014; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-157. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Device Classification Procedures; Reclassification Petition: Content and Form; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1529), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-158. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Advantame" (Docket No. FDA-2009-F-0303), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-159. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-160. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-161. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations" (RIN0583-AD05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-162. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-2025); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-163. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-2026); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-164. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0015); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-165. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and the Environment, U.S. Agency for International Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-166. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-125); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-167. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force

Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the June 15, 2014 - August 14, 2014 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-168. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: United States Munitions List Category XI (Military Electronics), Correction, and Other Changes." (RIN1400-AD25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-169. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-104); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-170. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0177 - 2014-0179); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-171. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period August 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

S. 119. A bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 120. A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to authorize the Central Everglades Planning Project, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 121. A bill to establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 122. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 123. A bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 124. A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to deauthorize the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 125. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 126. A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 127. A bill to prohibit Federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 128. A bill to promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 129. A bill to repeal executive immigration overreach, to clarify that the proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to the legislative branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 130. A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 131. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that valid generic drugs may enter the market; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 132. A bill to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 133. A bill to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 134. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 135. A bill to prohibit Federal agencies from mandating the deployment of vulnerabilities in data security technologies; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 136. A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 137. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to regulate tax return preparers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 138. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 139. A bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 140. A bill to combat human trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 141. A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 142. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 23. A resolution making majority party appointments for the 114th Congress; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 24. A resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary of Bowie State University; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 25. A resolution commemorating 50 years since the creation of the Medicare and Medicaid Programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 12

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] were added as cosponsors of S. 12, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 28

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 28, a bill to limit the use of cluster munitions.

S. 29

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 29, a bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 38

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to ensure that long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 11:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 23. An act to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 34. An act to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 35. An act to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 22. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 23. An act to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 34. An act to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 35. An act to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II, submitted today by Mr. TESTER, and at the desk; and

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

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

MAKING MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 114TH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 23) making majority party appointments for the 114th Congress, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 24) recognizing the 150th anniversary of Bowie State University, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 5:12 p.m.,

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-172. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduction of Fees for Trademark Applications and Renewals" (RIN0651-AC94), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-173. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Adjustments of Status Granted Under Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-174. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on the Continuing Need for Authorized Bankruptcy Judgeships"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-175. A communication from the Project Manager, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notices of Decisions and Documents Evidencing Lawful Status" (RIN1615-AC01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-176. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of proposed legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-177. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-178. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Investment Surveys: BE-13, Survey of New Foreign Direct Investment in the United States" (RIN0691-AA82), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 22, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-179. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1067)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-180. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-181. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Portsmouth International Airport (PSM); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-182. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Dawson Community Airport (GDV), Glasgow International Airport (GGW), Havre City-County Airport (HVR), Wolf Point International Airport (OLF), and Sidney-Richland Municipal Airport (SDY); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-183. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts - III"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-184. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of the 2014 Trimester 2 Directed Longfin Squid Fishery" (RIN0648-XD378), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-185. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD609), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-186. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks (LCS) and Hammerhead Sharks in the Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-XD636), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-187. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gag" (RIN0648-XD599), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-188. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2014 Gulf of Alaska Pollock Seasonal Apportionments" (RIN0648-XD627), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-189. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boundary Expansion of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary" (RIN0648-BC94), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-190. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia" (RIN0648-XD601), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-191. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD638), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-192. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD631), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-193. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD632), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-194. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska Trawl Economic Data Report" (RIN0648-BE09), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-195. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 7" (RIN0648-BC09), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-196. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Trawl Rationalization Program; Chafing Gear Modifications" (RIN0648-BC84), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-197. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2014 Commercial Fishing for Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean; Commercial Retention Limit" (RIN0648-BE58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-198. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Restrictions on the Use of Fish Aggregating Devices in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2015" (RIN0648-BE36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-199. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations and Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; American Lobster Fishery" (RIN0648-BE57), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-200. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Framework Adjustment 51 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and Sector Annual Catch Entitlements; Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and the Common Pool for Fishing Year 2014" (RIN0648-XD354), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-201. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Framework Adjustment 3" (RIN0648-BE01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-202. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2015 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Seasons" (RIN0648-XD276), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-203. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Chinook Salmon Bycatch Management in the Gulf of Alaska Non-Pollock Trawl Fisheries; Amendment 97" (RIN0648-BD48), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-204. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod Pot Gear Fishing Closure in the Pribilof Islands Habitat Conservation Zone in the Bering Sea; Amendment 103" (RIN0648-BC34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-205. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Carquinez Strait Cable Repair Operation, Martinez, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0950)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-206. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Arthur Kill, NY and NJ" ((RIN1625-AA11)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-1063)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-207. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Christina River; Wilmington, DE" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1033)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-208. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones Within the Captain of the Port New Orleans Zone, Louisiana" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0993)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-209. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acnhorage Regulations: Anchorage Grounds, Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, California" ((RIN1625-AA01)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0841)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-210. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Herbert C. Bonner Bridge, Oregon Inlet, NC" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0987)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-211. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Reduced Visibility, Sector St. Petersburg Captain of the Port Zone, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-1013)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-212. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Kent Narrows Draw Bridge Repairs, Kent Island Narrows; Queen Anne's County, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0898)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-213. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Safety/Security Zone Regulations; 2014 Tampa Bay; Captain of the Port St. Petersburg Zone, FL" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0040)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-214. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New Jersey" (RIN0648-XD571), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-215. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BE64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-216. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for the South Atlantic Porgy Complex" (RIN0648-XD388), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 143. A bill to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 144. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon a State, local educational agency, or school's adoption of specific instructional content, academic standards, or curriculum, or on the administration of assessments or tests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 23

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 23, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the definition of "widow" and "widower", and for other purposes.

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 117, a bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 119, a bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability.

S. 123

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers.

S. 126

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 126, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 129

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 129, a bill to repeal executive immigration overreach, to clarify that the proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to the legislative branch, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 25

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 25, a resolution commemorating 50 years since the creation of the Medicare and Medicaid Programs.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 11:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 30. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER PERMITTING SENATORS TO SPEAK AS IN MORNING BUSINESS

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

Ordered, That Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each, as in morning business.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1; and that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 12:08 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 9, 2015,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 9, 2015,

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

DISTURBANCE IN THE GALLERY

A disturbance in the gallery occurred when multiple persons began yelling loudly, and were thereupon removed at the direction of the Chair.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 9, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, January 8, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 8, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 8, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 63, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 3 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 32

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Warren, Whitehouse.

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

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1.

ATTENDANCE OF A SENATOR

Mrs. BOXER attended the session of the Senate on today.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that time therein be counted against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Tuesday, January 6, 2015, the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House, was signed on January 9, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

H.R. 26. An act to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-217. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification to Scope of Certain '600 Series' ECCNs" (RIN0694-AG40), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-218. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order to take additional steps to address the Russian occupation of the Crimea region of Ukraine, with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-219. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to North Korea that expands the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13455 of June 26, 2008, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-220. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of

Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Import Inspection Application and Certification of Imported Products and Foreign Establishments; Amendments To Facilitate the Public Health Information System (PHIS) and Other Changes to Import Inspection Regulations" (RIN0583-AD39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-221. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Accredited Laboratory Fees" (RIN0583-AD55), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-222. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Energy for America Program" (RIN0570-AA76), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-223. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Khapra Beetle; New Regulated Countries and Regulated Articles" (Docket No. APHIS-2013-0079), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-224. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-225. A communication from the Chairman, National Mediation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-226. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Awarding Agency Regulatory Implementation of Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" (RIN1991-AB94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-227. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans' Preference" (RIN3206-AM79), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-228. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Activities"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-229. A communication from the Deputy Director, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Involving Unaccompanied Children" (RIN0970-AC61), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 23, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-230. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022 and 29 CFR Part 4044), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-231. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age" (29 CFR Part 4044), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-232. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9921-38-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-233. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 and 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9921-29-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-234. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 9921-19-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-235. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alaska: Nonattainment New Source" (FRL No. 9921-40-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-236. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the International Labor Organization Protocol and Recommendation concerning Forced or Compulsory Labor, 1930 (No. 29) and Supplementary Measures for the Effective Suppression of Forced Labor (No. 203), adopted by the 103rd session of the International Labor Conference in Geneva, Switzerland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-237. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0180 - 2014-0187); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-238. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report related to the Colorado River System Reservoirs for 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-239. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Physical Security Reliability Standard" (Docket No. RM14-15-000), received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on December 12, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-240. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Clothes Washers" ((RIN1904-AC77)(Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-STD-0020)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-241. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Alternative Efficiency Determination Methods and Compliance for Commercial HVAC, Refrigeration, and Water Heating Equipment" ((RIN1904-AC46)(Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-TP-0024)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-242. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Direct Heating Equipment and Pool Heaters" ((RIN1904-AC94)(Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0004)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-243. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Dates for Several Body Systems Listings" (RIN0960-AH72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-244. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Direct Fee Payment Rules" (RIN0960-AH21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-245. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-246. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reallocation of Section 48B Credits Under the Qualifying Gasification Project Program" (Notice 2014-81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-247. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2014-33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-248. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Requirements for Charitable Hospitals; Community Health Needs Assessments for Charitable Hospitals; Requirement of a Section 4959 Excise Tax Return and Time for Filing the Return" ((RIN1545-BK57; RIN1545-BL30; and RIN1545-BL58)(TD 9708)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-249. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safe Harbor Methods of Accounting for Cable System Operators" (Rev. Proc. 2015-12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-250. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing of Form 5472" ((RIN1545-BM08)(TD 9707)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-251. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Title IV Treatment of Rollovers From Defined Contribution Plans to Defined Benefit Plans" (RIN1212-AB23), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-252. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Employee Plans Determination Letter Processing" (Announcement 2015-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-253. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to discretionary appropriations legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-254. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Elizabeth River; Portsmouth, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1032)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-255. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Fisheries for 2015" (RIN0648-BE13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-1. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the Congress of the United States, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution that would provide for a balanced budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

Whereas, the failure of the federal budget process has produced an enormous federal budget deficit, and growing national debt presently burdens the American people and threatens to burden their descendants for generations to come; and

Whereas, the congressional practice of deficit spending and repeated raising of the ceiling on the federal debt has had the effect of endangering the jobs, incomes, retirement

security, welfare, and future of American citizens; and

Whereas, such debt diverts scarce resources from crucial programs to pay interest on the national debt, constricts the ability of the federal government to address long-standing national problems and to respond to new needs, and increases pressures to raise taxes on the American people; and

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides that an amendment to the constitution may be proposed by congress, or on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, congress is required to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment, which, in either case, shall become part of the constitution when ratified by three-fourths of the several states: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby make application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States of America for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for submission to the states for ratification, to require that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal outlays made by congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas; and that this application shall be aggregated with such applications for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention but shall not be aggregated with applications on any other subject; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted by the secretary of state to the president and the secretary of the United States Senate, to the speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of this state's delegation to the congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of each state legislature in the United States, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

Resolved, That this application by this legislature supersedes all previous applications by this legislature on this same subject matter and that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made application for a similar convention pursuant to Article V.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 147. An original bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline (Rept. No. 114-1).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CORKER, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 145. A bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 146. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 147. An original bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 148. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S.J. Res. 3. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

S. 12

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 12, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 55

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 55, a bill to extend the seaward boundaries of certain States, and for other purposes.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 117, a bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 128, a bill to promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 141, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 2, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 30. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours; to the Committee on Finance.

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1; and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees.

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

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, time during morning business, recess, and adjournment count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mrs. BOXER, for 30 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:54 p.m.,

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

Mr. TOM COTTON, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 10:01 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COTTON led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 13, 2015.

To the Senate:

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

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COTTON took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, January 8, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:56 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1 be concluded; that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed; that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate proceed to consider the bill; and that Ms. MURKOWSKI be recognized to propose an amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Ordered further, That the following be the only amendments in order to be proposed this week; and that they may be proposed by Ms. CANTWELL and Ms. MURKOWSKI, or their designees:

An amendment (Numbered 13), intended to be proposed by Mr. MARKEY, relative to oil exports;

An amendment (Numbered 3), intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. FRANKEN, relative to U.S. Steel.

Ordered further, That the amendments be proposed in the aforementioned order; and that there be only debate on the

aforementioned amendments and the bill during this week.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. CAPITO) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 2, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 13).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was considered laid aside,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 2, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MANCHIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 2, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 17).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BURR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COATS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 149. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 150. A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 151. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 152. A bill to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 153. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 154. A bill to amend the Act of July 31, 1947, to provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 155. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 156. A bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than $1,000,000,000 and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 157. A bill to repeal the medical device tax and the employer and individual responsibility requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 158. A bill to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 159. A bill to improve the operation of the Department of Homeland Security's Unmanned Aircraft System Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 160. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REID, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 161. A bill to ensure high-income earners pay a fair share of Federal taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 162. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 163. A bill to establish a grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 164. A bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.8 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BURR, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 165. A bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KIRK, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COATS, Ms. HIRONO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 166. A bill to stop exploitation through trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BURR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 167. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COATS, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 168. A bill to codify and modify regulatory requirements of Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 169. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow any deduction for punitive damages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 170. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 171. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 172. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 173. A bill to modify the definition of "antique firearm"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 174. A bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 175. A bill to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 176. A bill to advance integrated water management and development through innovation, resiliency, conservation, and efficiency in the 21st century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 177. A bill to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a breach of security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COONS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. COATS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 178. A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 179. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ENZI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 26. A resolution commending Pope Francis for his leadership in helping to secure the release of Alan Gross and for working with the Governments of the United States and Cuba to achieve a more positive relationship; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 136

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 136, a bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of

S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 143

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and for other purposes.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown.

S. 146

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

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

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 13, 2015, at 2 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 10:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 33. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

H.R. 203. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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

S. Con. Res. 2. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

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

H. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 203. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 7) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 33) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

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

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 32) to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2015; that, on Friday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:36 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2015.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, January 13, 2015,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, January 13, 2015,

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 33) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Novotny, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 37. An act to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, to reduce regulatory burdens, and for other purposes.

H.R. 185. An act to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents.

H.R. 240. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 37. An act to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, to reduce regulatory burdens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 185. An act to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, January 13, 2015,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 17, proposed by Ms. CANTWELL (for Mr. FRANKEN), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. CAPITO), to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 180. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 181. A bill to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 182. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 183. A bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 184. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 185. A bill to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 186. A bill to improve transparency and efficiency with respect to audits and communications between taxpayers and the

Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 187. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that products derived from tar sands are crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 188. A bill to ensure that oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline into the United States is used to reduce United States dependence on Middle Eastern oil; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

S. Res. 27. A resolution to authorize testimony and representation in United States of America v. Jeffrey A. Sterling; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 27) to authorize testimony and representation in United States of America v. Jeffrey A. Sterling, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

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

AUTHORITY TO APPOINT COMMITTEE OF ESCORT FOR JOINT SESSION

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

Ordered, That the PRESIDING OFFICER be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join a like committee on the part of the House to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, for a joint session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the minority control the first half therein and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 1:35 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 16, 2015,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 16, 2015,

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Friday, January 16, 2015, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 16, 2015,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE UNION DELIVERED TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON JANUARY 20, 2015 -- PM 1

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the Congress of the United States:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, my fellow Americans:

We are 15 years into this new century. Fifteen years that dawned with terror touching our shores; that unfolded with a new generation fighting two long and costly wars; that saw a vicious recession spread across our Nation and the world. It has been, and still is, a hard time for many.

But tonight, we turn the page.

Tonight, after a breakthrough year for America, our economy is growing and creating jobs at the fastest pace since 1999. Our unemployment rate is now lower than it was before the financial crisis. More of our kids are graduating than ever before; more of our people are insured than ever before; we are as free from the grip of foreign oil as we've been in almost 30 years.

Tonight, for the first time since 9/11, our combat mission in Afghanistan is over. Six years ago, nearly 180,000 American troops served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, fewer than 15,000 remain. And we salute the courage and sacrifice of every man and woman in this 9/11 Generation who has served to keep us safe. We are humbled and grateful for your service.

America, for all that we've endured; for all the grit and hard work required to come back; for all the tasks that lie ahead, know this:

The shadow of crisis has passed, and the state of the Union is strong.

At this moment—with a growing economy, shrinking deficits, bustling industry, and booming energy production—we have risen from recession freer to write our own future than any other nation on Earth. It's now up to us to choose who we want to be over the next 15 years, and for decades to come.

Will we accept an economy where only a few of us do spectacularly well? Or will we commit ourselves to an economy that generates rising incomes and chances for everyone who makes the effort?

Will we approach the world fearful and reactive, dragged into costly conflicts that strain our military and set back our standing? Or will we lead wisely, using all elements of our power to defeat new threats and protect our planet?

Will we allow ourselves to be sorted into factions and turned against one another—or will we recapture the sense of common purpose that has always propelled America forward?

In two weeks, I will send this Congress a budget filled with ideas that are practical, not partisan. And in the months ahead, I'll crisscross the country making a case for those ideas.

So tonight, I want to focus less on a checklist of proposals, and focus more on the values at stake in the choices before us.

It begins with our economy.

Seven years ago, Rebekah and Ben Erler of Minneapolis were newlyweds. She waited tables. He worked construction. Their first child, Jack, was on the way.

They were young and in love in America, and it doesn't get much better than that.

"If only we had known," Rebekah wrote to me last spring, "what was about to happen to the housing and construction market."

As the crisis worsened, Ben's business dried up, so he took what jobs he could find, even if they kept him on the road for long stretches of time. Rebekah took out student loans, enrolled in community college, and retrained for a new career. They sacrificed for each other. And slowly, it paid off. They bought their first home. They had a second son, Henry. Rebekah got a better job, and then a raise. Ben is back in construction—and home for dinner every night.

"It is amazing," Rebekah wrote, "what you can bounce back from when you have to ... we are a strong, tight-knit family who has made it through some very, very hard times."

We are a strong, tight-knit family who has made it through some very, very hard times.

America, Rebekah and Ben's story is our story. They represent the millions who have worked hard, and scrimped, and sacrificed, and retooled. You are the reason I ran for this office. You're the people I was thinking of 6 years ago today, in the darkest months of the crisis, when I stood on the steps of this Capitol and promised we would rebuild our economy on a new foundation. And it's been your effort and resilience that has made it possible for our country to emerge stronger.

We believed we could reverse the tide of outsourcing, and draw new jobs to our shores. And over the past 5 years, our businesses have created more than 11 million new jobs.

We believed we could reduce our dependence on foreign oil and protect our planet. And today, America is number one in oil and gas. America is number one in wind power. Every three weeks, we bring online as much solar power as we did in all of 2008. And thanks to lower gas prices and higher fuel standards, the typical family this year should save $750 at the pump.

We believed we could prepare our kids for a more competitive world. And today, our younger students have earned the highest math and reading scores on record. Our high school graduation rate has hit an all-time high. And more Americans finish college than ever before.

We believed that sensible regulations could prevent another crisis, shield families from

ruin, and encourage fair competition. Today, we have new tools to stop taxpayer-funded bailouts, and a new consumer watchdog to protect us from predatory lending and abusive credit card practices. And in the past year alone, about ten million uninsured Americans finally gained the security of health coverage.

At every step, we were told our goals were misguided or too ambitious; that we would crush jobs and explode deficits. Instead, we've seen the fastest economic growth in over a decade, our deficits cut by two-thirds, a stock market that has doubled, and health care inflation at its lowest rate in 50 years.

So the verdict is clear. Middle-class economics works. Expanding opportunity works. And these policies will continue to work, as long as politics don't get in the way. We can't slow down businesses or put our economy at risk with Government shutdowns or fiscal showdowns. We can't put the security of families at risk by taking away their health insurance, or unraveling the new rules on Wall Street, or refighting past battles on immigration when we've got a system to fix. And if a bill comes to my desk that tries to do any of these things, it will earn my veto.

Today, thanks to a growing economy, the recovery is touching more and more lives. Wages are finally starting to rise again. We know that more small business owners plan to raise their employees' pay than at any time since 2007. But here's the thing—those of us here tonight, we need to set our sights higher than just making sure Government doesn't halt the progress we're making. We need to do more than just do no harm. Tonight, together, let's do more to restore the link between hard work and growing opportunity for every American.

Because families like Rebekah's still need our help. She and Ben are working as hard as ever, but have to forego vacations and a new car so they can pay off student loans and save for retirement. Basic childcare for Jack and Henry costs more than their mortgage, and almost as much as a year at the University of Minnesota. Like millions of hardworking Americans, Rebekah isn't asking for a handout, but she is asking that we look for more ways to help families get ahead.

In fact, at every moment of economic change throughout our history, this country has taken bold action to adapt to new circumstances, and to make sure everyone gets a fair shot. We set up worker protections, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid to protect ourselves from the harshest adversity. We gave our citizens schools and colleges, infrastructure and the internet—tools they needed to go as far as their effort will take them.

That's what middle-class economics is—the idea that this country does best when everyone gets their fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same set of rules. We don't just want everyone to share in America's success—we want everyone to contribute to our success.

So what does middle-class economics require in our time?

First—middle-class economics means helping working families feel more secure in a world of constant change. That means helping folks afford childcare, college, health care, a home, retirement—and my budget will address each of these issues, lowering the taxes of working families and putting thousands of dollars back into their pockets each year.

Here's one example. During World War II, when men like my grandfather went off to war, having women like my grandmother in the workforce was a national security priority—so this country provided universal childcare. In today's economy, when having both parents in the workforce is an economic necessity for many families, we need affordable, high-quality childcare more than ever. It's not a nice-to-have—it's a must-have. It's time we stop treating childcare as a side issue, or a women's issue, and treat it like the national economic priority that it is for all of us. And that's why my plan will make quality childcare more available, and more affordable, for every middle-class and low-income family with young children in America—by creating more slots and a new tax cut of up to $3,000 per child, per year.

Here's another example. Today, we're the only advanced country on Earth that doesn't guarantee paid sick leave or paid maternity leave to our workers. Forty-three million workers have no paid sick leave. Forty-three million. Think about that. And that forces too many parents to make the gut-wrenching choice between a paycheck and a sick kid at home. So I'll be taking new action to help States adopt paid leave laws of their own. And since paid sick leave won where it was on the ballot last November, let's put it to a vote right here in Washington. Send me a bill that gives every worker in America the opportunity to earn seven days of paid sick leave. It's the right thing to do.

Of course, nothing helps families make ends meet like higher wages. That's why this Congress still needs to pass a law that makes sure a woman is paid the same as a man for doing the same work. Really. It's 2015. It's time. We still need to make sure employees get the overtime they've earned. And to everyone in this Congress who still refuses to raise the minimum wage, I say this: If you truly believe you could work full-time and support a family on less than $15,000 a year, go try it. If not, vote to give millions of the hardest-working people in America a raise.

These ideas won't make everybody rich, or relieve every hardship. That's not the job of Government. To give working families a fair shot, we'll still need more employers to see beyond next quarter's earnings and recognize that investing in their workforce is in their company's long-term interest. We still need laws that strengthen rather than weaken unions, and give American workers a voice. But things like child care and sick leave and equal pay; things like lower mortgage premiums and a higher minimum wage—these ideas will make a meaningful difference in the lives of millions of families. That is a fact. And that's what all of us—Republicans and Democrats alike—were sent here to do.

Second, to make sure folks keep earning higher wages down the road, we have to do more to help Americans upgrade their skills.

America thrived in the 20th century because we made high school free, sent a generation of GIs to college, and trained the best workforce in the world. But in a 21st century economy that rewards knowledge like never before, we need to do more.

By the end of this decade, two in three job openings will require some higher education. Two in three. And yet, we still live in a country where too many bright, striving Americans are priced out of the education they need. It's not fair to them, and it's not smart for our future.

That's why I am sending this Congress a bold new plan to lower the cost of community college—to zero.

Forty percent of our college students choose community college. Some are young and starting out. Some are older and looking for a better job. Some are veterans and single parents trying to transition back into the job market. Whoever you are, this plan is your chance to graduate ready for the new economy, without a load of debt. Understand, you've got to earn it—you've got to keep your grades up and graduate on time. Tennessee, a state with Republican leadership, and Chicago, a city with Democratic leadership, are showing that free community college is possible. I want to spread that idea all across America, so that 2 years of college becomes as free and universal in America as high school is today. And I want to work with this Congress, to make sure Americans already burdened with student loans can reduce their monthly payments, so that student debt doesn't derail anyone's dreams.

Thanks to Vice President BIDEN's great work to update our job training system, we're connecting community colleges with local employers to train workers to fill high-paying jobs like coding, and nursing, and robotics. Tonight, I'm also asking more businesses to follow the lead of companies like CVS and UPS, and offer more educational benefits and paid apprenticeships—opportunities that give workers the chance to earn higher-paying jobs even if they don't have a higher education.

And as a new generation of veterans comes home, we owe them every opportunity to live the American Dream they helped defend.

Already, we've made strides towards ensuring that every veteran has access to the highest quality care. We're slashing the backlog that had too many veterans waiting years to get the benefits they need, and we're making it easier for vets to translate their training and experience into civilian jobs. Joining Forces, the national campaign launched by Michelle and Jill Biden, has helped nearly 700,000 veterans and military spouses get new jobs. So to every CEO in America, let me repeat: If you want somebody who's going to get the job done, hire a veteran.

Finally, as we better train our workers, we need the new economy to keep churning out high-wage jobs for our workers to fill.

Since 2010, America has put more people back to work than Europe, Japan, and all advanced economies combined. Our manufacturers have added almost 800,000 new jobs. Some of our bedrock sectors, like our auto industry, are booming. But there are also millions of Americans who work in jobs that didn't even exist 10 or 20 years ago—jobs at companies like Google, and eBay, and Tesla.

So no one knows for certain which industries will generate the jobs of the future. But we do know we want them here in America. That's why the third part of middle-class economics is about building the most competitive economy anywhere, the place where businesses want to locate and hire.

Twenty-first century businesses need 21st century infrastructure—modern ports, stronger bridges, faster trains and the fastest internet. Democrats and Republicans used to agree on this. So let's set our sights higher than a single oil pipeline. Let's pass a bipartisan infrastructure plan that could create more than thirty times as many jobs per year, and make this country stronger for decades to come.

Twenty-first century businesses, including small businesses, need to sell more American products overseas. Today, our businesses export more than ever, and exporters tend to pay their workers higher wages. But as we speak, China wants to write the rules for the world's fastest-growing region. That would put our workers and businesses at a disadvantage. Why would we let that happen? We should write those rules. We should level the playing field. That's why I'm asking both parties to give me trade promotion authority to protect American workers, with strong new trade deals from Asia to Europe that aren't just free, but fair.

Look, I'm the first one to admit that past trade deals haven't always lived up to the hype, and that's why we've gone after countries that break the rules at our expense. But 95 percent of the world's customers live outside our borders, and we can't close ourselves off from those opportunities. More than half of manufacturing executives have said they're actively looking at bringing jobs back from China. Let's give them one more reason to get it done.

Twenty-first century businesses will rely on American science, technology, research and development. I want the country that eliminated polio and mapped the human genome to lead a new era of medicine—one that delivers the right treatment at the right time, in some patients with cystic fibrosis, this approach has reversed a disease once thought unstoppable. Tonight, I'm launching a new Precision Medicine Initiative to bring us closer to curing diseases like cancer and diabetes—and to give all of us access to the personalized information we need to keep ourselves and our families healthier.

I intend to protect a free and open internet, extend its reach to every classroom, and every community, and help folks build the fastest networks, so that the next generation of digital innovators and entrepreneurs have the platform to keep reshaping our world.

I want Americans to win the race for the kinds of discoveries that unleash new jobs—converting sunlight into liquid fuel; creating revolutionary prosthetics, so that a veteran who gave his arms for his country can play catch with his kid; pushing out into the Solar System not just to visit, but to stay. Last month, we launched a new spacecraft as part of a re-energized space program that will send American astronauts to Mars. In two months, to prepare us for those missions, Scott Kelly will begin a year-long stay in space. Good luck, Captain—and make sure to Instagram it.

Now, the truth is, when it comes to issues like infrastructure and basic research, I know there's bipartisan support in this chamber. Members of both parties have told me so. Where we too often run onto the rocks is how to pay for these investments. As Americans, we don't mind paying our fair share of taxes, as long as everybody else does, too. But for far too long, lobbyists have rigged the tax code with loopholes that let some corporations pay nothing while others pay full freight. They've riddled it with giveaways the superrich don't need, denying a break to middle class families who do.

This year, we have an opportunity to change that. Let's close loopholes so we stop rewarding companies that keep profits abroad, and reward those that invest in America. Let's use those savings to rebuild our infrastructure and make it more attractive for companies to bring jobs home. Let's simplify the system and let a small business owner file based on her actual bank statement, instead of the number of accountants she can afford. And let's close the loopholes that lead to inequality by allowing the top 1 percent to avoid paying taxes on their accumulated wealth. We can use that money to help more families pay for childcare and send their kids to college. We need a tax code that truly helps working Americans trying to get a leg up in the new economy, and we can achieve that together.

Helping hardworking families make ends meet. Giving them the tools they need for good-paying jobs in this new economy. Maintaining the conditions for growth and competitiveness. This is where America needs to go. I believe it's where the American people want to go. It will make our economy stronger a year from now, 15 years from now, and deep into the century ahead.

Of course, if there's one thing this new century has taught us, it's that we cannot separate our work at home from challenges beyond our shores.

My first duty as Commander in Chief is to defend the United States of America. In doing so, the question is not whether America leads in the world, but how. When we make rash decisions, reacting to the headlines instead of using our heads; when the first response to a challenge is to send in our military—then we risk getting drawn into unnecessary conflicts, and neglect the broader strategy we need for a safer, more prosperous world. That's what our enemies want us to do.

I believe in a smarter kind of American leadership. We lead best when we combine military power with strong diplomacy; when we leverage our power with coalition building; when we don't let our fears blind us to the opportunities that this new century presents. That's exactly what we're doing right now—and around the globe, it is making a difference.

First, we stand united with people around the world who've been targeted by terrorists—from a school in Pakistan to the streets of Paris. We will continue to hunt down terrorists and dismantle their networks, and we reserve the right to act unilaterally, as we've done relentlessly since I took office to take out terrorists who pose a direct threat to us and our allies.

At the same time, we've learned some costly lessons over the last 13 years.

Instead of Americans patrolling the valleys of Afghanistan, we've trained their security forces, who've now taken the lead, and we've honored our troops' sacrifice by supporting that country's first democratic transition. Instead of sending large ground forces overseas, we're partnering with nations from South Asia to North Africa to deny safe haven to terrorists who threaten America. In Iraq and Syria, American leadership—including our military power—is stopping ISIL's advance. Instead of getting dragged into another ground war in the Middle East, we are leading a broad coalition, including Arab nations, to degrade and ultimately destroy this terrorist group. We're also supporting a moderate opposition in Syria that can help us in this effort, and assisting people everywhere who stand up to the

bankrupt ideology of violent extremism. This effort will take time. It will require focus. But we will succeed. And tonight, I call on this Congress to show the world that we are united in this mission by passing a resolution to authorize the use of force against ISIL.

Second, we are demonstrating the power of American strength and diplomacy. We're upholding the principle that bigger nations can't bully the small—by opposing Russian aggression, supporting Ukraine's democracy, and reassuring our NATO allies. Last year, as we were doing the hard work of imposing sanctions along with our allies, some suggested that Mr. Putin's aggression was a masterful display of strategy and strength. Well, today, it is America that stands strong and united with our allies, while Russia is isolated, with its economy in tatters.

That's how America leads—not with bluster, but with persistent, steady resolve.

In Cuba, we are ending a policy that was long past its expiration date. When what you're doing doesn't work for 50 years, it's time to try something new. Our shift in Cuba policy has the potential to end a legacy of mistrust in our hemisphere; removes a phony excuse for restrictions in Cuba; stands up for democratic values; and extends the hand of friendship to the Cuban people. And this year, Congress should begin the work of ending the embargo. As His Holiness, Pope Francis, has said, diplomacy is the work of "small steps." These small steps have added up to new hope for the future in Cuba. And after years in prison, we're overjoyed that Alan Gross is back where he belongs. Welcome home, Alan.

Our diplomacy is at work with respect to Iran, where, for the first time in a decade, we've halted the progress of its nuclear program and reduced its stockpile of nuclear material. Between now and this spring, we have a chance to negotiate a comprehensive agreement that prevents a nuclear-armed Iran; secures America and our allies—including Israel; while avoiding yet another Middle East conflict. There are no guarantees that negotiations will succeed, and I keep all options on the table to prevent a nuclear Iran. But new sanctions passed by this Congress, at this moment in time, will all but guarantee that diplomacy fails—alienating America from its allies; and ensuring that Iran starts up its nuclear program again. It doesn't make sense. That is why I will veto any new sanctions bill that threatens to undo this progress. The American people expect us to only go to war as a last resort, and I intend to stay true to that wisdom.

Third, we're looking beyond the issues that have consumed us in the past to shape the coming century.

No foreign nation, no hacker, should be able to shut down our networks, steal our trade secrets, or invade the privacy of American families, especially our kids. We are making sure our Government integrates intelligence to combat cyber threats, just as we have done to combat terrorism. And tonight, I urge this Congress to finally pass the legislation we need to better meet the evolving threat of cyber-attacks, combat identity theft, and protect our children's information. If we don't act, we'll leave our Nation and our economy vulnerable. If we do, we can continue to protect the technologies that have unleashed untold opportunities for people around the globe.

In West Africa, our troops, our scientists, our doctors, our nurses and healthcare workers are rolling back Ebola—saving countless lives and stopping the spread of disease. I couldn't be prouder of them, and I thank this Congress for your bipartisan support of their efforts. But the job is not yet done—and the world needs to use this lesson to build a more effective global effort to prevent the spread of future pandemics, invest in smart development, and eradicate extreme poverty.

In the Asia Pacific, we are modernizing alliances while making sure that other nations play by the rules—in how they trade, how they resolve maritime disputes, and how they participate in meeting common international challenges like nonproliferation and disaster relief. And no challenge—no challenge—poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change. 2014 was the planet's warmest year on record. Now, one year doesn't make a trend, but this does—14 of the 15 warmest years on record have all fallen in the first 15 years of this century.

I've heard some folks try to dodge the evidence by saying they're not scientists; that we don't have enough information to act. Well, I'm not a scientist, either. But you know what—I know a lot of really good scientists at NASA, and NOAA, and at our major universities. The best scientists in the world are all telling us that our activities are changing the climate, and if we do not act forcefully, we'll continue to see rising oceans, longer, hotter heat waves, dangerous droughts and floods, and massive disruptions that can trigger greater migration, conflict, and hunger around the globe. The Pentagon says that climate change poses immediate risks to our national security. We should act like it.

That's why, over the past 6 years, we've done more than ever before to combat climate change, from the way we produce energy, to the way we use it. That's why we've set aside more public lands and waters than any administration in history. And that's why I will not let this Congress endanger the health of our children by turning back the clock on our efforts. I am determined to make sure American leadership drives international action. In Beijing, we made an historic announcement—the United States will double the pace at which we cut carbon pollution, and China committed, for the first time, to limiting their emissions. And because the world's two largest economies came together, other nations are now stepping up, and offering hope that, this year, the world will finally reach an agreement to protect the one planet we've got.

There's one last pillar to our leadership—and that's the example of our values.

As Americans, we respect human dignity, even when we're threatened, which is why I've prohibited torture, and worked to make sure our use of new technology like drones is properly constrained. It's why we speak out against the deplorable anti-Semitism that has resurfaced in certain parts of the world. It's why we continue to reject offensive stereotypes of Muslims—the vast majority of whom share our commitment to peace. That's why we defend free speech, and advocate for political prisoners, and condemn the persecution of women, or religious minorities, or people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. We do these things not only because they're right, but because they make us safer.

As Americans, we have a profound commitment to justice—so it makes no sense to spend three million dollars per prisoner to keep open a prison that the world condemns and terrorists use to recruit. Since I've been President, we've worked responsibly to cut the population of GTMO in half. Now it's time to finish the job. And I will not relent in my determination to shut it down. It's not who we are.

As Americans, we cherish our civil liberties—and we need to uphold that commitment if we want maximum cooperation from other countries and industry in our fight against terrorist networks. So while some have moved on from the debates over our surveillance programs, I haven't. As promised, our intelligence agencies have worked hard, with the recommendations of privacy advocates, to increase transparency and build more safeguards against potential abuse. And next month, we'll issue a report on how we're keeping our promise to keep our country safe while strengthening privacy.

Looking to the future instead of the past. Making sure we match our power with diplomacy, and use force wisely. Building coalitions to meet new challenges and opportunities. Leading—always—with the example of our values. That's what makes us exceptional. That's what keeps us strong. And that's why we must keep striving to hold ourselves to the highest of standards—our own.

You know, just over a decade ago, I gave a speech in Boston where I said there wasn't a liberal America, or a conservative America; a black America or a white America—but a United States of America. I said this because I had seen it in my own life, in a nation that gave someone like me a chance; because I

grew up in Hawaii, a melting pot of races and customs; because I made Illinois my home—a state of small towns, rich farmland, and one of the world's great cities; a microcosm of the country where Democrats and Republicans and Independents, good people of every ethnicity and every faith, share certain bedrock values.

Over the past 6 years, the pundits have pointed out more than once that my presidency hasn't delivered on this vision. How ironic, they say, that our politics seems more divided than ever. It's held up as proof not just of my own flaws—of which there are many—but also as proof that the vision itself is misguided, and naive, and that there are too many people in this town who actually benefit from partisanship and gridlock for us to ever do anything about it.

I know how tempting such cynicism may be. But I still think the cynics are wrong.

I still believe that we are one people. I still believe that together, we can do great things, even when the odds are long. I believe this because over and over in my 6 years in office, I have seen America at its best. I've seen the hopeful faces of young graduates from New York to California; and our newest officers at West Point, Annapolis, Colorado Springs, and New London. I've mourned with grieving families in Tucson and Newtown; in Boston, West, Texas, and West Virginia. I've watched Americans beat back adversity from the Gulf Coast to the Great Plains; from Midwest assembly lines to the Mid-Atlantic seaboard. I've seen something like gay marriage go from a wedge issue used to drive us apart to a story of freedom across our country, a civil right now legal in States that seven in ten Americans call home.

So I know the good, and optimistic, and big-hearted generosity of the American people who, every day, live the idea that we are our brother's keeper, and our sister's keeper. And I know they expect those of us who serve here to set a better example.

So the question for those of us here tonight is how we, all of us, can better reflect America's hopes. I've served in Congress with many of you. I know many of you well. There are a lot of good people here, on both sides of the aisle. And many of you have told me that this isn't what you signed up for—arguing past each other on cable shows, the constant fundraising, always looking over your shoulder at how the base will react to every decision.

Imagine if we broke out of these tired old patterns. Imagine if we did something different.

Understand—a better politics isn't one where Democrats abandon their agenda or Republicans simply embrace mine.

A better politics is one where we appeal to each other's basic decency instead of our basest fears.

A better politics is one where we debate without demonizing each other; where we talk issues, and values, and principles, and facts, rather than "gotcha" moments, or trivial gaffes, or fake controversies that have nothing to do with people's daily lives.

A better politics is one where we spend less time drowning in dark money for ads that pull us into the gutter, and spend more time lifting young people up, with a sense of purpose and possibility, and asking them to join in the great mission of building America.

If we're going to have arguments, let's have arguments—but let's make them debates worthy of this body and worthy of this country.

We still may not agree on a woman's right to choose, but surely we can agree it's a good thing that teen pregnancies and abortions are nearing all-time lows, and that every woman should have access to the health care she needs.

Yes, passions still fly on immigration, but surely we can all see something of ourselves in the striving young student, and agree that no one benefits when a hardworking mom is taken from her child, and that it's possible to shape a law that upholds our tradition as a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants.

We may go at it in campaign season, but surely we can agree that the right to vote is sacred; that it's being denied to too many; and that, on this 50th anniversary of the great march from Selma to Montgomery and the passage of the Voting Rights Act, we can come together, Democrats and Republicans, to make voting easier for every single American.

We may have different takes on the events of Ferguson and New York. But surely we can understand a father who fears his son can't walk home without being harassed. Surely we can understand the wife who won't rest until the police officer she married walks through the front door at the end of his shift. Surely we can agree it's a good thing that for the first time in 40 years, the crime rate and the incarceration rate have come down together, and use that as a starting point for Democrats and Republicans, community leaders and law enforcement, to reform America's criminal justice system so that it protects and serves us all.

That's a better politics. That's how we start rebuilding trust. That's how we move this country forward. That's what the American people want. That's what they deserve.

I have no more campaigns to run. My only agenda for the next 2 years is the same as the one I've had since the day I swore an oath on the steps of this Capitol—to do what I believe is best for America. If you share the broad vision I outlined tonight, join me in the work at hand. If you disagree with parts of it, I hope you'll at least work with me where you do agree. And I commit to every Republican here tonight that I will not only seek out your ideas, I will seek to work with you to make this country stronger.

Because I want this chamber, this city, to reflect the truth—that for all our blind spots and shortcomings, we are a people with the strength and generosity of spirit to bridge divides, to unite in common effort, and help our neighbors, whether down the street or on the other side of the world.

I want our actions to tell every child, in every neighborhood: your life matters, and we are as committed to improving your life chances as we are for our own kids.

I want future generations to know that we are a people who see our differences as a great gift, that we are a people who value the dignity and worth of every citizen—man and woman, young and old, black and white, Latino and Asian, immigrant and Native American, gay and straight, Americans with mental illness or physical disability.

I want them to grow up in a country that shows the world what we still know to be true: that we are still more than a collection of red States and blue States; that we are the United States of America.

I want them to grow up in a country where a young mom like Rebekah can sit down and write a letter to her President with a story to sum up these past 6 years:

"It is amazing what you can bounce back from when you have to ... we are a strong, tight-knit family who has made it through some very, very hard times."

My fellow Americans, we too are a strong, tight-knit family. We, too, have made it through some hard times. Fifteen years into this new century, we have picked ourselves up, dusted ourselves off, and begun again the work of remaking America. We've laid a new foundation. A brighter future is ours to write. Let's begin this new chapter—together—and let's start the work right now.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless this country we love.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 20, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-256. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Production Act Annual Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-257. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Abandoned Mine

Land Reclamation Program; Limited Liability for Noncoal Reclamation by Certified States and Indian Tribes" ((RIN1029-AC66)(Docket ID OSM-2012-0010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-258. A communication from the Departmental Privacy Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations; Exemption for the Insider Threat Program" (RIN1090-AB07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-259. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Auxiliary Installations, Replacement Facilities, and Siting and Maintenance Regulations" (Docket No. RM12-11-002), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-260. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-261. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Risk Retention" (RIN1557-AD40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-262. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold Adjustment--Final Rule" (RIN1557-AD90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-263. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subordinated Debt Issued by a National Bank" (RIN1557-AD73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-264. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN1557-AD89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-265. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules, Liquidity Coverage Ratio: Interim Final Revisions to Definition of Qualifying Master Netting Agreement and Related Definitions" (RIN1557-AD91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-266. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Risk Retention" (RIN7100-AD70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-267. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-268. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-269. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates--January 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-270. A communication from the Controller, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Awarding Agency Regulatory Implementation of Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" (2 CFR Part 1; 2 CFR Part 25; 2 CFR Part 170; 2 CFR Part 180; 2 CFR Part 200), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 23, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-271. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-438, "Workers' Compensation Statute of Limitations Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-272. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-439, "Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-273. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-441, "Business Improvement Districts Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-274. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-424, "Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Support Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-275. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-426, "Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-276. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-452, "Georgia Avenue Great Streets Neighborhood Retail Priority Area Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-277. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-442, "Extension of Time to Dispose of the Strand Theater Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-278. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-425, "Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Waiver Certification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-279. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-451, "Rent Control Hardship Petition Limitation Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-280. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-453, "Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-281. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-420, "Post-Arrest Process Clarification Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-282. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-423, "Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-283. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-437, "Voter Registration Access and Modernization Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-284. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-416, "Prohibition of the Harm of Police Animals Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-285. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-565, "Legalization of Possession of Minimal Amounts of Marijuana for Personal Use Initiative of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-286. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-443, "Medical Marijuana Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-287. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Response to the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-288. A communication from the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-289. A communication from the Clerk of Court, United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Court's annual report for the year ended September 30, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-290. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Rules of Practice and the Rules of Practice in Filings Pursuant to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks" (RIN0651-AC88), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-291. A communication from the Staff Director of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States Commission on Civil Rights renewing the charter of its federal advisory committees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-292. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Caregivers Program" (RIN2900-AN94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-293. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Dayton, Ohio)" ((MB Docket No. 14-159)(RM-11735)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-294. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Denver, Colorado)" ((MB Docket No. 14-179)(RM-11736)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-295. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazmat, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with International Standards (RRR)" (RIN2137-AF05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-296. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazmat, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Periodic Updates of Regulatory References to Technical Standards and Miscellaneous Amendments" (RIN2137-AE85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-297. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance; Driver-Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR)" (RIN2126-AB46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

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

S. Res. 28. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 189. A bill to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 190. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of imported seafood; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 191. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to raise the quality of career and technical education programs and to allow local eligible recipients to use funding to establish high-quality career academies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BURR, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 192. A bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 193. A bill to provide for the management of certain inventoried roadless areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 194. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to clarify the rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from the disposition of farm assets under chapter 12 bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 195. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. 196. A bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 197. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to States to improve delivery of high-quality assessments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 198. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. 199. A bill to establish the Gold Butte National Conservation Area in Clark County, Nevada, in order to conserve, protect, and enhance the cultural, archaeological, natural, wilderness, scientific, geological, historical, biological, wildlife, educational, and scenic resources of the area, to designate wilderness area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. THUNE:

S. Res. 28. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 29. A resolution condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris, offering condolences to the families of the victims, expressing solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirming fundamental freedom of expression; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 30. A resolution designating the week of January 25 through January 31, 2015, as "National School Choice Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 12

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 12, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 105

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 105, a bill to permit management of the red snapper by Gulf Coast States and for other purposes.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 123

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] were added as cosponsors of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from New

York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, supra.

S. 184

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 184, a bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution commending Pope Francis for his leadership in helping to secure the release of Alan Gross and for working with the Governments of the United States and Cuba to achieve a more positive relationship.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 20, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Perspectives on the Strategic Necessity of Iran Sanctions."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 20, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 20, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 16, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 17, proposed by Ms. CANTWELL for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MANCHIN), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. CAPITO), to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 16, 2015, as modified,

At 12:43 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 17 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3 be modified.

Whereupon,

Ms. MURKOWSKI called for regular order with respect to amendment No. 13.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 13, proposed by Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 57, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 4 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 17 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to lay the pending amendment.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 53, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 5 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3, as modified, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That Mrs. SHAHEEN be recognized to speak for one minute; and that, following remarks by her, Mr. PORTMAN be recognized to speak for one minute.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3, as modified, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 94, nays... 5

[Rollcall Vote No. 6 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 5

Cruz, Lankford, Lee, Paul, Sasse.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 18).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHATZ to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 58).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. LEE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 33).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 69).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI for Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. HATCH) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 41).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 3, after line 19, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 29).

Pending debate,

ATTENDANCE OF A SENATOR

Mr. REID attended the session of the Senate on today.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. AYOTTE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 29) condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris, offering condolences to the families of the victims, expressing solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirming fundamental freedom of expression, submitted today by Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 30) designating the week of January 25 through January 31, 2015, as "National School Choice Week," submitted today by Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. AYOTTE), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

ORDERS FOR RECESS ON TODAY, FOR ADJOURNMENT UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE JOINT SESSION ON TODAY UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 8:25 p.m. on today; that the Senate then proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to receive a message from the President of the United States, as pursuant to concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 7; that, upon dissolution of the joint session, the Senate adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the

first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1.

RECESS UNTIL 8:25 P.M.

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

At 4:38 p.m.,

The Senate recessed until 8:25 p.m. today.

AT 8:25 P.M.

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

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

Pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 7, and the order of Friday, January 16, 2015,

At 8:31 p.m.,

The Senate proceeded in a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear an address by the President of the United States, the Honorable Barack H. Obama.

The VICE PRESIDENT appointed the following committee of Senators to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber of the House of Representatives: Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR.

The two Houses being assembled,

The President of the United States addressed them, as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, my fellow Americans:

We are 15 years into this new century—15 years that dawned with terror touching our shores, that unfolded with a new generation fighting two long and costly wars, that saw a vicious recession spread across our Nation and the world. It has been, and still is, a hard time for many.

But, tonight, we turn the page.

Tonight, after a breakthrough year for America, our economy is growing and creating jobs at the fastest pace since 1999. Our unemployment rate is now lower than it was before the financial crisis. More of our kids are graduating than ever before. More of our people are insured than ever before. And we are as free from the grip of foreign oil as we have been in almost 30 years.

Tonight, for the first time since 9/11, our combat mission in Afghanistan is over. Six years ago, nearly 180,000 American troops served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, fewer than 15,000 remain.

And we salute the courage and sacrifice of every man and woman in this 9/11 generation who has served to keep us safe. We are humbled and grateful for your service.

America, for all that we have endured, for all the grit and hard work required to come back, for all the tasks that lie ahead, know this: the shadow of crisis has passed, and the state of the Union is strong.

At this moment, with a growing economy, shrinking deficits, bustling industry, and booming energy production, we have risen from recession freer to write our own future than any other nation on Earth. It is now up to us to choose who we want to be over the next 15 years and for decades to come.

Will we accept an economy where only a few of us do spectacularly well, or will we commit ourselves to an economy that generates rising incomes and chances for everyone who makes the effort?

Will we approach the world fearful and reactive, dragged into costly conflicts that strain our military and set back our standing, or will we lead wisely, using all elements of our power to defeat new threats and protect our planet?

Will we allow ourselves to be sorted into factions and turned against one another, or will we recapture the sense of common purpose that has always propelled America forward?

In 2 weeks, I will send this Congress a budget filled with ideas that are practical, not partisan; and in the months ahead, I will crisscross the country, making a case for those ideas. So, tonight, I want to focus less on a checklist of proposals and focus more on the values at stake in the choices before us.

It begins with our economy.

Seven years ago, Rebekah and Ben Erler of Minneapolis were newlyweds. She waited tables. He worked construction. Their first child, Jack, was on the way. They were young and in love in America, and it doesn't get much better than that.

"If only we had known," Rebekah wrote to me last spring, "what was about to happen to the housing and construction market."

As the crisis worsened, Ben's business dried up, so he took what jobs he could find even if they kept him on the road for long stretches of time. Rebekah took out student loans, enrolled in community college, and retrained for a new career. They sacrificed for each other, and, slowly, it paid off. They bought their first home. They had a second son, Henry. Rebekah got a better job and then a raise. Ben is back in construction and home for dinner every night.

"It is amazing," Rebekah wrote, "what you can bounce back from when you have to ... we are a strong, tight-knit family who has made it through some very, very hard times."

We are a strong, tight-knit family who has made it through some very, very hard times.

America, Rebekah and Ben's story is our story. They represent the millions who have worked hard and scrimped and sacrificed and retooled. You are the reason that I ran for this office. You are the people I was thinking of 6 years ago today, in the darkest months of the crisis, when I stood on the steps of this Capitol and promised we would rebuild our economy on a new foundation; and it has been your resilience—your effort—that has made it possible for our country to emerge stronger.

We believed we could reverse the tide of outsourcing and draw new jobs to our shores, and over the past 5 years, our businesses have created more than 11 million new jobs.

We believed we could reduce our dependence on foreign oil and protect our planet, and, today, America is number one in oil and gas. America is number one in wind power. Every 3 weeks, we bring online as much solar power as we did in all of 2008. And thanks to lower gas prices and higher fuel standards, the typical family this year should save about $750 at the pump.

We believed we could prepare our kids for a more competitive world, and, today, our younger students have earned the highest math and reading scores on record. Our high school graduation rate has hit an all-time high, and more Americans finish college than ever before.

We believed that sensible regulations could prevent another crisis, shield families from ruin, and encourage fair competition. Today, we have new tools to stop taxpayer-funded bailouts and a new consumer watchdog to protect us from predatory lending and abusive credit card practices, and in the past year alone, about 10 million uninsured Americans finally gained the security of health coverage.

At every step, we were told our goals were misguided or too ambitious, that we would crush jobs and explode deficits. Instead, we have seen the fastest economic growth in over a decade, our deficits cut by two-thirds, a stock market that has doubled, and health care inflation at its lowest rate in 50 years. This is good news, people.

So the verdict is clear. Middle class economics works, expanding opportunity works, and these policies will continue to work, as long as politics don't get in the way. We can't slow down businesses or put our economy at risk with government shutdowns or fiscal showdowns.

We can't put the security of families at risk by taking away their health insurance or unraveling the new rules on Wall Street or refighting past battles on immigration when we have got to fix a broken system. And if a bill comes to my desk that tries to do any of these things, I will veto it. It will earn my veto.

Today, thanks to a growing economy, the recovery is touching more and more lives.

Wages are finally starting to rise again. We know that more small business owners plan to raise their employees' pay than at any time since 2007.

But here is the thing. Those of us here tonight, we need to set our sights higher than just making sure government doesn't screw things up and halt the progress we are making. We need to do more than just do no harm. Tonight, together, let's do more to restore the link between hard work and growing opportunity for every American because families like Rebekah's still need our help.

She and Ben are working as hard as ever but have to forego vacations and a new car so that they can pay off student loans and save for retirement. Friday-night pizza, that is a big splurge.

Basic childcare for Jack and Henry costs more than their mortgage and almost as much as a year at the University of Minnesota. Like millions of hardworking Americans, Rebekah isn't asking for a handout, but she is asking that we look for more ways to help families get ahead.

In fact, at every moment of economic change throughout our history, this country has taken bold action to adapt to new circumstances and to make sure everyone gets a fair shot. We set up worker protections, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid to protect ourselves from the harshest adversity. We gave our citizens schools and colleges, infrastructure and the Internet—tools they needed to go as far as their efforts and their dreams will take them.

That is what middle class economics is: the idea that this country does best when everyone gets their fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same set of rules. We don't just want everyone to share in America's success; we want everyone to contribute to our success.

So what does middle class economics require in our time?

First, middle class economics means helping working families feel more secure in a world of constant change. That means helping folks afford childcare, college, health care, a home, retirement; and my budget will address each of these issues, lowering the taxes of working families and putting thousands of dollars back into their pockets each year.

Here is one example. During World War II, when men like my grandfather went off to war, having women like my grandmother in the workforce was a national security priority, so this country provided universal childcare.

In today's economy, when having both parents in the workforce is an economic necessity for many families, we need affordable, high-quality childcare more than ever. It is not a nice-to-have; it is a must-have.

It is time we stop treating childcare as a side issue or a women's issue and treat it like the national economic priority that it is for all of us, and that is why my plan will make quality childcare more available and more affordable for every middle class and low-income family with young children in America—by creating more slots and a new tax cut of up to $3,000 per child, per year.

Here is another example. Today, we are the only advanced country on Earth that doesn't guarantee paid sick leave or paid maternity leave to our workers. Forty-three million workers have no paid sick leave. Forty-three million. Think about that. And that forces too many parents to make the gut-wrenching choice between a paycheck and a sick kid at home. So I will be taking new action to help States adopt paid leave laws of their own.

And since paid sick leave won where it was on the ballot last November, let's put it to a vote right here in Washington. Send me a bill that gives every worker in America the opportunity to earn 7 days of paid sick leave. It is the right thing to do.

Of course, nothing helps families make ends meet like higher wages. That is why this Congress still needs to pass a law that makes sure a woman is paid the same as a man for doing the same work. Really. It is 2015. It is time.

We still need to make sure employees get the overtime they have earned. And to everyone in this Congress who still refuses to raise the minimum wage, I say this: If you truly believe you could work full time and support a family on less than $15,000 a year, try it. If not, vote to give millions of the hardest-working people in America a raise.

Now, these ideas won't make everybody rich, won't relieve every hardship. That is not the job of government. To give working families a fair shot, we still need more employers to see beyond next quarter's earnings and recognize that investing in their workforce is in their company's long-term interest. We still need laws that strengthen, rather than weaken, unions and give American workers a voice.

But, you know, things like child care and sick leave and equal pay, things like lower mortgage premiums and a higher minimum wage, these ideas will make a meaningful difference in the lives of millions of families. That is a fact. And that is what all of us, Republicans and Democrats alike, were sent here to do.

Now, second, to make sure folks keep earning higher wages down the road, we have to do more to help Americans upgrade their skills.

America thrived in the 20th century because we made high school free, sent a generation of GIs to college, trained the best workforce in the world. We were ahead of the curve. But other countries caught on, and in a 21st century economy that rewards knowledge like never before, we need to up our game. We need to do more.

By the end of this decade, two in three job openings will require some higher education, two in three. And yet, we still live in a country where too many bright, striving Americans are priced out of the education they need. It is not fair to them, and it is sure not smart for our future.

That is why I am sending this Congress a bold new plan to lower the cost of community college to zero.

Keep in mind, 40 percent of our college students choose community college. Some are young and starting out. Some are older and looking for a better job. Some are veterans and single parents trying to transition back into the job market. Whoever you are, this plan is your chance to graduate ready for the new economy without a load of debt.

Understand, you have got to earn it. You have got to keep your grades up and graduate on time. Tennessee, a State with Republican leadership, and Chicago, a city with Democratic leadership, are showing that free community college is possible. I want to spread that idea all across America, that 2 years of college becomes as free and universal in America as high school is today.

Let's stay ahead of the curve. And I want to work with this Congress to make sure those already burdened with student loans can reduce their monthly payments so that student debt doesn't derail anyone's dreams.

Thanks to Vice President BIDEN's great work to update our job training system, we are connecting community colleges with local employers to train workers to fill high-paying jobs like coding and nursing and robotics. Tonight I am also asking more businesses to follow the lead of companies like CVS and UPS and offer more educational benefits and paid apprenticeships, opportunities that give workers the chance to earn higher-paying jobs even if they don't have a higher education.

And as a new generation of veterans comes home, we owe them every opportunity to live the American Dream they helped defend.

Already, we have made strides towards ensuring that every veteran has access to the highest-quality care. We are slashing the backlog that had too many veterans waiting years to get the benefits they need, and we are making it easier for vets to translate their training and experience into civilian jobs. And Joining Forces, the national campaign launched by Michelle and Jill Biden—thank you, Michelle; thank you, Jill—has helped nearly 700,000 veterans and military spouses get a new job.

So to every CEO in America, let me repeat: If you want somebody who is going to get the job done and done right, hire a veteran.

Finally, as we better train our workers, we need the new economy to keep churning out high-wage jobs for our workers to fill.

Since 2010, America has put more people back to work than Europe, Japan, and all advanced economies combined. Our manufacturers have added almost 800,000 new jobs. Some of our bedrock sectors, like our auto industry, are booming. But there are also millions of Americans who work jobs that didn't even exist 10 or 20 years ago, jobs at companies like Google and eBay and Tesla.

So no one knows for certain which industries will generate the jobs of the future. But we do know we want them here in America. We know that. And that is why the third part of middle class economics is all about building the most competitive economy anywhere, the place where businesses want to locate and hire.

Twenty-first century businesses need 21st century infrastructure, modern ports and stronger bridges, faster trains and the fastest Internet. Democrats and Republicans used to agree on this. So let's set our sights higher than a single oil pipeline. Let's pass a bipartisan infrastructure plan that could create more than 30 times as many jobs per year and make this country stronger for decades to come. Let's do it. Let's get it done. Let's get it done.

Twenty-first century businesses, including small businesses, need to sell more American products overseas. Today, our businesses export more than ever, and exporters tend to pay their workers higher wages. But as we speak, China wants to write the rules for the world's fastest-growing region. That would put our workers and our businesses at a disadvantage. Why would we let that happen?

We should write those rules. We should level the playing field. That is why I am asking both parties to give me trade promotion authority to protect American workers with strong new trade deals from Asia to Europe that aren't just free but are also fair. It is the right thing to do.

Look, I am the first one to admit that past trade deals haven't always lived up to the hype, and that is why we have gone after countries that break the rules at our expense. But 95 percent of the world's customers live outside our borders. We can't close ourselves off from those opportunities. More than half of manufacturing executives have said they are actively looking to bring jobs back from China. Let's give them one more reason to get it done.

Twenty-first century businesses will rely on American science and technology, research and development. I want the country that eliminated polio and mapped the human genome to lead a new era of medicine, one that delivers the right treatment at the right time. In some patients with cystic fibrosis, this approach has reversed a disease once thought unstoppable. So tonight, I am launching a new Precision Medicine Initiative to bring us closer to curing diseases like cancer and diabetes, and to give all of us access to the personalized information we need to keep ourselves and our families healthier. We can do this.

I intend to protect a free and open Internet, extend its reach to every classroom and every community, and help folks build the fastest networks so that the next generation of digital innovators and entrepreneurs have the platform to keep reshaping our world.

I want Americans to win the race for the kinds of discoveries that unleash new jobs: converting sunlight into liquid fuel; creating revolutionary prosthetics so that a veteran who gave his arms for his country can play catch with his kids again; pushing out into the solar system not just to visit, but to stay.

Now, last month, we launched a new spacecraft as part of a reenergized space program that will send American astronauts to Mars; and in 2 months, to prepare us for those missions, Scott Kelly will begin a year-long stay in space.

So good luck, Captain. Make sure to Instagram it. We are proud of you.

Now, the truth is, when it comes to issues like infrastructure and basic research, I know there is bipartisan support in this Chamber. Members of both parties have told me so. Where we too often run onto the rocks is how to pay for these investments.

As Americans, we don't mind paying our fair share of taxes as long as everybody else does too. But for far too long, lobbyists have rigged the Tax Code with loopholes that let some corporations pay nothing while others pay full freight. They have riddled it with giveaways that the superrich don't need while denying a break to middle class families who do.

This year, we have an opportunity to change that. Let's close loopholes so we stop rewarding companies that keep profits abroad and reward those that invest here in America. Let's use those savings to rebuild our infrastructure and to make it more attractive for companies to bring jobs home. Let's simplify the system and let a small business owner file based on her actual bank statement instead of the number of accountants she can afford. And let's close the loopholes that lead to inequality, by allowing the top 1 percent to avoid paying taxes on their accumulated wealth. We can use that money to help more families pay for child care and send their kids to college.

We need a Tax Code that truly helps working Americans try to get a leg up in the new economy. And we can achieve that together. We can achieve it together.

Helping hardworking families make ends meet, giving them the tools they need for good-paying jobs in this new economy, and maintaining the conditions of growth and competitiveness, this is where America needs to go. I believe it is where the American people want to go. It will make our economy stronger a year from now, 15 years from now, and deep into the century ahead.

Of course, if there is one thing this new century has taught us, it is that we cannot separate our work here at home from challenges beyond our shores.

My first duty as Commander in Chief is to defend the United States of America. In doing so, the question is not whether America leads in the world, but how. When we make rash decisions—reacting to the headlines instead of using our heads—when the first response to a challenge is to send in our military, then we risk getting drawn into unnecessary conflicts and neglect the broader strategy we need for a safer, more prosperous world. That is what our enemies want us to do.

I believe in a smarter kind of American leadership. We lead best when we combine military power with strong diplomacy, when we leverage our power with coalition building, when we don't let our fears blind us to the opportunities that this new century presents. That is exactly what we are doing right now, and around the globe, it is making a difference.

First, we stand united with people around the world who have been targeted by terrorists, from a school in Pakistan to the streets of Paris. We will continue to hunt down terrorists and dismantle their networks; and we reserve the right to act unilaterally, as we have done relentlessly since I took office, to take out terrorists who pose a direct threat to us and our allies.

At the same time, we have learned some costly lessons over the last 13 years.

Instead of Americans patrolling the valleys of Afghanistan, we have trained their security forces, who have now taken the lead; and we have honored our troops' sacrifice by supporting that country's first democratic transition.

Instead of sending large ground forces overseas, we are partnering with nations from south Asia to north Africa to deny safe haven to terrorists who threaten America. In Iraq and Syria, American leadership, including our military power, is stopping ISIL's advance.

Instead of getting dragged into another ground war in the Middle East, we are leading a broad coalition, including Arab nations, to degrade and ultimately destroy this terrorist group. We are also supporting a moderate opposition in Syria that can help us in this effort and are assisting people everywhere who stand up to the bankrupt ideology of violent extremism.

Now, this effort will take time. It will require focus. But we will succeed. And tonight, I call on this Congress to show the

world that we are united in this mission by passing a resolution to authorize the use of force against ISIL. We need that authority.

Second, we are demonstrating the power of American strength and diplomacy. We are upholding the principle that bigger nations can't bully the small, by opposing Russian aggression and supporting Ukraine's democracy and reassuring our NATO allies.

Last year, as we were doing the hard work of imposing sanctions, along with our allies, as we were reinforcing our presence with the frontline States, Mr. Putin's aggression, it was suggested, was a masterful display of strategy and strength. That is what I heard from some folks. Well, today it is America that stands strong and united with our allies, while Russia is isolated with its economy in tatters.

That is how America leads—not with bluster but with persistent, steady resolve.

In Cuba, we are ending a policy that was long past its expiration date. When what you are doing doesn't work for 50 years, it is time to try something new. Our shift in Cuba policy has the potential to end a legacy of mistrust in our hemisphere. It removes a phony excuse for restrictions in Cuba, stands up for democratic values, and extends the hand of friendship to the Cuban people.

And this year, Congress should begin the work of ending the embargo. As His Holiness, Pope Francis, has said, diplomacy is the work of "small steps." These small steps have added up to new hope for the future in Cuba.

And after years in prison, we are overjoyed that Alan Gross is back home where he belongs.

Welcome home, Alan. We are glad you are here.

Our diplomacy is at work with respect to Iran where, for the first time in a decade, we have halted the progress of its nuclear program and reduced its stockpile of nuclear material. Between now and this spring, we have a chance to negotiate a comprehensive agreement that prevents a nuclear-armed Iran, secures America and our allies—including Israel—while avoiding yet another Middle East conflict

There are no guarantees that negotiations will succeed, and I keep all options on the table to prevent a nuclear Iran. But new sanctions passed by this Congress at this moment in time will all but guarantee that diplomacy fails—alienating America from its allies, making it harder to maintain sanctions, and ensuring that Iran starts up its nuclear program again.

It doesn't make sense, and that is why I will veto any new sanctions bill that threatens to undo this progress. The American people expect us to only go to war as a last resort, and I intend to stay true to that wisdom.

Third, we are looking beyond the issues that have consumed us in the past to shape the coming century. No foreign nation and no hacker should be able to shut down our networks, steal our trade secrets, or invade the privacy of American families, especially our kids. So we are making sure our government integrates intelligence to combat cyber threats, just as we have done to combat terrorism.

Tonight, I urge this Congress to finally pass the legislation we need to better meet the evolving threat of cyber attacks, combat identity theft, and protect our children's information. That should be a bipartisan effort.

If we don't act, we will leave our Nation and our economy vulnerable. If we do, we can continue to protect the technologies that have unleashed untold opportunities for people around the globe.

In west Africa, our troops, our scientists, our doctors, our nurses, and our health care workers are rolling back Ebola, saving countless lives and stopping the spread of disease. I could not be prouder of them, and I thank this Congress for your bipartisan support of their efforts.

But the job is not yet done, and the world needs to use this lesson to build a more effective global effort to prevent the spread of future pandemics, invest in smart development, and eradicate extreme poverty.

In the Asia Pacific, we are modernizing alliances while making sure that other nations play by the rules in how they trade, how they resolve maritime disputes, and how they participate in meeting common international challenges like nonproliferation and disaster relief; and no challenge poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change.

2014 was the planet's warmest year on record. Now, 1 year doesn't make a trend, but this does: 14 of the 15 warmest years on record have all fallen in the first 15 years of this century.

I have heard some folks try to dodge the evidence by saying they are not scientists and that we don't have enough information to act. Well, I am not a scientist either, but you know what, I know a lot of really good scientists at NASA, at NOAA, and at our major universities.

The best scientists in the world are all telling us that our activities are changing the climate, and if we don't act forcefully, we will continue to see rising oceans; longer, hotter heat waves; dangerous droughts and floods; and massive disruptions that can trigger greater migration, conflict, and hunger around the globe.

The Pentagon says that climate change poses immediate risks to our national security. We should act like it. That is why, over the past 6 years, we have done more than ever to combat climate change, from the way we produce energy to the way we use it; that is why we have set aside more public lands and waters than any administration in history; and that is why I will not let this Congress endanger the health of our children by turning back the clock on our efforts.

I am determined to make sure that American leadership drives international action. In Beijing, we made an historic announcement. The United States will double the pace at which we cut carbon pollution, and China committed for the first time to limiting their emissions.

Because the world's two largest economies came together, other nations are now stepping up and offering hope that, this year, the world will finally reach an agreement to protect the one planet we have got.

There is one last pillar of our leadership, and that is the example of our values. As Americans, we respect human dignity even when we are threatened, which is why I have prohibited torture and worked to make sure our use of new technology, like drones, is properly constrained.

It is why we speak out against the deplorable anti-Semitism that has resurfaced in certain parts of the world. It is why we continue to reject offensive stereotypes of Muslims, the vast majority of whom share our commitment to peace.

That is why we defend free speech; advocate for political prisoners; and condemn the persecution of women or religious minorities or people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. We do these things not only because they are the right thing to do, but because, ultimately, they will make us safer.

As Americans, we have a profound commitment to justice, so it makes no sense to spend $3 million per prisoner to keep open a prison that the world condemns and terrorists use to recruit. Since I have been President, we have worked responsibly to cut the population of GTMO in half. Now, it is time to finish the job, and I will not relent in my determination to shut it down. It is not who we are. It is time to close GTMO.

As Americans, we cherish our civil liberties, and we need to uphold that commitment if we want maximum cooperation from other countries and industry in our fight against terrorist networks. So while some have moved on from the debates over our surveillance programs, I have not.

As promised, our intelligence agencies have worked hard with the recommendations of privacy advocates to increase transparency and build more safeguards against potential abuse. Next month, we will issue a report on how we are keeping our promise to keep our country safe while strengthening privacy.

Looking to the future instead of the past, making sure we match our power with diplomacy and use force wisely, building coalitions to meet new challenges and opportunities, and leading always with the example of our values, that is what makes us exceptional. That is what keeps us strong.

That is why we have to keep striving to hold ourselves to the highest of standards: our own.

Just over a decade ago, I gave a speech in Boston where I said that there wasn't a liberal America or a conservative America, or a Black America or a White America, but a United States of America.

I said this because I had seen it in my own life in a nation that gave someone like me a chance; because I grew up in Hawaii, a melting pot of races and customs; because I made Illinois my home, a State of small towns, rich farmlands, and one of the world's great cities, a microcosm of the country where Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—good people of every ethnicity and every faith—share certain bedrock values.

Over the past 6 years the pundits have pointed out more than once that my Presidency hasn't delivered on this vision. How ironic, they say, that our politics seem more divided than ever. It is held up as proof not just of my own flaws—of which there are many—but also as proof that the vision itself is misguided, naive; that there are too many people in this town who actually benefit from partisanship and gridlock for us to ever do anything about it.

I know how tempting such cynicism may be, but I still think the cynics are wrong.

I still believe that we are one people. I still believe that together we can do great things, even when the odds are long. I believe this because over and over, in my 6 years in office, I have seen America at its best. I have seen the hopeful faces of young graduates from New York to California and our newest officers at West Point, Annapolis, Colorado Springs, and New London. I have mourned with grieving families in Tucson and Newtown; in Boston; in West, Texas; and West Virginia.

I have watched Americans beat back adversity from the gulf coast to the Great Plains, from Midwest assembly lines to the Mid-Atlantic seaboard. I have seen something like gay marriage go from a wedge issue used to drive us apart to a story of freedom across our country, a civil right now legal in States that seven in 10 Americans call home.

So I know the good and optimistic and big-hearted generosity of the American people, who every day live the idea that we are our brother's keeper and our sister's keeper, and I know they expect those of us who serve here to set a better example.

So the question for those of us here tonight is how we—all of us—can better reflect America's hopes.

I have served in Congress with many of you. I know many of you well. There are a lot of good people here, on both sides of the aisle. And many of you have told me that this isn't what you signed up for—arguing past each other on cable shows, the constant fundraising, always looking over your shoulder at how the base will react to every decision.

Imagine if we broke out of these tired old patterns. Imagine if we did something different.

Understand—a better politics isn't one where Democrats abandon their agenda or Republicans simply embrace mine.

A better politics is one where we appeal to each other's basic decency instead of our basest fears. A better politics is one where we debate without demonizing each other, where we talk issues and values and principles and facts rather than gotcha moments or trivial gaffes or fake controversies that have nothing to do with people's daily lives.

A better politics is one where we spend less time drowning in dark money for ads that pull us into the gutter and spend more time lifting young people up with a sense of purpose and possibility, asking them to join in the great mission of building America. If we are going to have arguments, let's have arguments, but let's make them debates worthy of this body and worthy of this country.

We still may not agree on a woman's right to choose, but surely we can agree it is a good thing that teen pregnancies and abortions are nearing all-time lows and that every woman should have access to the health care that she needs.

Yes, passions still fly on immigration, but surely we can all see something of ourselves in the striving young student and agree that no one benefits when a hardworking mom is snatched from her child, and that it is possible to shape a law that upholds our tradition as a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants. I have talked to Republicans and Democrats about that. That is something that we can share.

We may go at it in campaign season, but surely we can agree that the right to vote is sacred, that it is being denied to too many, and that on this 50th anniversary of the great march from Selma to Montgomery and the passage of the Voting Rights Act, we can come together, Democrats and Republicans, to make voting easier for every single American.

We may have different takes on the events of Ferguson and New York, but surely we can understand a father who fears his son can't walk home without being harassed, and surely we can understand the wife who won't rest until the police officer she married walks through the front door at the end of his shift, and surely we can agree that it is a good thing that for the first time in 40 years the crime rate and the incarceration rate have come down together, and use that as a starting point for Democrats and Republicans, community leaders and law enforcement, to reform America's criminal justice system so that it protects and serves all of us.

That is a better politics. That is how we start rebuilding trust. That is how we move this country forward. That is what the American people want. That is what they deserve.

I have no more campaigns to run. I know, because I won both of them.

My only agenda for the next 2 years is the same as the one I have had since the day I swore an oath on the steps of this Capitol—to do what I believe is best for America.

If you share the broad vision I outlined tonight, I ask you to join me in the work at hand. If you disagree with parts of it, I hope you will at least work with me where you do agree. And I commit to every Republican here tonight that I will not only seek out your ideas, I will seek to work with you to make this country stronger.

Because I want this Chamber, I want this city to reflect the truth—that for all our blind spots and shortcomings, we are a people with the strength and generosity of spirit to bridge divides, to unite in common effort, and to help our neighbors, whether down the street or on the other side of the world.

I want our actions to tell every child, in every neighborhood: Your life matters, and we are committed to improving your life chances, as committed as we are to working on behalf of our own kids.

I want future generations to know that we are a people who see our differences as a great gift, that we are a people who value the dignity and worth of every citizen—man and woman, young and old, Black and White, Latino, Asian, immigrant, Native American, gay, straight, Americans with mental illness or physical disability. Everybody matters. I want them to grow up in a country that shows the world what we still know to be true: that we are still more than a collection of red states and blue states; that we are the United States of America.

I want them to grow up in a country where a young mom can sit down and write a letter to her President with a story that sums up these past 6 years: "It is amazing what you can bounce back from when you have to ... we are a strong, tight-knit family who has made it through some very, very hard times."

My fellow Americans, we, too, are a strong, tight-knit family. We, too, have made it through some hard times. Fifteen years into this new century, we have picked ourselves up, dusted ourselves off, and begun again the work of remaking America. We have laid a new foundation. A brighter future is ours to write. Let's begin this new chapter—together—and let's start the work right now.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless this country we love."

Upon conclusion of the address,

At 10:20 p.m.,

The Joint Session was dissolved; and

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 p.m.,

Pursuant to the order of today,

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN TERRORISTS WHO THREATEN TO DISRUPT THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS -- PM

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

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2015.

The crisis with respect to grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that led to the declaration of a national emergency on January 23, 1995, has not been resolved. Terrorist groups continue to engage in activities that have the purpose or effect of threatening the Middle East peace process and that are hostile to United States interests in the region. Such actions continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process and to maintain in force the sanctions against them to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 21, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-298. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia; Interstate Movement and Import Restrictions on Certain Live Fish" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0038), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-299. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, and Sugar Loans" (RIN0560-AI28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-300. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance From the U.S. Department of Agriculture" (RIN0503-AA57), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-301. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Guard Youth Challenge Program 2014 annual report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-302. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a real estate lease transaction; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-303. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-304. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Material Readiness), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-305. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuban Assets Control Regulations" (31 CFR Part 515), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-306. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Russian Sanctions: Licensing Policy for the Crimea Region of Ukraine" (RIN0694-AG43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-307. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Foreign Policy Report on the imposition of a license requirement on exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country)

to the Crimea region of Ukraine; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-308. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's 2014 Report on Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-309. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13346 of July 8, 2004, the annual certification of the effectiveness of the Australia Group; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-310. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-311. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proximity Detection Systems for Continuous Mining Machines in Underground Coal Mines" (RIN1219-AB65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-312. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-313. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department of Labor's 2012 and 2013 FAIR Act Inventory of Inherently Governmental Activities and Inventory of Commercial Activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-314. A communication from the Vice President for Congressional and Public Affairs, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-315. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-440, "Special Election Reform Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-316. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-458, "Protecting Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-317. A communication from the Director of the Office of Financial Reporting and Policy, Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY 2014 Agency Financial Report"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-318. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting proposed legislation relative to data breach notification; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-319. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling: 2015 Prevailing State Assumed Interest Rates" (Rev. Rul. 2015-02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-320. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Approval of Change in Funding Method for Takeover Plans" (Announcement 2015-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-321. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Sick Pay Paid by Third Parties" (Notice 2015-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-322. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Retroactive Increase in Excludable Transit Benefits" (Notice 2015-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-323. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Rev. Proc. 2014-4" (Rev. Proc. 2015-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-324. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 2015-3" (Rev. Proc. 2015-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-325. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Rev. Proc. 2014-6" (Rev. Proc. 2015-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-326. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Rev. Proc. 2014-8" (Rev. Proc. 2015-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-327. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Property Qualifying for the Energy Credit under Section 48" (Notice 2015-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-328. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-329. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Acquisitions in the State of Alaska" (RIN1076-AF23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-330. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries;

Amendment 18 to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-BC95), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-331. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Restrictions on the Use of Fish Aggregating Devices in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2015; Correction" (RIN0648-BE36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-332. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; 2015 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Specifications and 2015 Commercial Summer Flounder Quota Adjustments" (RIN0648-XD651), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-333. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD653), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-334. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Regulatory Amendment to Pacific Coast Groundfish Fisheries Trawl Rationalization Program for the Start of 2015" (RIN0648-BE34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-335. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Porbeagle Shark Fishery" (RIN0648-XD659), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-336. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of the Fair Play Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC07), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-337. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska" (RIN0648-BE06), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-338. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress Under Section 319 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-339. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab, AB, Saab Aerosystems Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0460)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-340. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Division Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0072)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-341. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0981)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-342. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0366)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-343. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Beechcraft Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0771)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-344. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GROB-WERKE Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0848)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-345. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Concept Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0759)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-346. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0257)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-347. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0566)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-348. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0448)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-349. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0453)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-350. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0057)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-351. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0053)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-352. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0717)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-353. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1029)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-354. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0256)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-355. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0450)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-356. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Area Boundary Descriptions; Cape Canaveral, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0875)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-357. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments (4); Amendment No. 517" (RIN2120-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-358. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of the Air Traffic Control Tower Operator Certificate for Controllers Who Hold a Federal Aviation Administration Credential With a Tower Rating" ((RIN2120-AK40)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-1000)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-359. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Simferopol (UKFV) and Dnipropetrovsk (UKDV) Flight Information Region (FIR)" ((RIN2120-AK56)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0225)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-360. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Damascus (OSTT) Flight Information Region (FIR)" ((RIN2120-AK61)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0708)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-361. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Harmonization of Airworthiness Standards--Gust and Maneuver Load Requirements" ((RIN2120-AK12)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0142)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 203. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. Res. 31. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 32. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs.

FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 200. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of major revenue legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BURR, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 201. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 202. A bill to provide for a technical change to the Medicare long-term care hospital moratorium exception; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. COATS):

S. 203. A bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 204. A bill to reinstate the 10-year statute of limitations period applicable to collection of amounts paid to Social Security beneficiaries by administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments from individuals under 18 years of age; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 205. A bill to provide for the development and dissemination of evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 206. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reauthorize the State infrastructure bank program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. KING, Mr. DAINES, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 207. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 208. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MORAN, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 209. A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 210. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 211. A bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 212. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 213. A bill to improve requirements for entering into commerce of imitation firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 214. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 215. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 216. A bill to establish the National Prostate Cancer Council for improved screening, early detection, assessment, and monitoring of prostate cancer, and to direct the development and implementation of a national strategic plan to expedite advancement of diagnostic tools and the transfer of such tools to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 217. A bill to protect a woman's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 218. A bill to facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 219. A bill to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 220. A bill to prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, provide coverage for, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 221. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to authorize additional funding for the pregnancy assistance fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 222. A bill to establish the National Prostate Cancer Council for improved

screening, early detection, assessment, and monitoring of prostate cancer, and to direct the development and implementation of a national strategic plan to expedite advancement of diagnostic tools and the transfer of such tools to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 223. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 224. A bill to ensure the United States promotes women's meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes undertaken in order to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict and implements the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 225. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from a definition under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 226. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 227. A bill to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 228. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S.J. Res. 5. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. Res. 31. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works; to the Committee on Rules and Administration

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. Res. 32. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 48

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] were added as cosponsors of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 176

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 176, a bill to advance integrated water management and development through innovation, resiliency, conservation, and efficiency in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 182

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit

Federal education mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 2, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 21, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Protecting the Internet and Consumers through Congressional Action."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 21, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Iran Nuclear Negotiations: Status of Talks and the Role of Congress."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Fixing No Child Left Behind: Testing and Accountability."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on January 21, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29, proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. CAPITO), to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That it be in order for Mr. HOEVEN, or his designee, to propose his amendment (Numbered 87); that the amendment be modified; that the time until 3:15 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: pending amendment No. 33; pending amendment No. 69, pending amendment No. 41, pending amendment No. 29, said amendment No. 87, as modified, and pending amendment No. 58.

Ordered further, That each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that no second-degree amendment be in order the amendments; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 87).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. HOEVEN modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 87, as modified, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 33, proposed by Mr. LEE, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 7 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to, (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 69, proposed by Mr.

DURBIN, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 41, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 8 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 58

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 41, proposed by Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. HATCH), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 9 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That he be added as a cosponsor of the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 98, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 10 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 87, as modified, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 59, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 11 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Portman, Reed, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Gardner, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Mr. HOEVEN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. THUNE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 58, proposed by Mr. SCHATZ, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 50, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 12 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 49

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse,

Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 18 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MURPHY) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 2, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 24).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 80).

Mr. VITTER, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 80, as modified, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 2, subsection (e), by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 72).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. NELSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. COONS, and Mr. WARNER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 27).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 71).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI for Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 78).

Pending debate,

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

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

Ordered, That when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. WHITEHOUSE, for 15 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:58 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-362. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flupyradifurone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9914-77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-363. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fosetyl-Al; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9920-54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-364. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon: Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9921-69-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-365. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Inspection and Maintenance Program Updates" (FRL No. 9921-83-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-366. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9920-52-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-367. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revisions to the State Implementation Plan Approved by EPA through Letter Notice Actions" (FRL No. 9921-71-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-368. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Second Ten-Year PM10 Maintenance Plan for Steamboat Springs." (FRL No. 9921-54-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-369. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Georgia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9921-90-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-370. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of New Mexico; Revisions to the State Implementation Plan; General Definitions" (FRL No. 9921-79-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 33. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. Res. 34. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 36. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

S. 231. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the "Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 232. A bill to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in the State of Nevada except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BURR, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 233. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 234. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 235. A bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 236. A bill to amend the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 237. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify the circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 238. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 239. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to apportionments under the Airport Improvement Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 240. A bill to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 241. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 242. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 243. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts from $2,000 to $5,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 244. A bill to require an independent comprehensive review of the process by which the Department of Veterans Affairs assesses cognitive impairments that result from traumatic brain injury for purposes of awarding disability compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 245. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand personal saving and retirement savings coverage by enabling employees not covered by qualifying retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic IRA arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. UDALL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THUNE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 246. A bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 247. A bill to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 248. A bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 249. A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the 2014 Ebola virus outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. Res. 33. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. Res. 34. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 35. A resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. Res. 36. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 37. A resolution supporting women's reproductive health care decisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 38. A resolution relative to the death of Wendell H. Ford, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 48

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 167, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, supra.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 198

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 201

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 201, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 214, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes.

S. 229

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 229, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 5, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Jobs and a Healthy Economy."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Job-Based Health Insurance and Defining Full-Time Work."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 22, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on January 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 22, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 11:26 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 161. An act to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RUBIO in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 78, proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI for Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HOVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. CAPITO), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 18, proposed by Mrs. FISCHER, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 78 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That, at 3:50 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 113, to be proposed by Mrs. BOXER, amendment No. 18, as modified, amendment No. 99, to be proposed by Mr. MANCHIN, amendment No. 24, amendment No. 71, amendment No. 123, to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI, amendment No. 27, amendment No. 78, amendment No. 126, to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN, and amendment No. 72.

Ordered further, That, except for amendment Nos. 126 and 72, each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that no second-degree amendment be in order the amendments; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 78 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 123).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 78 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. CORNYN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 2, by striking subsection (e), and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 126).

Ms. MURKOWSKI, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 126, as modified, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That amendment No. 72, proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 126, as modified, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL (for Mr. MANCHIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) after section 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 99).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 113).

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 55, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 13 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Portman, Reed, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 18, as modified, proposed by Mrs. FISCHER, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 14 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 99 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

Mr. MANCHIN asked unanimous consent to be recognized to speak for one minute.

Ms. MURKOWSKI objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 99.

Ms. CANTWELL questioned the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

When

Seventy-one Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 2]

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Murkowski, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schumer, Scott, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse.

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that a quorum was present.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 99.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 53, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 15 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 24, proposed by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, AND Mr. MENENDEZ), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 16 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 71, proposed by Mr. LEE, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 17 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 47

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Mr. LEE to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 123, proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 75, nays... 23

[Rollcall Vote No. 18 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 23

Boozman, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shelby, Toomey.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 27, proposed by Mr. WYDEN

(for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. NELSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. DURBIN), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 50, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 19 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 47

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 78, as modified, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. VITTER,

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

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 20 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 126, as modified, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

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

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 64, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 21 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 33

Baldwin, Bennet, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hirono, King, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 72, as modified, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

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

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 22 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. JOHNSON,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 80, as modified, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. SULLIVAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 67).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 75).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 98).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, and Mr. SCHUMER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 74).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. FLAKE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 3, after line 19, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 103).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all beginning on page 2, line 24, through page 3, line 10, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 30).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CRUZ to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 15).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 28).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 73).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARPER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 2, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 121).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DAINES to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 132).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. BALDWIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 25).

Pending debate,

Mr. LEAHY questioned the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Eighteen Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 3]

Boozman, Cantwell, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Durbin, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McConnell, Murkowski, Perdue, Sanders, Sasse, Schumer, Tillis, Vitter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that a quorum was not present.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 89, nays... 5

[Rollcall Vote No. 23 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Gillibrand, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 5

Blunt, Grassley, Heller, McCain, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to, and, as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 25 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, at 10 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendments Numbered 67, 75, 98, 74, 103, 30, 15, 28, 73, 121, 132, 25; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that no second-degree amendment be in order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 25 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

Mr. MARKEY asked unanimous consent to speak for one minute thereon.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

Mr. DURBIN questioned the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

When

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

[Quorum No. 4]

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, King, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Merkley, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that a quorum was present.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 25.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 53, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 24 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 121.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 121 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

Mr. CARPER asked unanimous consent to speak for one minute thereon.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 121.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 57, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 25 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Durbin, Feinstein, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 28.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 28 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent to speak for one minute thereon.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 28.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 52, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 26 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 30.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 30 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

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

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent to speak for one minute thereon.

Mr. PERDUE objected.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 30.

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 27 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 41

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 74.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 74 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

Mr. REED asked unanimous consent to speak for one minute thereon.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 74.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 49, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 28 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill S. 1:

MITCH MCCONNELL, LISA MURKOWSKI, RICHARD BURR, JERRY MORAN, JOHN THUNE, MARCO RUBIO, JOHNNY ISAKSON, KELLY AYOTTE, BEN SASSE, DEB FISCHER, JOHN BOOZMAN, DAVID VITTER, TIM SCOTT, ROGER F. WICKER, RICHARD SHELBY, MICHAEL B. ENZI, ROY BLUNT.

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

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 1:

MITCH MCCONNELL, LISA MURKOWSKI, RICHARD BURR, JERRY MORAN, JOHN THUNE, MARCO RUBIO, JOHNNY ISAKSON, KELLY AYOTTE, BEN SASSE, DEB FISCHER, JOHN BOOZMAN, DAVID VITTER, TIM SCOTT, ROGER F. WICKER, RICHARD SHELBY, MICHAEL B. ENZI, ROY BLUNT.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 132 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that at 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment Nos. 67, 75, 98, 103, 15, 73, and 132; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agree to; that no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendments; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 132 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The following occurred after 12 midnight; being Friday, January 23, 2015.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

RELATING TO THE DEATH OF WENDELL H. FORD

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 38) relative to the death of Wendell H. Ford, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, Senators be permitted to "file" first-degree amendments to bill S. 1 until 3 p.m. on Monday next and second-degree amendments until 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 12:21 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of resolution S. Res. 38, as a further mark of

respect to the memory of the late former Senator Wendell Ford, until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 4:30 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. HATCH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 22, 2015,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 22, 2015,

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

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 22, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 132, proposed by Mr. DAINES, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. CAPITO), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that it be in order for her to propose an amendment (Numbered 128).

Ms. MURKOWSKI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 132 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. PETERS asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 70).

Ms. MURKOWSKI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 132 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That quorum under the rule be waived in relation to the motions to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, and to bill S. 1.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, January 22, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill S. 1.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 53, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 29 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 39

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 132 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, January 22, 2015, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 53, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 30 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 39

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 132 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-371. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget,

Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC-372. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Children and Families (Family Support), Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-373. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund, ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 160(c) from Obsolete ILEC Regulatory Obligations that Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks" ((RIN3060-AF85)(FCC 14-190)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-374. A communication from the Acting Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Call Completion" ((RIN3060-AJ89)-(FCC 14-175)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-375. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries, Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AF85)(FCC 14-189)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-376. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0567)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-377. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD656), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-378. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework Action to Modify the Commercial Annual Catch/Limit Annual Catch Target Regulations for Three Individual Fishing Quota Species Complexes" (RIN0648-BE23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-379. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Transshipment, Port Inspection, and Vessel Identification" (RIN0648-BE12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-380. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2015 Gulf of Alaska Pollock and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts" (RIN0648-XD688), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-381. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Mexican Wolf" (RIN1018-AY00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-382. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf" (RIN1018-AY46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-383. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for the Western Distinct Population Segment of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus)" (RIN1018-AY53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-384. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Foreign Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Straight-Horned Markhor as Threatened With a Rule Under Section 4(d) of the ESA" (RIN1018-AY42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-385. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-AZ80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-386. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Late-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AZ80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-387. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2014-15 Late Season" (RIN1018-AZ80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-388. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Gunnison Sage-grouse" (RIN1018-AX71), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-389. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for Gunnison Sage-grouse" (RIN1018-AZ20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. Res. 39. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 250. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit threats against former Vice Presidents and members of their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 251. A bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 252. A bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 253. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 254. A bill to lower health premiums and increase choice for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 255. A bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. Res. 39. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 40. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States and others to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 41. A resolution congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2014 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 11, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

S. 48

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 73

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] were added as cosponsors of S. 73, a bill to prohibit the Federal Government from mandating, incentivizing, or coercing States to adopt the Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, instructional content, curricula, assessments, or programs of instruction.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 85, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes.

S. 108

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 108, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve access for students to Federal grants and loans to help pay for postsecondary, graduate, and professional educational opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 143

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and for other purposes.

S. 158

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 158, a bill to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes.

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who

agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 168

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 168, a bill to codify and modify regulatory requirements of Federal agencies.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 200

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 200, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of major revenue legislation.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 5, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 35

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 35, a resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 4:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 7. An act to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

The message also announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. AMASH of Michigan, Mr. PAULSEN of Minnesota, Mr. HANNA of New York, Mr. SCHWEIKERT of Arizona, and Mr. GROTHMAN of Wisconsin.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 7. An act to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions; to the Committee on Finance.

CONGRATULATING THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

On the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 41) congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2014 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title, submitted today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

DESIGNATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, had designated the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. STABENOW.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1; that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon; and that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein.

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

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:29 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

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The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 11 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 132, proposed by Mr. DAINES, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. CAPITO), to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:46 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 132 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 2, by striking all beginning on line 20 through 23, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 130).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 70).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. WARNER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 2, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 35).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 166).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), after section 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 23).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 174).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY to insert in lieu of the matter proposed by the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) other words (being amendment No. 125).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 2(a), by striking the period at the end thereof, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 131).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BURR) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 102).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 178).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MARKEY to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 141).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. HEINRICH) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 148).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BOOKER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 2, at the end

thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 155).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BENNET) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 92).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COONS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 115).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, and Ms. HEITKAMP) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 120).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. COONS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 133).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 124).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL (for Mrs. GILLIBRAND) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 48).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL for Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 55).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. BARRASSO) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 245).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DAINES to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 246).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That, at 2:30 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following pending amendments in the following order: Amendments Numbered 75, 70, 23, 15, 125, 73, 148, 132, 115, 35, 120, 166, 133, 48, 245, 124, 246, and 92, as modified; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendments; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Pending amendment No. 92 was modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 246 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 42. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 256. A bill to amend the definition of "homeless person" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 257. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 258. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 259. A bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 260. A bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 261. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 262. A bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 263. A bill to protect the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 264. A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 265. A bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 266. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify safe harbor requirements applicable to automatic contribution arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 267. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain items under the control of the Omar Bradley Foundation to the descendants of General Omar Bradley; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 268. A bill to improve the infrastructure of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COATS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BURR, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 269. A bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 270. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 271. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 272. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. Res. 42. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 38

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to ensure that long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate.

S. 143

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and for other purposes.

S. 144

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 144, a bill to prohibit the Federal Government from mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon a State, local educational agency, or school's adoption of specific instructional content, academic standards, or curriculum, or on the administration of assessments or tests, and for other purposes.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a

pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 197

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 197, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to States to improve delivery of high-quality assessments, and for other purposes.

S. 201

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 201, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 203, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites.

S. 247

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 247, a bill to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and for other purposes.

S. 255

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 255, a bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 35

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 35, a resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 27, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 27, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Perspectives on the Strategic Necessity of Iran Sanctions."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 27, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "President Obama's 2015 Trade Policy Agenda."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 27, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Fixing No Child Left Behind: Supporting Teachers and School Leaders."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 27, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

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

H.R. 357. An act to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.

H.R. 468. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to increase knowledge concerning, and improve services for, runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking.

H.R. 514. An act to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Chairman.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913 and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Chairman.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 357. An act to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 468. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to increase knowledge concerning, and improve services for, runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 514. An act to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 272) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Ms. MURKOWSKI asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Ms. MURKOWSKI objected.

Whereupon,

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

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

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

At 9:10 p.m.,

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. HATCH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PAUL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 272) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-390. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-462, "License to Carry a Pistol Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-391. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-463, "Zion Baptist Church Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-392. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-464, "Bishop Iola B. Cunningham Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-393. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-467, "Civil Marriage Dissolution Equality Clarification Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-394. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-468, "Nap Turner Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-395. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-469, "Stroke System of Care Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-396. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-471, "N Street Village Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-397. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-472, "Solid Waste Facility Permit Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-398. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-473, "Repeal of Prostitution Free Zones and Drug Free Zones Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-399. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-474, "Medical Marijuana Expansion Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-400. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-475, "H Street, N.E., Retail Priority Area Incentive Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-401. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-482, "Affordable Homeownership Preservation and Equity Accumulation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-402. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-483, "Food Policy Council and Director Establishment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-403. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-484, "Commission on Health Disparities Establishment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-404. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-485, "Disposition of District Land for Affordable Housing Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-405. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-486, "Special Education Student Rights Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-406. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-487, "Enhanced Special Education Services Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-407. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-488, "Special Education Quality Improvement Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-408. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-489, "Vehicle-for-Hire Innovation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-409. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-490, "Grocery Store Restrictive Covenant Prohibition Temporary Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-410. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-491, "Retirement Technical Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-411. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-493, "Truth in Affordability Reporting Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-412. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-494, "St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church Community Garden Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-413. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-495, "Transaction Modernization Electronic Delivery or Posting Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-414. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-496, "Closing of a Portion of the Public Alley System Square 368, S.O. 13-09586, Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-415. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-497, "Captive Insurance Company Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-416. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-498, "Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System Conformity Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-417. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-499, "Metropolitan Police Department Commencement of Discipline and Command Staff Appointment Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-418. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-500, "Douglas Knoll, Golden Rule, 1728 W Street, and Wagner Gainesville Real Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-419. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-502, "Plan for Comprehensive Services for Homeless Individuals at 425 2nd Street, N.W., Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-420. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-503, "Public Space Enforcement Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-421. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-506, "District Government Certificate of Good Standing Filing Requirement Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-422. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-511, "Housing Production Trust Fund Baseline Funding Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-423. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-512, "SeVerna, LLC, Real Property Tax Exemption and Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-424. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-514, "Promoting Economic Growth and Job Creation Through Technology Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-425. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-515, "Winter Sidewalk Safety Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-426. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-516, "Dignity for Homeless Families Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-427. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-517, "Lawrence Guyot Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-428. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-518, "Percy Battle Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-429. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-519, "Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-430. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-520, "Department of Parks and Recreation Fee-based Use Permit Authority Clarification Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-431. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-521, "Cashell Alley Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-432. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-522, "Standard Deduction Withholding Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-433. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-530, "Conversion Therapy for Minors Prohibition Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-434. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-531, "Wage Transparency Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-435. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-532, "DC Rocks, So We Need One Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-436. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-533, "D.C. No Taxation Without Representation Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-437. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-534, "Criminalization of Non-Consensual Pornography Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-438. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-535, "Dedication of a Public Alley in Square 752, S.O. 14-15491, Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-439. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-536, "Grandparent Caregivers Program Subsidy Transfer Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-440. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-537, "Pepco Cost-Sharing Fund for DC PLUG Establishment Temporary Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-441. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-538, "Trash Compactor Tax Incentive Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-442. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-539, "Behavioral Health System of Care Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-443. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-540, "Copper Intrauterine Device Access Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-444. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-548, "Community Development Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-445. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-549, "Youth Tanning Safety Regulation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-446. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-550, "Public-Private Partnership Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-447. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-551, "N Street Village, Inc. Tax and TOPA Exemption Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-448. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-552, "Guardianship Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-449. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-553, "Closing of a Portion of Manchester Lane, N.W., adjacent to Square 2742, S.O. 08-3083, Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-450. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-554, "Turkey Bowl Revenue Generation and Sponsorship Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-451. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-555, "Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Support Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-452. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-556, "Soccer Stadium Development Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-453. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-558, "Small and Certified Business Enterprise Waiver and Recertification Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-454. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-559, "Insurance

Holding Company and Credit for Reinsurance Modernization Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-455. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-560, "Sex Trafficking of Children Prevention Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-456. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-561, "Firefighter Retirement While Under Disciplinary Investigation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-457. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-562, "Inspector General Qualifications Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-458. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-588, "Trauma Technologists Licensure Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble:

S. Res. 35. A resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. Res. 44. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Special Committee on Aging, without amendment:

S. Res. 46. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 47. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. Res. 48. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 273. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 274. A bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 275. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 276. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 277. A bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 and the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 to strengthen research in adult education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 278. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 279. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 280. A bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 281. A bill to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 282. A bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KIRK, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BURR, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PAUL, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LEE, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 283. A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr.

MARKEY, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 284. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 285. A bill to authorize the construction of a replacement medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Aurora, Colorado, and to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Chief of Engineers to act as the construction agent with respect to such construction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 286. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 287. A bill to establish the Food Safety Administration to protect the public health by preventing foodborne illness, ensuring the safety of food, improving research on contaminants leading to foodborne illness, and improving security of food from international contamination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 288. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 289. A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research; to the Committee on the Budget

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 290. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 291. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered removed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRUZ, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 292. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 293. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 294. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 295. A bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 296. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 297. A bill to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 298. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 43. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that children trafficked in the United States should be treated as victims, and not criminals, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl, an event around which many children are at risk for being trafficked for sex; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. Res. 44. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. Res. 46. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special

Committee on Aging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CORKER:

S. Res. 47. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. Res. 48. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. Res. 50. A resolution congratulating The Ohio State University football team for winning the 2015 College Football Playoff national championship; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 51. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 52. A resolution calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Russian prison since July 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 37

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for State accountability in the provision of access to the core resources for learning, and for other purposes.

S. 48

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 50

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 51

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 233, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 248

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 265, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 35

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 35, a resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 4 p.m., in room SR-216 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in room SH-219 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Freight Rail Transportation: Enhancing Safety, Efficiency, and Commerce."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Importance of MAP-21

Reauthorization: Federal and State Perspectives."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 11 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session on January 28, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting America from Cyber Attacks: The Importance of Information Sharing."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:05 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Indian Country Priorities for the 114th Congress."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the nomination of an Attorney General.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 2 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room S-211 of the Capitol Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 11:24 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 159. An act to stop exploitation through trafficking.

H.R. 181. An act to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

H.R. 246. An act to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking.

H.R. 285. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts.

H.R. 350. An act to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes.

H.R. 398. An act to provide for the development and dissemination of evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately and for other purposes.

H.R. 460. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 469. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

H.R. 515. An act to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 246. An act to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 350. An act to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 398. An act to provide for the development and dissemination of evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 460. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 469. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 246, proposed by Mr. DAINES, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. CAPITO), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 75, proposed by Mr. CARDIN, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

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

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 37, nays... 61

[Rollcall Vote No. 31 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 61

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

Ordered, That, on Rollcall Vote No. 31, her vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus changing the result to yeas 36, nays 62.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 70, proposed by Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. BALDWIN), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 40, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 32 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 58

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HATCH,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 23, proposed by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. COONS), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

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

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 40, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 33 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 58

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CORKER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 15, proposed by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 53, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 34 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CRUZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 125, proposed by Mr. MERKLEY, to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 73, proposed by Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CORNYN and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 35 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins,

Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 148, proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. COONS), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

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

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 36 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 132, proposed by Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. RISCH), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 50, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 37 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 47

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CRUZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 115, proposed by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SANDERS), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 38 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 51

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 35, proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. AYOTTE), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday, that the pending amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 35.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 120, proposed by Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Ms. STABENOW), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 166, proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 50, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 39 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul,

Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 48

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 133, proposed by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. COONS), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COATS,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 40 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 51

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HATCH,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 48, proposed by Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. GILLIBRAND,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 35, nays... 63

[Rollcall Vote No. 41 Leg.]

YEAS --- 35

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 63

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 246 to amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 246 to the bill, as amended.

The amendment having been considered original text, as pursuant to the foregoing order,

The motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2 (in the nature of a substitute), and the motion, entered by Mr. MCCONNELL on Monday, January 26, 2015, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to said motion, were rendered moot.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 246 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 80 be further modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 246 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 1 on tomorrow, there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that the Senate then vote on the following amendments in the following order: Amendments Numbered 245, 124, 92, as modified, 246, 80, as further modified, and 77, to be proposed by Mr. UDALL; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendments; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the aforementioned amendments, the Senate agree to the motion to proceed to consider the motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1; that the motion to reconsider be agreed to; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time for debate on the bill, pursuant to XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded at 2:30 p.m. on tomorrow.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 246 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. CARDIN) to further amend the pending bill in section 2, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 77).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That the order with respect to consideration of amendments to bill S. 1 on tomorrow be modified such that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 246 prior to a vote on amendment No. 92, as modified; and that all other provisions of the order remain in effect.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 77 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

CONGRATULATING THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

On the request of Mr. HOEVEN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 50) congratulating The Ohio State University football team for winning the 2015 College Football Playoff national championship, submitted today by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. CARPER), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. HOEVEN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 51) recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States, submitted today by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:01 p.m.,

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-459. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Animal Welfare; Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions; Technical Amendment" ((RIN0579-AD57)(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-460. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Electronic Submission of Technical Reports" ((RIN0750-AI25)(DFARS Case 2014-D001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-461. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Defense Contractors Performing Private Security Functions" ((RIN0750-AI31)(DFARS Case 2014-D008)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-462. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Updated Descriptions of Product Service Groups Subject to Trade Agreements" ((RIN0750-AI49)(DFARS Case 2015-D004)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-463. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Further Implementation of Trafficking in Persons Policy" ((RIN0750-AH93)(DFARS Case 2013-D007)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-464. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Foreign Policy Report on the imposition of a license requirement on exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) to the Crimea region of Ukraine; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-465. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuba: Providing Support for the Cuban People" (RIN0694-AG42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-466. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assessment of Demand

Response and Advanced Metering"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-467. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to Revise the Code of Federal Regulations for Species Under the Jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service; Correction" (RIN0648-XC659), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-468. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0001 - 2015-0003); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-469. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfoxaflor; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 9920-45), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-470. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Extension of the Laboratory and Analytical Use Exemption for Essential Class I Ozone-Depleting Substances" ((RIN2060-AS38)(FRL No. 9921-52-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-471. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5, 2008 Lead, 2008 Ozone, and 2010 NO2 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; South Dakota" (FRL No. 9922-04-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-472. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Exemption of Certain Chemical Substances from Reporting Additional Chemical Data" ((RIN2070-AK01)(FRL No. 9921-56)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-473. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to New Mexico" (FRL No. 9921-77-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-474. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of California; Sacramento Metro Area; Attainment Plan for 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9921-99-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-475. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Revisions to Administrative Rules of Montana - Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9919-42-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-476. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-137); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-477. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-127); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-478. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-106); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-479. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Respirator Certification Fees" (RIN0920-AA42), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-480. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-481. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Removal of Naloxegol from Control" (Docket No. DEA-400), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-482. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Smoking/No Smoking Areas" (RIN1120-AB42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-483. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Investment Surveys: BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad" (RIN0691-AA83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-484. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 76.1506 of the Commission's Rules" (DA 14-1892), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-485. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Cove and Daisy, Arkansas; Alamo, Georgia;

Grayville, Illinois; Clayton, Louisiana; Harrison, Michigan; Alton, Missouri; Ennis, Montana; Buffalo, Erick, Haworth, Leedey, Reydon, Taloga, Thomas, and Wright City, Oklahoma; Weinert, Texas; Boscobel, Owen, and Tigerton, Wisconsin)" ((MB Docket No. 11-147)(DA 12-513)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-486. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Silverton, Texas)" ((MB Docket No. 14-156)(DA 15-9)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-487. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Thames River, New London, CT" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0983)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-488. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Sarah Mildred Long Bridge Replacement, Portsmouth, NH" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0554)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-489. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Areas and Limited Access Areas; Waterway Management of Apra Harbor, Guam" ((RIN1625-AA00; RIN1625-AA11; and RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0935)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-490. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Eastport Breakwater Terminal, Eastport, Maine" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1037)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-491. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Blue Water Resort and Casino Southwest Showdown 4; Parker, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0990)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-492. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones: Dignitary Arrival/Departure and United Nations Meetings, New York, NY" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1009)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-493. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone: John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse; Boston, MA" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1055)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-494. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: SFOBB Demolition Safety Zone, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0654)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-495. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Clearwater Super Boat National Championship; Gulf of Mexico, Clearwater, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0657)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-496. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Port of New York" ((RIN1625-AA01)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0018)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-497. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2014; Interim Gulf of Maine Cod Management Measures; Correction" (RIN0648-BE56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-498. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITION OR MEMORIAL

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

POM-2. A communication from a citizen of the State of Illinois memorializing the State of Illinois's petition to the United States Congress calling for a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. Res. 53. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services,.

By Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 54. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. Res. 55. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on the Budget, without amendment:

S. Res. 57. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 299. A bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 300. A bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 301. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 302. A bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 303. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that individuals having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 304. A bill to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 305. A bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 306. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 307. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and implementation of guidelines on best practices for diagnosis, treatment, and management of mild traumatic brain injuries (MTBIs) in school-aged children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 308. A bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. LEE):

S. 309. A bill to prohibit earmarks; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 310. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 311. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 312. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school libraries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 313. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 314. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 315. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 316. A bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 317. A bill to improve early education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 318. A bill to prioritize funding for the National Institutes of Health to discover treatments and cures, to maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and to restore the purchasing power the NIH had after the historic doubling campaign that ended in fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 319. A bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 320. A bill to authorize the collection of supplemental payments to increase congressional investments in medical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 321. A bill to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. COONS):

S. 322. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 323. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. Res. 53. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services; from the Committee on Armed Services; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. Res. 54. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BURR:

S. Res. 55. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 56. A resolution designating January 2015 as "National Blood Donor Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. Res. 57. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget; from the Committee on the Budget; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. BROWN):

S. Res. 58. A resolution recognizing January 2015 as "National Mentoring Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] were added as cosponsors of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, supra.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 198

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 265, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 292, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 293

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 293, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 295

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 295, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 297

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 297, a bill to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 29, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 29, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a subcommittee hearing entitled, "Improving

the Performance of our Transportation Networks: Stakeholder Perspectives"

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 29, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 29, 2015, at 2 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mrs. Cole, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 351. An act to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 351. An act to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 77, proposed by Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY), to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER, by unanimous consent, withdrew his pending amendment No. 80, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 77 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That the votes in relation to amendments Numbered 245 and 124, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, occur after the vote in relation to amendment No. 77; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that all other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 77 to the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 246, proposed by Mr. DAINES, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 42 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 51

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cruz, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 92, as modified, proposed by Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BENNET), to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 59, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 43 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 39

Barrasso, Boozman, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 77 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 44 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 245, proposed by Mr. BARRASSO, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 245, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 245, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 124, proposed by Mr. CARDIN, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

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

Ordered, That the amendment be withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion to proceed to consider the motion, entered by Mr. MCCONNELL, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion to reconsider was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, January 22, 2015, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 22, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 62, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 45 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 35

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

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

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 55, proposed by Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW), to the bill, as amended.

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

Ordered, That amendments Numbered 67, 98, 103, 174, 102, and 55 be withdrawn.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 155, proposed by Mr. BOOKER, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 203

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

Ordered, That, at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 203) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on the question of passage of the bill, without any intervening action or debate.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 155 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That, prior to each vote on today, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

Time for debate, pursuant to XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, being considered expired.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 155 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 41, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 46 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. COATS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 141, proposed by Mr. MARKEY, to the bill, as amended.

Ms. MURKOWSKI called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 130.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 130, proposed by Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL), to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 141 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 36, nays... 62

[Rollcall Vote No. 47 Leg.]

YEAS --- 36

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 178, proposed by Mr. MARKEY, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 48 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ROUNDS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 131, proposed by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. BOXER), to the bill, as amended.

Ms. CANTWELL, by unanimous consent, withdrew her pending amendment.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. CORKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 62, nays... 36

[Rollcall Vote No. 49 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 36

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 58) recognizing January 2015 as "National Mentoring Month," submitted today by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. CAPITO, AND Mr. BROWN), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

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

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

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

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 5:54 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under

its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

S. 324. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to loans made from a qualified employer plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 325. A bill to use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 326. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 59. A resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2015 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TOOMEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KING, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 60. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month from January 1 through February 1, 2015, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, modern slavery; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 286

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 286, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 297

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 297, a bill to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, RICHARD BURR, JERRY MORAN, JOHN THUNE, JOHNNY ISAKSON, MARCO RUBIO, ROY BLUNT, PAT ROBERTS, DEB FISCHER, JOHN BOOZMAN, DAVID VITTER, TIM SCOTT, ROGER WICKER, RICHARD SHELBY, MICHAEL B. ENZI, RAND PAUL.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Ordered further, That, at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE AUSCHWITZ EXTERMINATION CAMP

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 35) commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

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

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

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 59) raising awareness and

encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2015 as "National Stalking Awareness Month," submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. PERDUE), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF OBSERVING THE NATIONAL SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 60) supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month from January 1 through February 1, 2015, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, modern slavery, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TOOMEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KING, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. RUBIO), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4:30 p.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 203) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 11:56 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 4 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 4 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 30, 2015,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 30, 2015,

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

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 203

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

Ordered, That, the order of Thursday, January 29, 2015 that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 203) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, at 4:30 p.m. on today, be modified such that the Senate proceed to said consideration at 11 a.m. on tomorrow; and that all other provisions of the order of Thursday, January 29, 2015, remain in effect.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - - PM 3

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget:

To the Congress of the United States:

After a breakthrough year for America, our economy is growing and creating jobs at the fastest pace since 1999, and in 58 months we have created over 11 million jobs. Our unemployment rate is now lower than it was before the financial crisis. More of our kids are graduating than ever before. More of our people are insured than ever before. We are as free from the grip of foreign oil as we've been in almost 30 years. Thanks to the hard work, resilience, and determination of the American people over the last six years, the shadow of crisis has passed.

With a growing economy, shrinking deficits, bustling industry, and booming energy production, we have risen from recession freer to write our own future than any other Nation on Earth. It's now up to us to choose what kind of country we want to be over the next 15 years, and for decades to come. Will we accept an economy where prosperity belongs to a few and opportunity remains out of reach for too many? Or will

we commit ourselves to an economy that generates rising incomes and chances for everyone who makes the effort?

Over the last six years, we've seen that middle-class economic works. We've reaffirmed one of our most fundamental values as Americans: that this country does best when everyone gets their fair shot, does their fair share, and plays by the same set of rules.

The ideas I offer in this Budget are designed to bring middle-class economic into the 21st Century. These proposals are practical, not partisan. They'll help working families feel more secure with paychecks that go further, help American workers upgrade their skills, so they can compete for higher-paying jobs, and help create the conditions for our businesses to keep generating good new jobs for our workers to fill. The Budget will do these things while fulfilling our most basic responsibility to keep Americans safe. We will make these investments and end the harmful spending cuts known as sequestration, by cutting inefficient spending, and closing tax loopholes. We will also put our Nation on a more sustainable fiscal path by achieving $1.8 trillion in deficit reduction, primarily from reforms in health programs, our tax code, and immigration.

First, middle-class economics means helping working families afford the cornerstones of economic security: child care, college, health care, a home, and retirement. We will help working families tackle the high costs of child care and make ends meet by tripling the maximum child care credit for middle-class families with young children, increasing it to up to $3,000 per child, expanding child care assistance to all eligible low-income families with children under four by the end of 10 years, and making preschool available to all four-year-olds.

The Budget also provides middle-class families more flexibility at work by encouraging States to develop paid family leave programs. Today, we're the only advanced country on Earth that doesn't guarantee paid sick leave or paid maternity leave to our workers. Forty-three million workers have no paid sick leave, which forces too many parents to make the gut-wrenching choice betweena paycheck and a sick kid at home. It's time to change that. For many families in today's economy, having both parents in the workforce isn't a luxury, it's an economic necessity.

Second, middle-class economics means making sure more Americans have the chance to learn the skills and education they need to keep earning higher wages down the road. The Budget calls for new investments and innovation that will expand preschool and invest in high-quality early education for America's youngest learners, provide more help to disadvantaged students and the schools that serve them, better prepare and support teachers, and transform our high schools so they help all students graduate prepared for college and career.

In a 21st Century economy that rewards knowledge more than ever, our efforts must reach higher than high school. By the end of this decade, two-thirds of job openings will require some higher education, and no American should be priced out of the education they need. Over the course of my Administration, we have increased Pell Grants, and the Budget continues to ensure that they will keep pace with inflation over time. The Budget also includes a bold new plan to bring down the cost of community college tuition for responsible students, to zero. Forty percent of college students attend community college; some to learn a particular skill, others as a path to a four-year degree. It is time for two years of college to become as free and universal in America as high school is today.

Even as we help give our students the chance to succeed, we also must work together to give our workers the chance to retool. Last year, the Congress came together and passed important improvements to the Nation's job training system with the bipartisan Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. To build on this progress, the proposals in this Budget support more in-person career counseling for unemployed workers and double the number of workers receiving training through the workforce development system. My plan would also expand the successful "learn-as-you-earn" approaches that our European counterparts use successfully by investing in the expansion of registered apprenticeships that allow workers to learn new skills while they are earning a paycheck. The Budget would also ensure that training leads to high-quality jobs by investing in projects that feature strong employer partnerships, include work-based learning, and develop new employer-validated credentials.

As we welcome home a new generation of returning heroes, the Budget makes sure they have the chance to live the American Dream they helped defend. It invests in the five pillars I have outlined to support our Nation's veterans: providing the resources and funding they deserve; ensuring high-quality and timely health care; getting veterans their earned benefits quickly and efficiently; ending veteran homelessness; and helping veterans and their families get good jobs, education, and access to affordable housing.

Third, middle-class economics means creating the kind of environment that helps businesses start here, stay here, and hire here. We want to build on the growth we have seen in the manufacturing sector, where more than 750,000 new jobs have been created over the last 58 months. To create jobs, continue growth in the industry, and strengthen America's leadership in advanced manufacturing technology, the Budget funds a national network of 45 manufacturing institutes, building on the nine already funded through 2015, As part of the manufacturing initiative, the Budget also launches a Scale-Up Fund, funded through a public-private partnership to help ensure that if a technology is invented in the United States, it can be made in the United States. The Budget proposes an investment fund to help startup companies produce the goods they have developed. Taken together, these investments will help ensure that America keeps making things the rest of the world wants to buy and will also help create manufacturing jobs for the future.

Our Nation thrives when we are leading the world with cutting-edge technology in manufacturing, infrastructure, clean energy, and other growing fields. That is why the Budget includes investments in cutting-edge advanced manufacturing research—to make sure we are leading the way in creating technology that supports our manufacturing sector; biomedical research—like our BRAIN initiative, which studies the brain to offer new insight into diseases like Alzheimer's, and Precision Medicine, which can improve health outcomes and better treat diseases; or, agricultural research—looking at climate resilience and sustainability. These investments have the potential to create high-wage jobs, improve lives, and open the door to new industries, resulting in sustainable economic growth.

As our economy continues to grow, our Nation's businesses and workers also need a stronger infrastructure that works in the new economy—modern ports, stronger bridges, better roads, faster trains, and better broadband. The Budget proposes to build a 21st Century infrastructure that creates jobs for thousands of construction workers and engineers, connects hardworking Americans to their jobs, and makes it easier for businesses to transport goods. The Budget would do more to repair and modernize our existing roads and bridges, while expanding transit systems to link communities and support workers.

These proposals will put more money in middle-class pockets, raise wages, and bring more high-paying jobs to America. To pay for them, the Budget will cut inefficient spending and close tax loopholes to make sure that everyone pays their fair share. The Budget closes loopholes that punish businesses investing domestically and reward companies that keep profits abroad, and uses some of the savings created to rebuild our aging infrastructure. The Budget closes loopholes that perpetuate inequality by allowing the top one percent of Americans to avoid paying any taxes on their accumulated wealth and uses that money to help more young people go to college. The Budget simplifies the system so that a small business

owner can file based on her actual bank statement, instead of the number of accountants she can afford. It is time for tax reform that at its core is about helping working families afford child care and college, and plan for retirement, and above all, get a leg up in the new economy.

Of course, we cannot separate our work here at home from challenges beyond our shores. By winding down the wars overseas and lowering war spending, we've strengthened our economy and shrunk our deficits. But we still face threats to our security that we must address.

The Budget supports our efforts to degrade and ultimately destroy ISIL. We are leading over 60 partners in a global effort that will take time and steady resolve. As I made clear in my State of the Union address, I am calling on the Congress to show the world that we are united in this mission by passing a bill to authorize the use of force against ISIL.

The Budget supports our efforts to counter Russian pressure and aggressive actions in concert with our European allies, by funding support for Ukraine's democracy and efforts to reassure our NATO allies.

We also must look beyond the issues that have consumed us in the past to shape the coming century. This Budget provides the resources we need to defend the Nation against cyber-attacks. No foreign nation, no hacker, should be able to shut down our networks, steal our trade secrets, or invade the privacy of American families. In addition to increasing funding to protect our Nation against cyber-attacks, I continue to urge the Congress to finally pass the legislation we need to meet this evolving threat.

The Budget invests in our efforts to confront the threat posed by infectious diseases like Ebola—here at home, and internationally. It provides resources to support the Global Health Security Agenda, increases funding to eradicate polio and other global health challenges, and creates a new Impact Fund for targeted global HIV/AIDS efforts. In addition, the Budget increases funding for domestic preparedness efforts to more effectively and efficiently respond to potential, future outbreaks here at home and dedicates funding for States to develop HIV Plans to help them reach the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

The Budget also capitalizes on historic opportunities in Asia and the Pacific—where we are modernizing alliances, opening new markets, and making sure that other nations play by the rules—in how they trade, resolve disputes, and do their part to confront the biggest challenges we face.

No challenge poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change. Fourteen of our planet's 15 warmest years on record have all fallen in the first 15 years of this century. The world's best scientists are telling us that our activities are changing the climate, and if we do not act forcefully, we'll continue to see rising oceans, longer, hotter heat waves, dangerous droughts and floods, and massive disruptions that can trigger greater migration, conflict, and hunger around the globe. The Pentagon says that climate change poses immediate risks to our national security. And as discussed in the Budget, the significant costs to inaction on climate change hit the Federal Government's bottom-line directly, as worsening climate impacts create Government liabilities. That's why this Budget takes action on climate by supporting the Climate Action Plan that I released in 2013 with investments to accelerate carbon pollution reductions, to build on-the-ground partnerships with local communities and help them put in place strategies for greater resilience to climate change impacts, and to support America's leadership abroad on this important moral and fiscal issue.

Beyond these critical investments, the Budget also supports my Management Agenda, which seeks to create a Government for the future that is more efficient, effective, and supportive of economic growth. The Budget includes initiatives to improve the service we provide to the American public; to leverage the Federal Government's buying power to bring more value and efficiency to how we use taxpayer dollars; to open Government data and research to the private sector to drive innovation and economic growth; to promote smarter information technology; and, to attract and retain the best talent in the Federal workforce. The Budget includes proposals to consolidate and reorganize Government agencies to make them leaner and more efficient, and it increases the use of evidence and evaluation to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely on programs that work.

The Congress can also help grow the economy, reduce deficits, and strengthen Social Security by passing comprehensive immigration reform. Last year, I took a series of executive actions to crack down on illegal immigration at the border; prioritize deporting felons, not families; and allow certain undocumented immigrants who register and pass criminal and national security background checks to start paying their fair share of taxes and stay in the United States without fear of deportation. I also took action to streamline the legal immigration system for talented STEM students, entrepreneurs, and business. These actions will raise average wages for all American workers and reduce the deficit. But this is only a first step toward real reform, and as I have said before, the Congress should act on the more comprehensive reform that only changes in the law can provide. Independent economists say immigration reform will grow our economy and shrink our deficits by almost $1 trillion over 20 years. It is time to fix our broken system and help grow our economy by passing comprehensive immigration reform.

The Budget also builds on the progress we have made ensuring that every American has the peace of mind that comes with quality, affordable health insurance. The Affordable Care Act has helped to provide millions more Americans get covered. It has forced insurance companies to play by the rules by prohibiting discrimination for pre-existing conditions and eliminating lifetime insurance caps. It has also helped to put our Nation on a more sustainable fiscal path by slowing the growth of health care costs. The Budget includes additional reforms and cost saving proposals to continue encouraging high-quality and efficient health care.

This Budget shows what we can do if we invest in America's future and commit ourselves to an economy that rewards hard work, generates rising incomes, and allows everyone to share in the prosperity of a growing America. It lays out a strategy to strengthen our middle class, and help America's hard-working families get ahead in a time of relentless economic and technological change.

Fifteen years into this new century, and six years after the darkest days of the financial crisis, we have picked ourselves up, dusted ourselves off, and begun again the work of remaking America. We've laid a new foundation. A brighter future is ours to write. This Budget will help us begin this new chapter together.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 2, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-499. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU)" (RIN0524-AA39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-500. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding 20 Coral Species to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27,

2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Homeland Security Privacy Office 2014 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-502. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed-Circuit Escape Respirators; Extension of Transition Period" (RIN0920-AA60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on H-1B Petitions" for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Data Mining Report to Congress"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 327. A bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 328. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the United States, or any State or local government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 329. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 330. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 331. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 332. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 333. A bill to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts over the next decade; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 334. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BURR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 335. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COATS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. DAINES, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 336. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 337. A bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 338. A bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund; read the first time.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COATS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. DAINES, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 339. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. Res. 61. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Peggy Charren; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 62. A resolution designating the week beginning on February 8, 2015, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 167

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 176

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 176, a bill to advance integrated water management and development through innovation, resiliency, conservation, and efficiency in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 197

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 197, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to States to improve delivery of high-quality assessments, and for other purposes.

S. 198

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, and for other purposes.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 270

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 270, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse, and for other purposes.

S. 273

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 273, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 274

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities.

S. 293

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 293, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 322

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK"

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 62) designating the week beginning on February 8, 2015, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week," submitted today by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 338) to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, introduced today by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BENNET), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. CORNYN objected.

Whereupon,

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 339) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr.

CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COATS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. DAINES, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. RISCH), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. CORNYN objected.

Whereupon,

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 93-112, as amended by Public Law 112-166, and further amended by Public Law 113-128, had appointed the following to serve as a member of the National Council on Disability: Neil Romano, of Maryland.

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 203, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 29, 2015, as modified today; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, following disposition of bill H.R. 203, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

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

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:06 p.m.,

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 338) to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, introduced on yesterday by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BENNET), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 339) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COATS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. DAINES, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. RISCH), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 192. A bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 340. A bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 341. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain small business tax provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 342. A bill to promote the use of blended learning in classrooms across America; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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

S. 343. A bill to ensure that individuals do not simultaneously receive unemployment compensation and disability insurance benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 344. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the excise tax on liquified petroleum gas and liquified natural gas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 345. A bill to limit the level of premium subsidy provided by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to agricultural producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 346. A bill to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 347. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 348. A bill to impose enhanced penalties for conduct relating to unlawful production of a controlled substance on Federal property or while intentionally trespassing on the property of another that causes environmental damage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 349. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 350. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 351. A bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 352. A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 353. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 354. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Sister Ann Keefe Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 355. A bill to support the provision of safe relationship behavior education and training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 63. A resolution congratulating the New England Patriots on their victory in Super Bowl XLIX; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KING, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 64. A resolution designating February 2 through 6, 2015, as "National School Counseling Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 48

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 53

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 53, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit.

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] were added as cosponsors of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 212

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 212, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote.

S. 228

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 228, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, and for other purposes.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 272

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 272, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to prohibit earmarks.

S. 310

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] were added as cosponsors of S. 310, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 326

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and for other purposes.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 336, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

S. 338

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

SENATE RESOLUTION 52

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 52, a resolution calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Russian prison since July 2014.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 3, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 3, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Internal Revenue Service Operations and the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2016."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 3, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Fixing No Child Left Behind: Innovation to Better Meet the Needs of Students."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 3, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE, TRANSNATIONAL CRIME, CIVILIAN SECURITY, DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES

The Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 3, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Understanding the Impact of U.S. Policy Changes on Human Rights and Democracy in Cuba."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 361. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities.

H.R. 615. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administration action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 623. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 12. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to Jack Nicklaus.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 361. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 615. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 623. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

CLAY HUNT SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR AMERICAN VETERANS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 29, 2015, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 203) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

After debate,

The hour of 12 noon having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. ISAKSON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 99, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 50 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:32 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 30, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 30, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 51 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 48

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the foregoing motion to bring to a close debate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240:

MITCH MCCONNELL, THAD COCHRAN, TOM COTTON, ROGER F. WICKER, DAVID VITTER, J. MORAN, DANIEL COATS, MICHAEL B. ENZI, MIKE CRAPO, BILL CASSIDY, JOHN BOOZMAN, JOHN THUNE, TIM SCOTT, JOHN HOEVEN, JAMES LANKFORD, JEFF SESSIONS.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by 99-7, had appointed the following to serve as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): Mr. WICKER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOZMAN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 99-93, as amended by 99-151, had appointed the following to serve as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control during the 114th Congress: Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SESSIONS.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 64) designating February 2 through 6, 2015, as "National School Counseling Week," submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KING, and Mr. CORNYN), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, following morning business, the Senate recess until 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:19 p.m.,

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN OR IN RELATION TO COTE D'IVOIRE -- PM 4

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

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency, unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire is to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2015.

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire and its people continue to make significant progress in promotion of democratic, social, and economic development. The United States also supports the advancement of impartial justice in Côte d'Ivoire as well as the Government of Côte d'Ivoire's efforts to prepare for a peaceful, fair, and transparent presidential election in 2015, which will be an important milestone in Côte d'Ivoire's progress. We urge all sides to work for the benefit of the country as a whole by rejecting violence and participating in the electoral process.

While the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and its people continue to make progress toward peace and prosperity, the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures

blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 4, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-505. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use By Over-Snow Vehicles (Travel Management Rule)" (RIN0596-AD17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-506. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Relaxation of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 3" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0092; FV14-948-1 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-507. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0087; FV14-985-1B IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-508. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0054; FV14-906-3 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-509. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Poly(oxy-1, 2-ethanediyl), a-(3-carboxy-1-oxosulfopropyl)-w-hydroxy-, (C10-C16) - alkyl ethers, disodium salts; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9920-44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-510. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Agency's proposed fiscal year 2016 budget; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-511. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commuted Traveltime; Correction" (Docket No. APHIS-2004-0108), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-512. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Two Hybrids of Unshu Orange From the Republic of Korea Into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD87)(Docket No. APHIS-2013-0085)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-513. A communication from the Chair of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: Legislative Proposals," "Report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: Interim Report," and Report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: Final Report"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-514. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-515. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-516. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-517. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-518. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-519. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-520. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004, relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-521. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-522. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-523. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "U.S.-India Bilateral Understanding: Additional Revisions to the U.S. Export and Reexport Controls Under the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AF72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28,

2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-524. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Brucellosis Class Free States Certified Brucellosis-Free Herds; Revisions to Testing and Certification Requirements" ((RIN0579-AD22)(Docket No. APHIS-2009-0083)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-525. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments: Transfer of Office Functions" (RIN1992-AA47), received in the Office of the President of Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-526. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Automatic Ice Makers" ((RIN1904-AC39)(Docket No. EERE-2010-BT-STD-0037)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-527. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Fluorescent Lamps and Incandescent Reflector Lamps" ((RIN1904-AC39)(Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-STD-0006)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-528. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9919-68)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-529. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymers Production Area Sources Wastewater Limit Withdrawal" ((RIN2060-AS45)(FRL No. 9921-80-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-530. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Idaho and Oregon: Negative Declarations" (FRL No. 9922-34-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-531. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Revisions to Emissions Inventory Requirements, and General Provisions" (FRL No. 9922-25-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-532. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study: Resilient Adaptation to Increasing Risk"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-533. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0626)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-534. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0530)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-535. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0526)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-536. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0582)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-537. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France)" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-1058)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-538. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (20); Amdt. No. 3619" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-539. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (75); Amdt. No. 3621" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-540. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (19); Amdt. No. 3620" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-541. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (108); Amdt. No. 3622" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-542. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aviation Training Device Credit for Pilot Certification; Withdrawal" (RIN2120-AK62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-543. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Management Systems for Domestic, Flag, and Supplemental Operations Certificate Holders" (RIN2120-AJ86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-544. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Management's Response for the period from April 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-545. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Homeland Security Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Years 2014 - 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-546. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-590, "Education Licensure Commission Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-547. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-591, "Wage Theft Prevention Correction and Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-548. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-589, "Early Learning Quality Improvement Network Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-549. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Plan for the Office of Government Ethics for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-550. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-80; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-551. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-552. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Ending Trafficking in Persons" ((RIN9000-AM55)(FAC 2005-80)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-553. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Management and Oversight of the Acquisition of Services" ((RIN9000-AM84)(FAC 2005-80)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-554. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems: Redefinition of the Fort Wayne-Marion, IN, and Detroit, MI, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AN06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-555. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-592, "District Government Certificate of Good Standing Filing Requirement Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-556. A communication from the Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-557. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-501, "Paint Stewardship Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-558. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to mileage reimbursement rates for Federal employees who use privately owned vehicles while on official travel; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-559. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-560. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report concerning its compliance with the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-561. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-80; Introduction" (FAC 2005-80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-562. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (33); Amdt. No. 3624" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-563. A communication from the Chair of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Panel's annual report for 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-564. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-565. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Port of New York" ((RIN1625-AA01)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0018)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-566. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; List of Authorized Fisheries and Gear" (RIN0648-BD67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-567. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telemarketing Sales Rule Fees" (RIN3084-AA98), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-568. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory Reporting Requirements" (RIN2130-AC26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-569. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Office of the Medicare Ombudsman 2013 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-570. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Automatic Changes" (Rev. Proc. 2015-14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-571. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 5000A National Average Premium for a Bronze Level of Coverage (2015)" (Rev. Proc. 2015-15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-572. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures to Change a Method of Accounting for Federal Income Tax Purposes" (Rev. Proc. 2015-13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-573. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biodiesel and Alternative Fuels; Claims for 2014; Excise Tax" (Notice 2015-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-574. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application for Recognition as a 501(c)(29) Organization" ((RIN1545-BK64)(TD 9709)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-575. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - February 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-576. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0096); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-577. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0097); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-578. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0098); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-579. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-580. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Indian Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Report to Congress Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 450j-1(c) on the Funding Requirements for Contract Support Costs"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-581. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Three Synthetic Cannabinoids into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-402), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-582. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the September 2014 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-583. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2016 Congressional Budget Justification; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-584. A communication from the Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

Board's Congressional Budget Justification for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-585. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-113); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-586. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-128); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-587. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-123); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-588. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-080); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-589. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0004 - 2015-0010); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-590. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-130); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 227. A bill to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 356. A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 357. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 358. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 359. A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to impose restrictions on the risk corridor program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 360. A bill to authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 361. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COATS, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 362. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 363. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering the Nation's teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 364. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 365. A bill to improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KING, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 366. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 367. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and to provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 368. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 369. A bill to enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 370. A bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 371. A bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 372. A bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 373. A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 374. A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to extend the requirement of the Secretary to furnish hospital care and medical services through non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities to veterans residing in certain locations; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARPER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COONS, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 375. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 376. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude payments received under the Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 377. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare program and to reform payments for such services under such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HATCH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. LEE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 378. A bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BURR, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COTTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CORKER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SASSE):

S.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S.J. Res. 7. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies, and other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 65. A resolution supporting efforts to bring an end to violence perpetrated by Boko Haram, and urging the Government of Nigeria to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. Res. 66. A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 12, 2015, as "Darwin Day" and recognizing the importance of science in the betterment of humanity; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. Res. 67. A resolution amending rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to revise the number of affirmative votes required to end debate on nominations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 68. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the January 24, 2015, attacks carried out by Russian-backed rebels on the civilian population in Mariupol, Ukraine, and the provision of lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 168

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 168, a bill to codify and modify regulatory requirements of Federal agencies.

S. 182

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 289

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered removed, and for other purposes.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

SENATE RESOLUTION 63

At the request of Mr. KING, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 63, a resolution congratulating the New England Patriots on their victory in Super Bowl XLIX.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Building a More Secure Cyber Future: Examining Private Sector Experience with NIST Framework."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a subcommittee hearing entitled "The Impacts of Vessel Discharge Regulations on Our Shipping and Fishing Industries."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet for a joint hearing with the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room HVC-210 of the Capitol Visitor Center, to conduct a hearing entitled "Impacts of the Proposed Waters of the United States Rule on State and Local Governments."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2016."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Ending Modern Slavery: What is the Best way Forward?"

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Deferred Action on Immigration: Implications and Unanswered Questions."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2015, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Broken Trust: Combating Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Seniors."

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 159. An act to stop exploitation through trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 181. An act to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 285. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 515. An act to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:30 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:16 p.m. message from the House of Representatives, by Mrs. Cole, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 596. An act to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the motion, entered by him on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Friday, January 30, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 30, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 53, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 52 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 47

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So, upon reconsideration, the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ON THEIR VICTORY IN SUPER BOWL XLIX

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 63) congratulating the New England Patriots on their victory in Super Bowl XLIX.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 12) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to Jack Nicklaus, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

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

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 596) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that the quorum under rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on said motion, be waived.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Ms. STABENOW and Mr. SESSIONS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:06 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 596) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the pending motion to proceed be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that it be in order for the leaders, or their designees, to propose amendments in alternating fashion; and that the majority leader, or his designee, be recognized to propose the first amendment to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF A CERTAIN BILL

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, following the enactment of the text of the bill (S. 272) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, but not later than Monday, March 16, 2015, the Senate proceed to consider a bill, being the text of the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes, as amended, 113th Congress.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RUBIO in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 52, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 53 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 47

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2015" (Rept. No. 114-2).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 379. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 380. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from the tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 381. A bill to improve the response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 382. A bill to eliminate the automatic inflation increases for discretionary programs built into the baseline projections and require budget estimates to be compared with prior year's level; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 383. A bill to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 384. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 385. A bill to provide for a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 386. A bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 387. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to use the definitions in section 40125 of title 49, United States Code, in determining whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status under that section, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 388. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 389. A bill to amend section 1111(h)(1)-(C)(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 390. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to ensure that amounts in the land and water conservation fund are made available for projects to provide recreational public access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 391. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 392. A bill to combat heroin and methamphetamine trafficking across the Southern border of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 393. A bill to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HELLER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 394. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 395. A bill to implement a demonstration project under titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to examine the costs and benefits of providing payments for comprehensive coordinated health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 396. A bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 397. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a temporary dividends received deduction for dividends received from a controlled foreign corporation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KING, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 398. A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 399. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 400. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 401. A bill to amend rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve

attorney accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 402. A bill to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 403. A bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 404. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. RISCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 405. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 406. A bill to waive and repay certain debts relating to assistance provided to individuals and households; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 407. A bill to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 408. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and to extend the tax incentives for empowerment zones; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 409. A bill to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. KING, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. Res. 69. A resolution calling for the protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 70. A resolution designating February 2015 as "National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 71. A resolution designating the week of February 8 through February 14, 2015, as "Internet Governance Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Con. Res. 3. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 28

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 28, a bill to limit the use of cluster munitions.

S. 36

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 36, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 40

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.8 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 182

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to

amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 272

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 272, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 282

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 282, a bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes.

S. 295

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 295, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to prohibit earmarks.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 355

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 355, a bill to support the provision of safe relationship behavior education and training.

SENATE RESOLUTION 40

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 40, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States and others to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on February 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a subcommittee hearing entitled "Getting it Right on Data Breach and Notification Legislation in the 114th Congress."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2016."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Who's the Boss? The 'Joint Employer' Standard and Business Ownership."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 5, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 5, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 10:31 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 50. An act to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 50. An act to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 338

Mr. BURR asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 338) to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. LEE objected.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination

of Michael P. Botticelli, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination; that, if the nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "INTERNET GOVERNANCE AWARENESS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 71) designating the week of February 8 through February 14, 2015, as "Internet Governance Awareness Week", submitted today by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, and Mr. INHOFE), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 405) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, introduced today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. RISCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. MANCHIN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-93, as amended by Public Law 99-151, had appointed Mr. GRASSLEY to serve as a member of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL

At 5:58 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 5, 2015,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 5, 2015,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. CORNYN that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 405) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, introduced on Thursday, February 5, 2015 by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. RISCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. MANCHIN), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 5, 2015,

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-591. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committees on the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-592. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committees on the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-593. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9920-98), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-594. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutriafol; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9922-06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-595. A communication from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Development Regulations -- Update to FmHA References and to Census References" (RIN0570-AA30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-596. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Russian Sanctions: Licensing Policy for the Crimea Region of Ukraine" (RIN0694-AG43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-597. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Unverified List (UVL)" (RIN0694-AG35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-598. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Norway; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-599. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-600. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Trust Fund" (RIN2506-AC30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-601. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) for sporting events during calendar year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-602. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress On Repair of Naval Vessels in Foreign Shipyards"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-603. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts" ((RIN1904-AB99)(Docket No. EERE-2009-BT-TP-0016)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-604. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-120); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-605. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Funding Notice for Defined Benefit Plans" (RIN1210-AB18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-606. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation: Early Findings on the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-607. A communication from the Director, Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Sunshine Act Report for 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-608. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 and the Management Response for the period ending September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-609. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-610. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Bureau of Prisons' compliance with the privatization requirements of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-611. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Jurisdictional Thresholds for Section 8 of the Clayton Act" (FR Doc. 2015-00929), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-612. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Jurisdictional Thresholds for Section 7a of the Clayton Act" (FR Doc. 2015-00933), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-613. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-614. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Washington; Redesignation to Attainment for the Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area and Approval of Associated Maintenance Plan for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9922-81-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-615. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Transportation Conformity and Conformity of General Federal Actions" (FRL No. 9922-73-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-616. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Inspection and Maintenance Program Updates" (FRL No. 9922-42-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-617. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Arizona State Implementation Plan; Nogales Nonattainment Area; Fine Particulate Matter Emissions Inventories" (FRL No. 9922-74-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-618. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9921-37-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-619. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Clean Air Act Section 110 Submission Requirements for State Implementation Plans and Notice of Availability of an Option for Electronic Reporting" ((RIN2060-AS20)(FRL No. 9922-54-Region OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-620. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Extension of the Reformulated Gasoline Program to Maine's Southern Counties" ((RIN2060-AS19)(FRL No. 9921-82-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-621. A communication from the Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Transportation Safety Board's 2015 Most Wanted List; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-622. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Federal Railroad Administrator, received on February 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-623. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 24 through No. 44" (RIN0648-XD547), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-624. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska " (RIN0648-XD713), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-625. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2015 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock, Atka Mackerel, and Pacific Code Total Allowable Catch Amounts" (RIN0648-XD688), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-626. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Monitoring Systems; Requirements for Enhanced Mobile Transceiver Unit and Mobile Communication Service Type-Approval" (RIN0648-BD02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-627. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; American Lobster Fishery" (RIN0648-BD45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-628. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0924)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-629. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0927)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-630. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0925)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-631. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0108)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-632. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0580)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-633. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0587)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-634. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0770)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-635. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0692)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-636. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (36); Amdt. No. 3623" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-637. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska " (RIN0648-XD654), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 201; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 295. A bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 337. A bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 410. A bill to strengthen Indian education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 411. A bill to authorize the approval of natural gas pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 412. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to encourage and support parent, family, and community involvement in schools, to provide needed integrated services and comprehensive supports to children for the ultimate goal of assisting students to stay in school, become successful learners, improve their academic achievement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 413. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 414. A bill to proide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 415. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in order to limit the penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 416. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to promote the education of expectant and parenting students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 417. A bill to encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available for use by rural and smaller carries in order to expand wireless coverage; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 418. A bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 419. A bill to assist coordination among science, technology, engineering, and mathematics efforts in the States, to strengthen the capacity of elementary schools, middle schools, and secondary schools to prepare students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BURR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. COATS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. CRUZ):

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S.J. Res. 9. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue

received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 85

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes.

S. 111

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 111, a bill to prohibit a Federal agency from establishing or implementing a policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event, and for other purposes.

S. 113

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 113, a bill to ensure that Federal Register notices submitted to the Bureau of Land Management are reviewed in a timely manner.

S. 140

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to combat human trafficking.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.8 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 197

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 197, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to States to improve delivery of high-quality assessments, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes.

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 265, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 283, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to prohibit earmarks.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 327, a bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 337

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 384

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 384, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 386, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 402

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program.

S. 404

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 404, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 40

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 40, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States and others to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

SENATE RESOLUTION 69

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 69, a resolution calling for the protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 527. An act to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 527. An act to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 5, 2015, as modified,

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 5, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 23, 2015, following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Ordered further, That Mr. HOEVEN be recognized to read said Address.

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

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

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

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

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. BROWN.

After debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified today, had appointed Mr. HOEVEN to read George Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 23, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:20 p.m.,

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-638. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-639. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-640. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the National Security Strategy of the United States of America; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-641. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates Report for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-642. A communication from the Management Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Flock Delivery and Stages of Poultry Production" (RIN0580-AB23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-643. A communication from the Executive Resources Program Manager, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Counsel, Small Business Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2015; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-3. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging Congress to continue the full funding and production of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter's technology; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 54

Whereas, Ohio has a strong history of supporting our military; and

Whereas, Our military at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is leading the way by conducting a significant portion of the testing of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter's technology; and

Whereas, The members of our military need the latest high-quality technology supporting them as they protect our nation and ensure peace overseas and at home; and

Whereas, The F-35 provides fifth generation technology that is unmatched by any other weapons system in the world and should replace the current aging fleet of United States military aircraft that no longer meets global emerging challenges; and

Whereas, Our military families deserve the peace of mind that we are supplying our military with the most advanced multi-role fighter ever built to protect their family members; and

Whereas, Fifty-six Ohio manufacturers contribute to the production of parts of the F-35 and more than 4,300 skilled, experienced Ohioans have jobs producing this technology directly and indirectly; and

Whereas, The F-35 program has more than $442 million in economic impact in this state; and

Whereas, Congress is currently considering its commitment to full funding and production of the F-35; and

Whereas, The United States has been investing in the production of the F-35 for more than a decade and will lose the benefits of this investment if full funding and planned production is not continued: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urges the Congress of the United States to continue the full funding and production of the F-35 in order to ensure that Ohio and our nation will benefit from the advanced technology that thousands of Ohioans have labored to produce; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

POM-4. A resolution adopted by the Mayor of Madisonville, Kentucky expressing support for the maintenance of current troop levels at Fort Campbell and to urge Congress to oppose any reductions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. KING, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 420. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 421. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 422. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to clarify the use of credentials by enrolled agents; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KIRK,

Mr. COTTON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HELLER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 423. A bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 424. A bill to promote unlicensed spectrum use in the 5 GHz band, to maximize the use of the band for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 425. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 426. A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. KING):

S. 427. A bill to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 428. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for 12-month continuous enrollment under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 429. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 430. A bill to prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COONS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COATS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 431. A bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 432. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain small businesses from the employer health insurance mandate and to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of such mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BURR, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 433. A bill to establish a benefit calculation methodology with respect to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 434. A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 435. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 436. A bill to promote youth athletic safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 437. A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 438. A bill to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 439. A bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KING, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 440. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GARDNER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 441. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REID, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. COONS):

S. 442. A bill to establish within the Department of Education the Innovation Inspiration school grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 443. A bill to prohibit the long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks unless the Surface Transportation Board has approved the rail carrier's rail car storage plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 444. A bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 445. A bill to increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 72. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the January 24, 2015, attacks carried out by Russian-backed rebels on the civilian population in Mariupol, Ukraine, and the provision of lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 48

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 226

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 264

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 286

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 286, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 290

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 290, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered removed, and for other purposes.

S. 295

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 295, a bill to amend section 2259 of title

18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 317

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to improve early education.

S. 322

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.

S. 326

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and for other purposes.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 332

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 370

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 375

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, supra.

S. 402

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program.

S. 404

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 404, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 52

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 52, a resolution calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Russian prison since July 2014.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 10, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Regulatory Relief for Community Banks and Credit Unions."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a subcommittee hearing entitled "Keeping Goods Moving."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 10, 2015, at 10:10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Getting to Yes on Tax Reform: What Lessons Can Congress Learn from the Tax Reform Act of 1986?"

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 10, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Update on Iran Nuclear Negotiations."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "The Reemergence of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Exploring the Public Health Successes and Challenges."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 6:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 203. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:42 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. MORAN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. STABENOW.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:18 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. AYOTTE in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE THE LIMITED USE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AGAINST THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT (ISIL) -- PM 5

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

To the Congress of the United States:

The so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) poses a threat to the people and stability of Iraq, Syria, and the broader Middle East, and to U.S. national security. It threatens American personnel and facilities located in the region and is responsible for the deaths of U.S. citizens James Foley, Steven Sotloff, Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig, and Kayla Mueller. If left unchecked, ISIL will pose a threat beyond the Middle East, including to the United States homeland.

I have directed a comprehensive and sustained strategy to degrade and defeat ISIL. As part of this strategy, U.S. military forces are conducting a systematic campaign of airstrikes against ISIL in Iraq and Syria. Although existing statutes provide me with the authority I need to take these actions, I have repeatedly expressed my commitment to working with the Congress to pass a bipartisan authorization for the use of military force (AUMF) against ISIL. Consistent with this commitment, I am submitting a draft AUMF that would authorize the continued use of military force to degrade and defeat ISIL.

My Administration's draft AUMF would not authorize long-term, large-scale ground combat operations like those our Nation conducted in Iraq and Afghanistan. Local forces, rather than U.S. military forces, should be deployed to conduct such operations. The authorization I propose would provide the flexibility to conduct ground combat operations in other, more limited circumstances, such as rescue operations involving U.S. or coalition personnel or the use of special operations forces to take military action against ISIL leadership. It would also authorize the use of U.S. forces in situations where ground combat operations are not expected or intended, such as intelligence collection and sharing, missions to enable kinetic strikes, or the provision of operational planning and other forms of advice and assistance to partner forces.

Although my proposed AUMF does not address the 2001 AUMF, I remain committed to working with the Congress and the American people to refine, and ultimately repeal, the 2001 AUMF. Enacting an AUMF

that is specific to the threat posed by ISIL could serve as a model for how we can work together to tailor the authorities granted by the 2001 AUMF.

I can think of no better way for the Congress to join me in supporting our Nation's security than by enacting this legislation, which would show the world we are united in our resolve to counter the threat posed by ISIL.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 11, 2015.*

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 446. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the credit for employers establishing workplace child care facilities, to increase the child care credit to encourage greater use of quality child care services, to provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities, and to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 447. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 448. A bill to provide for coordination between the TRICARE program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 449. A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 450. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. KING):

S. 451. A bill to award grants to encourage State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement and college and career readiness, the skills of teachers and school leaders, and the efficiency and productivity of education systems at all levels; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 452. A bill to provide lethal weapons to the Government of Ukraine in order to defend itself against Russian-backed rebel separatists in eastern Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 453. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 454. A bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 455. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 456. A bill to codify mechanisms for enabling cybersecurity threat indicator sharing between private and government entities, as well as among private entities, to better protect information systems; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 457. A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of non-violent persons when released from incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 458. A bill to provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOZMAN:

S. 459. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve waivers under the Medicaid Program under title XIX of the Social Security Act that are related to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 460. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of algal toxins in drinking water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 461. A bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 462. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a health advisory and submit reports with respect to microcystins in drinking water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 463. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to prohibit the paying of premium subsidies on policies based on the actual market price of an agricultural commodity at the time of harvest; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 464. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding Native Hawaiian education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 465. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. REED, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 466. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COONS, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 467. A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 468. A bill to provide a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to allow the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the Forest Service to remove Pinyon-Juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage-grouse and the mule deer; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. TESTER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 469. A bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 36

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 36, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 48

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 50

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 51

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 83

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 83, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to improve nonretaliation provisions relating to equal pay requirements.

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 295

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 295, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 295, supra.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 337

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 409, a bill to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders.

S. 423

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 8, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution commending Pope Francis for his leadership in helping to secure the release of Alan Gross and for working with the Governments of the United States and Cuba to achieve a more positive relationship.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2015, at 9:45 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Connected World: Examining the Internet of Things."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: Examining EPA's proposed carbon dioxide emissions rules from new, modified, and existing power plants."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Ending Modern Slavery: The Role of U.S. Leadership."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Ambushed: How the NLRB's New Election Rule Harms Employers & Employees."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Risky Business: Examining GAO's 2015 List of High Risk Government Programs."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2015, at 3 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2015, at 2:45 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 12:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 710. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 720. An act to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 810. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

The message further announced the House has agreed the following resolution:

H. Res. 99. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Alan Nunnelee, a Representative from the State of Mississippi.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 710. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 810. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 295

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

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 295) to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, an amendment be proposed by Mr. HATCH, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with no intervening action or debate; and that, upon disposition of the bill, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

AMY AND VICKY CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VICTIM RESTITUTION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 295) to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

An amendment (Numbered 250) was considered proposed by Mr. HATCH, and agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 55 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following morning business on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Ashton Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Defense; that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 2 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that, if the nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER
PRESIDENT'S EXPORT COUNCIL

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair), pursuant to Executive Order No. 12131, appointed Ms. KLOBUCHAR and Mrs. GILLIBRAND to the President's Export Council.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (HELSINKI)

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, had appointed the following as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 114th Congress: Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, had appointed the following Senators to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. PETERS.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, had reappointed Mr. WARNER to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, had reappointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, had appointed the following to serve as members of the National Council of the Arts: Ms. BALDWIN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER
UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-93, as amended by Public Law 99-151, had appointed the following as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE.

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the minority control the first half therein and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 5:10 p.m.,

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

H.R. 22. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Rept. No. 114-3).

By Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 73. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 470. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain educational institutions from the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 471. A bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 472. A bill to promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 473. A bill to implement programs and activities to raise children up out of poverty and save the next generation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 474. A bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COATS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 475. A bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 476. A bill to recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at eligible schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 477. A bill to terminate Operation Choke Point; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 478. A bill to promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 479. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 480. A bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 481. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 482. A bill to increase from $10,000,000,000 to $50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 483. A bill to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 484. A bill to protect all patients by prohibiting the use of data obtained from comparative effectiveness research to deny or delay coverage of items or services under Federal health care programs and to ensure that comparative effectiveness research accounts for advancements in personalized medicine and differences in patient treatment response; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. COTTON):

S. 485. A bill to prohibit the use of eminent domain in carrying out certain projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 486. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to ensure that all children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs are vaccinated, and allow exemptions only for children with underlying medical conditions, for whom vaccines are therefore medically contraindicated; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 487. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to allow the rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures that are located in areas having special flood hazards and are substantially damaged by fire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 488. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 489. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 490. A bill to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the development and production of all

forms of energy on all available Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. ENZI, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 491. A bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 492. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 493. A bill to reduce a portion of the annual pay of Members of Congress for the failure to adopt a concurrent resolution on the budget which does not provide for a balanced budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 494. A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain in Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 495. A bill to revoke the charters for the Federal National Mortgage Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation upon resolution of their obligations, to create a new Mortgage Finance Agency for the securitization of single family and multifamily mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 496. A bill to prohibit the use of any Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. COONS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 497. A bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 498. A bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 499. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LEE, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 500. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 501. A bill to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. COONS):

S. 502. A bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 503. A bill to amend the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act to extend trade preferences for certain articles imported from Haiti and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 504. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 505. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 506. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LEE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 507. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 508. A bill to amend the FLAME Act of 2009 to provide for additional wildfire suppression activities, to provide for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 509. A bill to establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center in New York, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CORKER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 510. A bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 511. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled accordingly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 512. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 513. A bill for the relief of Esther Karinge; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 514. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish the Promise Neighborhoods program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 515. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide relief during fiscal years 2016 and 2017 from the reductions in the discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 516. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 517. A bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program, to restore mandatory funding status to the payment in lieu of taxes program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 518. A bill to require States to establish highway stormwater management programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 519. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to permanently reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 520. A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 521. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 522. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 523. A bill to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COONS, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 524. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 525. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) to reform the Food for Peace Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 526. A bill to sunset the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force after three years; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BURR, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SASSE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COTTON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COATS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REED, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COONS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 527. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 528. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve the requirements regarding alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 529. A bill to improve the services available to runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking, to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking, to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. Res. 73. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr.

DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 74. A resolution declaring that achieving the primary goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease of the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025 is an urgent national priority; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE)):

S. Res. 75. A resolution designating the month of February 2015, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. LEE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COATS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 76. A resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address to a joint session of Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 77. A resolution designating Friday, February 13, 2015, as "$2.13 Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 78. A resolution relative to the death of Jerry Tarkanian, former head basketball coach of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. Res. 79. A resolution honoring Dean Edwards Smith, former head coach for the men's basketball team for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REID, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 80. A resolution recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 81. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that children trafficked for sex in the United States should not be treated or regarded as child prostitutes because there is no such thing as a "child prostitute", only children who are victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 82. A resolution commending Kathleen Alvarez Tritak on her service to the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 223

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes.

S. 239

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 239, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to apportionments under the Airport Improvement Program, and for other purposes.

S. 255

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 262, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 288

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 347

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 347, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 404

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 404, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 409, a bill to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 466

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 466, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 467

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 5, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 8, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

SENATE RESOLUTION 52

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 52, a resolution calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Russian prison since July 2014.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution supporting efforts to bring an end to violence perpetrated by Boko Haram, and urging the Government of Nigeria to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Regulatory Relief for Community Banks and Credit Unions."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2015, at 9:45 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 11:56 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 431. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 431. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 720. An act to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

S. Res. 73. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the pending motion to proceed be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that it be in order for the leaders, or their designees, to propose amendments in alternating fashion thereto; and that the majority leader, or his designee, be recognized to propose the first amendment to said bill.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF A CERTAIN BILL

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that, following the enactment of the text of the bill (S. 272) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, but not later than Monday, March 16, 2015, the Senate proceed to consider a bill, being the text of the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes, as amended, 113th Congress.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, THAD COCHRAN, TOM COTTON, ROGER WICKER, DAVID VITTER, JERRY MORAN, DANIEL COATS, MICHAEL B. ENZI, MIKE CRAPO, BILL CASSIDY, JOHN BOOZMAN, JOHN THUNE, TIM SCOTT, JOHN HOEVEN, JAMES LANKFORD, JEFF SESSIONS.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 73) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF UKRAINIAN FIGHTER PILOT NADIYA SAVCHENKO

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 52) calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Russian prison since July 2014.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CARDIN) to strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 251, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

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

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

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF JERRY TARKANIAN

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 78) relative to the death of Jerry Tarkanian, former head basketball coach of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, submitted today by Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

HONORING DEAN EDWARDS SMITH

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 79) honoring Dean Edwards Smith, former head coach for the men's basketball team for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, submitted today by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF LUNAR NEW YEAR

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 80) recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year, submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REID, and Mr. RUBIO), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATIVE TO CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 81) expressing the sense of the Senate that children trafficked for sex in the United States should not be treated or regarded as child prostitutes because there is no such thing as a "child prostitute", only children who are victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking, submitted today by Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF KATHLEEN ALVAREZ TRITAK

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 82) commending Kathleen Alvarez Tritak on her service to the United States Senate, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from Thursday, February 12, 2015 until Monday, February 23, 2015, the majority leader and Mr. BLUNT be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the PRESIDENT of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER
SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP FOR THE 114TH CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, had appointed the following members to the Senate National Security Working Group for the 114th Congress: Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. HEITKAMP.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER
COMMISSION ON CARE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 113-146, had appointed the following individuals to the Commission on Care: Dr. Ikram Khan, of Nevada; Phillip Longman, of the District of Columbia; Dr. Marshall Webster, of Pennsylvania.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4:45 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4:45 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2015, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; and that the Senate then adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, February 23, 2015, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, Mr. HOEVEN be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell address; and that, upon conclusion of the reading, the Senate recess until 4:30 p.m.

Ordered further, That, following the recess, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the quorum under the rule, with respect to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240, be waived; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 4:45 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2015.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 4:45:03 p.m., and

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, February 12, 2015,

At 4:45:11 p.m.,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, February 12, 2015, until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Mr. ROY BLUNT, from the State of Missouri, called the Senate to order at 10:00:02 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BLUNT led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 19, 2015.

To the Senate:

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

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COTTON took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, February 12, 2015,

At 10:00:33 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, February 12, 2015, until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 12, 2015,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 12, 2015,

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

READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 9, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) announced that, pursuant to the order of January 24, 1901, Washington's Farewell Address would be read by the Senator heretofore designated for that purpose;

Whereupon,

The address was read by Mr. HOEVEN, from the State of North Dakota.

Upon conclusion of the address,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 12, 2015,

At 3:47 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 4:30 p.m.

AT 4:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 12, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, February 12, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 12, 2015, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, February 12, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 12, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 47, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 57 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

Pending debate,

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Thursday, February 12, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on Friday, February 13, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Thursday, February 12, 2015, the enrolled bill was signed on Thursday, February 12, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 337, A bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act (Rept. No. 114-4).

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 165. A bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. REED:

S. 530. A bill to require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 531. A bill to permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options to individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 532. A bill to improve highway-rail grade crossing safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 533. A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 534. A bill to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 535. A bill to promote energy efficiency; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 83. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WICKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BURR, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 84. A resolution celebrating Black History Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 85

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes.

S. 122

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 122, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 262, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 332

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 368, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

S. 379

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 379, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from the tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55, and for other purposes.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 386, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 412

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 412, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to encourage and support parent, family, and community involvement in schools, to provide needed integrated services and comprehensive supports to children for the ultimate goal of assisting students to stay in school, become successful learners, improve their academic achievement, and for other purposes.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 527, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

S. 529

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 529, a bill to improve the services available to runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking, to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking, to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 40

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 40, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States and others to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

SENATE RESOLUTION 72

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 72, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the January 24, 2015, attacks carried out by Russian-backed rebels on the civilian population in Mariupol, Ukraine, and the provision of lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 636. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 644. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Chair, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MARINO of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUTHRIE of Kentucky, Mr. COOK of California, and Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Mr. LAMBORN of Colorado and Ms. MCSALLY of Arizona.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. POMPEO of Kansas and Mr. WOMACK of Arkansas.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. YOUNG of Indiana and Mr. ROONEY of Florida.

The message also announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

The message further announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. KING of New York.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; JOINT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), the following joint resolution was discharged by petition from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and placed on the Calendar:

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 534) to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes, introduced today by Ms. COLLINS, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 535) to promote energy efficiency, introduced today by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BENNET), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

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

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the

Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein.

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

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. MERKLEY and Mr. COONS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:18 p.m.,

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Rev. Tierian Randy Cash, American Legion National Chaplain, of Lincolnton, North Carolina, offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 534) to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Ms. COLLINS, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 535) to promote energy efficiency, introduced on yesterday by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BENNET), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

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

Whereupon,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, February 24, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1. A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-644. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyrimethanil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9922-07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-645. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9921-89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-646. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-647. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-648. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Operational Energy, Plans and Programs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-649. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-650. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness and Force Management), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-651. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 FAIR Act Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-652. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 501(c)(29) Organization Application Procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2015-17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-653. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1515-AD59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-654. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gracia v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-147" (AOD 2015-01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-655. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Estate of Martinez v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-150" (AOD 2015-01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-656. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Price v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-149" (AOD 2015-01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-657. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mirarchi v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-148" (AOD 2015-01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-658. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations for 2014" (Notice 2015-11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-659. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds" (Notice 2015-12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-660. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Price Inflation Adjustments for Passenger Automobiles First Placed in Service or Leased in 2015" (Notice 2015-19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-661. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relief for Certain Participants in Section 414(d) Governmental Plans" (Notice 2015-07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-662. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments Related to: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards, Nonroad Engine and Equipment Programs and MARPOL Annex VI Implementation" ((RIN2060-AS36)(FRL No. 9922-31-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-663. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle-York Nonattainment Areas to Attainment for the 1997 Annual and the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Correction" (FRL No. 9922-32-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-664. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia's Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan of the West Virginia Portion of the Martinsburg-Hagerstown, WV-MD Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Correction" (FRL No. 9921-31-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-665. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; American Samoa" (FRL No. 9922-86-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-666. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Guam" (FRL No. 9923-01-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-667. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Dakota; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan; Federal Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport of Pollution Affection Visibility and Regional Haze; Reconsideration" (FRL No. 9922-80-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-668. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Revisions to Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations; Nonattainment Permitting Requirements and Chapter 3, General Emission Standards" (FRL No. 9922-24-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-669. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9921-51-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-670. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities" ((RIN2050-AE81)(FRL No. 9919-44-OSWER)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-671. A communication from the Deputy Director, Administration for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program" (RIN0985-AA08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-672. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Technical Collection for the New START Treaty (OSS-2015-0137); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-673. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-114); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-674. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-152); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 527. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 536. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 537. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 538. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate System in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 539. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 540. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 541. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the John P. Parker House in Ripley, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COATS:

S. 542. A bill to enhance the homeland security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 543. A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 544. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 545. A bill making continuing appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015 expires and the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2015 is not enacted; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. KING, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 546. A bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 547. A bill to establish a regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals under the aegis of the Federal Trade Commission, to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to improve provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 548. A bill to clarify that funding for the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board is not subject to the sequester; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. 549. A bill to clarify that funding for the Securities Investor Protection Corporation is not subject to the sequester; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. 550. A bill to clarify that funding for the standard setting body designated pursuant to section 19(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 is not subject to the sequester; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ,

Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 551. A bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 552. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COONS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 553. A bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. UDALL, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 554. A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Con. Res. 4. A concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. Con. Res. 5. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the International Decade for People of African Descent; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 28

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 28, a bill to limit the use of cluster munitions.

S. 71

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 262, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 263

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 263, a bill to protect the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects.

S. 264

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 283, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered removed, and for other purposes.

S. 305

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 305, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards

governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 490

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 490, a bill to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit.

S. 510

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 510, a bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 517

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program, to restore mandatory funding status to the payment in lieu of taxes program, and for other purposes.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 527, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

SENATE RESOLUTION 84

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 84, a resolution celebrating Black History Month.

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 84, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Agricultural Act of 2014 implementation after one year and Farm Credit Administration pending nominations."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a subcommittee hearing entitled "U.S. Human Exploration Goals and Commercial Space Competitiveness."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Review of Resources, Priorities and Programs in the FY 2016 State Department Budget Request."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Reform, Growth and Efficiency."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Recalibrating Regulation of Colleges and Universities: A Report from the Task Force on Government Regulation of Higher Education."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving the Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Independence of Inspectors General."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Human Trafficking in the United States: Protecting the Victim."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on February 24, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 240

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240 at 2:15 p.m. on today, Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:27 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At 3:26 p.m., the following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

Mr. President: I am instructed to return to the Senate, in which it originated, bill S. 1.

VETO MESSAGE ON BILL S. 1

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the message received from the President of the United States, returning to the Senate, in which it originated, with his objections thereto, the bill (S. 1) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, which was considered read, and as the Constitution prescribes, spread upon the Journal, as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S. 1, the "Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act." Through this bill, the United States Congress attempts to circumvent longstanding and proven processes for determining whether or not building and operating a cross-border pipeline serves the national interest.

The Presidential power to veto legislation is one I take seriously. But I also take seriously my responsibility to the American people. And because this act of Congress conflicts with established executive branch procedures and cuts short thorough consideration of issues that could bear on our national interest—including our security, safety, and environment—it has earned my veto.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 24, 2015.*

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

Ordered, That the veto message, together with bill S. 1, be held at the desk; and that the Senate proceed to consider the bill at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the minority leader, but not later than Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO BRING AN END TO VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY BOKO HARAM

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 65) supporting efforts to bring an end to violence perpetrated by Boko Haram, and urging the Government of Nigeria to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections.

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

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 252, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to amend the preamble, at the appropriate place, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 253).

The question being on agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO) to amend the pending amendment, after the 7th whereas clause, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 254).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 253, as amended.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader had appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 114th Congress: Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. INHOFE.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

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

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:05 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO CUBA AND OF THE EMERGENCY AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT OF VESSELS, AS AMENDED -- PM 7

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

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the national emergency declared on March 1, 1996, with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, as amended and expanded on February 26, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2015.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 25, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-675. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0171); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-676. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0173); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-677. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) program for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-678. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0011 - 2015-0017); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-679. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Domestic Source Restrictions on Certain Naval Vessel Components" ((RIN0750-AI36)(DFARS Case 2014-D022)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-680. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Deletion of Obsolete Text Relating to Acquisition of Commercial Items" ((RIN0750-AI50)(DFARS Case 2014-D002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-681. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Raymond P. Palumbo, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-682. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Libya declared in Executive Order 13566; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-683. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XD728), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-684. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Longview, Texas)" ((MB Docket No. 14-245)(DA 15-

150)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-685. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-686. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-687. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Report to the Congress: 2014 Compact Analysis" and "Impact of the Compacts of Free Association on Guam: Fiscal Year 2004 through Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-688. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the North Slope Science Initiative; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-689. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the report of proposed legislation entitled "Bureau of Land Management Foundation Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-690. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Use of Mandatory Recall Authority Submitted Pursuant to Section 206 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, Public Law 111-353"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-691. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation of Section 3507 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010: Final Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-692. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report of the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Combination Products for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-693. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Children and Families (Family Support), Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-694. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Report to Congress: Older Americans Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-695. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Generic Issues Program" (Management Directive 6.4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-696. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Documentation Related to Goods Imported from U.S. Insular Possessions" (RIN1515-AD97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-697. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Administration, Cost and Impact of the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program for Medicare Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-698. A communication from the Director, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for calendar year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-699. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Impact of Recruitment Strategy on Fair and Open Competition for Federal Jobs"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-700. A communication from the Director of Public Affairs, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR) Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-701. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's 2012 list of Government activities determined to be inherently governmental and those to be not inherently governmental in nature; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-702. A communication from the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of three recommendations adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 61st Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-703. A communication from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's commercial and inherently governmental activities for 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-704. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The District of Columbia Board of Elections Election Day Preparation and Administration Can Be Improved"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-705. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ANC 8E Did Not Properly Support all Reported Expenditures"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-706. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment Certificate of Eligibility for Veterans or Members of the Armed Forces with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (RIN2900-AP26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-707. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program" (RIN2900-AO50), received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on February 23, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-5. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Clarksville, Tennessee expressing support for the maintenance of current troop levels at Fort Campbell and urging Congress to oppose any reductions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-6. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, expressing strong support for the Executive Order issued on November 20, 2014, by the President of the United States, on the issue of immigration and immediate protections for long-term, law-abiding residents who are parents of United States citizens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CRUZ, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 555. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards for information on the kidnapping and murder of James Foley, Peter Kassig, Steven Sotloff, Kayla Mueller, or any other United States citizen by a foreign terrorist organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 556. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 557. A bill to promote Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 558. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 559. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 560. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 561. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date on which the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 562. A bill to promote exploration for geothermal resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 563. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 564. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 565. A bill to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 566. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 567. A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 568. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 569. A bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 570. A bill to improve access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. KING):

S. 571. A bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 572. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 573. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 574. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 575. A bill to continue operation of the Human Exploitation Rescue Operative (HERO) Child Rescue Corps, a Cyber Crimes Center, a Child Exploitation Investigations Unit, a Computer Forensics Unit, and a Cyber Crimes Unit to support the mission of the Homeland Security Investigations directorate of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to combat the exploitation of children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 85. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Georgia Jones-Ayers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KING, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 86. A resolution recognizing March 3, 2015, as the centennial of the Navy Reserve; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. REID, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COATS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. KING, Mr. HELLER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. Res. 87. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 144

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 144, a bill to prohibit the Federal Government from mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon a State, local educational agency, or school's adoption of specific instructional content, academic standards, or curriculum, or on the administration of assessments or tests, and for other purposes.

S. 148

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 153, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs.

S. 200

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 200, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of major revenue legislation.

S. 223

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 239

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 239, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to apportionments under the Airport Improvement Program, and for other purposes.

S. 246

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 246, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 262, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 284, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

S. 289

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 308

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 318

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 318, a bill to prioritize funding for the National Institutes of Health to discover treatments and cures, to maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and to restore the purchasing power the NIH had after the historic doubling campaign that ended in fiscal year 2003.

S. 332

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 371

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 371, a bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, supra.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 399

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 409, a bill to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders.

S. 421

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 421, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 437

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 437, a bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit.

S. 517

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program, to restore mandatory funding status to the payment in lieu of taxes program, and for other purposes.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

S. 532

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 532, a bill to improve highway-rail grade crossing safety, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 546

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Preserving the Multi-stakeholder Model of Internet Governance."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Importance of MAP-21 Reauthorization: Perspectives from Owners, Operators, and Users of the System."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Fight Against ISIS: Building the Coalition and Ensuring Military Effectiveness."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Toward a 21st Century Regulatory System."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The President's FY2016 Budget Request for Indian programs."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 12:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 212. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of algal toxins in drinking water, and for other purposes.

H.R. 734. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 734. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

RECESS FOR VISIT BY HIS HIGHNESS THE EMIR OF QATAR

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

Ordered, That the Senate stand in recess, subject to the call of the chair, to receive His Highness The Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

RECESS

Pursuant to the forgoing order,

At 10:27 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) declared the Senate recessed subject to the call of the chair.

AT 10:29 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER called the Senate to order.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240, Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 2 p.m.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

At 12:51 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the motion, entered by him on Thursday, February 5, 2015, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider said vote.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 4, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 98, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 58 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

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Inhofe, Sessions.

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

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

Pending debate,

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE NAVY RESERVE

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 86) recognizing March 3, 2015, as the centennial of the Navy Reserve, submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KING, and Mr. PETERS), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, had appointed Mr. BLUNT to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the President of the Senate, after consultation with the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, had appointed the following member to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. RUBIO.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, had appointed the following individuals to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. Max Baucus, of Montana.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240; and that the time during the adjournment or recess count against time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, for 15 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:23 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 11 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RUBIO in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 12:45 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. on today.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR IMMEDIATE RECESS ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today, the Senate immediately recess until 1:45 p.m.

RECESS

Whereupon,

At 12:40 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 1:45 p.m.

AT 1:47 P.M.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

CELERATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On the request of Mr. BOOKER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 88) celebrating Black History Month, submitted today by Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WICKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REED, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SASSE), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

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

Ordered, That the majority control the next hour for debate; and that the minority control the following hour for debate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE FOOT SOLDIERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN BLOODY SUNDAY, TURNAROUND TUESDAY, OR IN THE FINAL SELMA TO MONTGOMERY VOTING RIGHTS MARCH

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 527) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

WELCOMING THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED STATES FOR HIS ADDRESS TO A JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 76) welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address to a joint session of Congress.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to amend the pending resolution on page 3, line 4, by striking "joint session," and inserting "joint meeting" (being amendment No. 262).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

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

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

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. CORNYN, so as to read: "A resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address to a joint meeting of Congress."

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 240

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 240.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) to amend (perfect) the pending bill by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 255).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending (perfecting) amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 256).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the text of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 255, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 257).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "6 days," and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 258).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 259).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 259) contained in the pending motion to commit, at the appropriate place, by striking "4 days," and inserting "3 days" (being amendment No. 260).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

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

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "3 days," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 261).

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

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 240:

MITCH MCCONNELL, SUSAN M. COLLINS, JOHN THUNE, CORY GARDNER, LAMAR ALEXANDER, DAN COATS, JIM LANKFORD, JOHN BARRASSO, JOHN MCCAIN, BILL CASSIDY, ROGER F. WICKER, JOHN HOEVEN, LISA MURKOWSKI, JEFF FLAKE, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, RON JOHNSON, RICHARD BURR.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 261 to amendment No. 260 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 259) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 534

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 534) to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 534:

MITCH MCCONNELL, ORRIN HATCH, SUSAN COLLINS, LINDSEY GRAHAM, DAN COATS, THAD COCHRAN, ROGER F. WICKER, JOHN BARRASSO, JEFF FLAKE, JOHN MCCAIN, MARK KIRK, KELLY A. AYOTTE, LAMAR ALEXANDER, LISA MURKOWSKI, BOB CORKER, JOHN CORNYN.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 10 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 240; that, if said motion is agreed to, Mr. LEE, or his designee, be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; that, following remarks by him, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; that, upon conclusion of debate, amendments Numbered 256, 257, 258 thereto, the motion to commit with instructions (designated amendment No. 259), and amendments Numbered 260 and 261 thereto, be withdrawn; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 255; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage thereof.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 534.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-708. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President together with the 2015 Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers; to the Joint Economic Committee.

EC-709. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of The Rocks District of Milton-Freewater Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-710. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 87 -- Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Territory and Airspace of Ethiopia" (RIN2120-AK59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-711. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast (ADS--B) Out Performance Requirements to Support Air Traffic Control (ATC) Service; Technical Amendment" (RIN2120-AI92), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-712. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (Embraer) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0622)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-713. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls Royce Corporation Turboprop and Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0961)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-714. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0173)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-715. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0082)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-716. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0231)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-717. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0188)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-718. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0527)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-719. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0525)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-720. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0079)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-721. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0624)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-722. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Technify Motors GmbH (Type Certificate Previously Held by Thielert Aircraft Engines GmbH) Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0683)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-723. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0230)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-724. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Viking Air Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0096)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-725. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Costruzioni Aeronautiche Tecnam srl Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0876)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-726. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0078)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-727. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-

0146)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-728. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0750)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-729. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (formerly Eurocopter France)" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0133)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-730. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0142)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-731. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. (Type Certificate Currently Held By AgustaWestland S.p.A.) (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0465)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-732. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0087)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-733. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-1088)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-734. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0344)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-735. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-28059)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-736. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation Turboprop and Turbofan Engines (Type Certificate previously held by Allison Engine Company)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0462)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-737. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Quest Aircraft Design, LLC Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0099)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-738. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lycoming Engines Reciprocating Engines (Type Certificate previously held by Textron Lycoming Division, AVCO Corporation)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0540)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-739. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0446)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-740. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0138)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-741. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (31); Amdt. No. 3625" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-742. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (172); Amdt. No. 3626" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-743. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Framework Adjustment 52" (RIN0648-BE22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-744. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measures for Gray Triggerfish in the Gulf of Mexico; Reduced Annual Catch Limit and Annual Catch Target and Closure" (RIN0648-XD723), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-745. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD747), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-746. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD750), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-747. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; Amendment 20B" (RIN0648-BD86), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-748. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line or Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD749), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-749. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XD709), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-750. A communication from the Census Bureau Federal Register Liaison Officer, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Clarification on Uses of Electronic Export Information" (RIN0607-AA52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-751. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seaway Regulations and Rules: Periodic Update, Various Categories" (RIN2135-AA36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-752. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; San Diego Crew Classic; Mission Bay, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1063)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-753. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta; Manatee River, Bradenton, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0905)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-754. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "MARPOL Annex I Amendments" ((RIN1625-AB57)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0194)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-755. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Triathlon National Championships, Milwaukee Harbor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0751)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-756. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Moving Security Zone; Escorted Vessels; MM 90.0 -- 106.0, Lower Mississippi River; New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0995)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-757. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Requirements for Notices of Arrival and Departure, and Automatic Identification System" ((RIN1625-AA99)(Docket No. USCG-2005-21869)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-758. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Auxiliary Regulations" ((RIN1625-AB66)(Docket No. USCG-1999-6712)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-759. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9922-53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-760. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fomesafen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9922-82), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-761. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethenamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9922-08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-762. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus subtilis strain IAB/BS03; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9920-62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-763. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-764. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Operational Energy, Plans and Programs), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-765. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-766. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel of the Department of the Army, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-767. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on Fiscal Year 2016 Staff Years of Technical Effort and Estimated Funding for Department of Defense Federally Funded Research and Development Centers"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-768. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Patricia E. McQuistion, United States Army, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-769. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-146); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-770. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-771. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Education Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Performance Report and Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Performance Plan"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-772. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Education Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Performance Report and Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Performance Plan"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-773. A communication from the Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's 2014 Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) and Agency Privacy Management Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-774. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board Annual Performance Report for FY 2014 and Annual Performance Plan for FY 2015 (Final) and FY 2016 (Proposed)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-775. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the second quarter of fiscal year 2014 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-776. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Air Emissions Reporting Requirements: Revisions to Lead (Pb) Reporting Threshold and Clarifications to Technical Reporting Details" ((RIN2060-AR29)(FRL No. 9922-27-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-777. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board" (FRL No. 9923-05-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-778. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revision to Control of Air Pollution from Volatile Organic Compounds; Alternative Leak Detection and Repair Work Practice" (FRL No. 9923-24-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-779. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; VOM Definition" (FRL No. 9921-44-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-780. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Attainment Redesignation for Missouri Portion of the St.

Louis MO-IL Area; 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard and Associated Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9923-14-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-781. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Emissions Inventories for the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Ozone Nonattainment Areas" (FRL No. 9923-19-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-782. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting Allocations and Fishery Closure; Pacific Whiting Seasons" (RIN0648-XD640), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-783. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-784. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-785. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Vietnam; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-786. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sudanese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 538), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-787. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation SBSR -- Reporting and Dissemination of Security-Based Swap Information" (RIN3235-AK80), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-788. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security-Based Swap Data Repository Registration, Duties, and Core Principles" (RIN3235-AK79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-789. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

S. 576. A bill to increase the threshold for disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensatory benefit plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 577. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 578. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 579. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 580. A bill to include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 581. A bill to provide grants to States to ensure that all students in the middle grades are taught an academically rigorous curriculum with effective supports so that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in secondary school and postsecondary endeavors, to improve State and district policies and programs relating to the academic achievement of students in the middle grades, to develop and implement effective middle grades models for struggling students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 582. A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 583. A bill to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 584. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide the option to receive Medicare Summary Notices electronically, to increase the flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 585. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act with respect to the exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KIRK, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 586. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes,

and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 587. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to use only human-based methods for training members of the Armed Forces in the treatment of severe combat injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 588. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 589. A bill to provide an immediate measure to control the spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and to inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 590. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 591. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 592. A bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 593. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 594. A bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 595. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to prohibit baiting exemptions on certain land; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 596. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 597. A bill to amend section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide that such section does not authorize the Federal Communications Commission to preempt the laws of certain States relating to the regulation of municipal broadband, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 598. A bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 599. A bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 600. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency retrofit pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 601. A bill to direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 602. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 603. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 604. A bill to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Veteran Student Centers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 605. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to invest in innovation for education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 606. A bill to extend the right of appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board to certain employees of the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WICKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REED, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SASSE):

S. Res. 88. A resolution celebrating Black History Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 89. A resolution congratulating the Oregon Shakespeare Festival on its 80th year; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs.

MURRAY, Mrs. FISCHER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 90. A resolution designating February 2015 as "American Heart Month" and February 6, 2015, as "National Wear Red Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 91. A resolution designating March 2, 2015, as "Read Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 6. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that John Arthur "Jack" Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 141

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 262, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 358

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 371

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 371, a bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities.

S. 396

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 396, a bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 474, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 517

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program, to restore mandatory funding status to the payment in lieu of taxes program, and for other purposes.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 532

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 532, a bill to improve highway-rail grade crossing safety, and for other purposes.

S. 546

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 554, a bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 568, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 9:45 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Medical and Public Health Preparedness and Response: Are We Ready for Future Threats?"

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 11:42 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 529. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

H.R. 1020. An act to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 1020. An act to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

CONGRATULATING THE OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL ON ITS 80TH YEAR

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 89) congratulating the Oregon Shakespeare Festival on its 80th year, submitted today by Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

DESIGNATING "AMERICAN HEART MONTH" AND "NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 90) designating February 2015 as "American Heart Month" and February 6, 2015, as "National Wear Red Day," submitted today by Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FISCHER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

DESIGNATING "READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 91) designating March 2, 2015, as "Read Across America Day," submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 81-754, as amended by Public Law 93-536, and further amended by Public Law 100-365, had appointed the following Senator to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Mr. SULLIVAN.

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 240, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:19 p.m.,

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

ORDER FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 240

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

Ordered, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate, prior to each vote on today, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 534

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, on yesterday, to proceed to consider the bill (S. 534) to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration, and for other purposes, be waived.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 261, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 260, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 259), contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That each vote following the first, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 261 to amendment No. 260 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 259) contained in the motion to commit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The hour of 10 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 68, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 59 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker.

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

The pending motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 259), and amendments Numbered 260 and 261 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 258, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 257, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 255).

Pending debate,

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 265).

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 258 to amendment No. 257 (to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 255).

On motion by Mr. LEE to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. LEE,

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

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 258.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 34, nays... 65

[Rollcall Vote No. 60 Leg.]

YEAS --- 34

Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Grassley,

Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 65

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate on the pending bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Amendments Numbered 256, 257, and 258 thereto, were withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 255, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. SHAHEEN), to the bill.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 66, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 61 Leg.]

YEAS --- 66

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 33

Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the (perfecting) amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 68, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 62 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 534

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 534) to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 57, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 63 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 534.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-790. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9919-59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-791. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the operations of the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-792. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cooperative Threat Reduction Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-793. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; and Removal of Person From

the Entity List Based on a Removal Request" (RIN0694-AG46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-794. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France)" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0049)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-795. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Pot Catcher/Processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD758), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-796. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD725), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-797. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; PSD Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead, 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO2, and 2010 SO2 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9923-48-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-798. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Transportation Conformity" (FRL No. 9923-45-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-799. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Mississippi; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9923-55-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-800. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9923-56-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-801. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Final Approval of Other Solid Waste Incineration Units State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Indiana" (FRL No. 9923-35-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-802. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: State Implementation Plan Requirements" ((RIN2060-AR34)(FRL No. 9917-29-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-803. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Oklahoma" (FRL No. 9923-22-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-804. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Louisiana" (FRL No. 9923-11-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-805. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of State Air Quality Implementation Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming; Negative Declarations; Control of Emissions from Existing Sewage Sludge Incineration Units" (FRL No. 9923-40-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-806. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Tax Credit Splitting Events" ((RIN1545-BK50)(TD 9710)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-807. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) Extension for 2014" (Notice 2015-13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-808. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Modifications to Tangibles Method Changes" (Rev. Proc. 2015-20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-809. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - March 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-810. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 4980I -- Excise Tax on High Cost Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage" (Notice 2015-16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-811. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department

of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance to Foreign Atomic Energy Activities" (RIN1994-AA02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-812. A communication from the Deputy Director, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Head Start Program" (RIN0970-AC46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-813. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Foundation's fiscal year 2014 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 607. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 608. A bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 609. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 610. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 611. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 612. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 613. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 614. A bill to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. KING):

S. 615. A bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 616. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COONS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 92. A resolution designating February 28, 2015, as "Rare Disease Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 67

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes.

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 134

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 317

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to improve early education.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 351, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement

property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 435, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 474, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 499

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 499, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 568, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 575

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 575, a bill to continue operation of the Human Exploitation Rescue Operative (HERO) Child Rescue Corps, a Cyber Crimes Center, a Child Exploitation Investigations Unit, a Computer Forensics Unit, and a Cyber Crimes Unit to support the mission of the Homeland Security Investigations directorate of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to combat the exploitation of children.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 87

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 87, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 7:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and ask a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 2:10 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 8:19 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO in the chair) called the Senate to order.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 33) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 268, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 240

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing it had disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and asking for a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate insist on its amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the House; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

DESIGNATING "RARE DISEASE DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 92) designating February 28, 2015, as "Rare Disease Day," submitted today by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COONS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

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

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

AMENDING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER
SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to provisions of resolution S. Res. 64, agreed to on March 5, 2013, had notified the Senate of an amendment to the minority membership appointments made in the Senate on February 12, 2015, to the Senate National Security Working Group for the 114th Congress: Mr. REED.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

Ordered, That during the adjournment of the Senate on today, he and Mrs. CAPITO be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 240.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 8:23 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, February 27, 2015,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, February 27, 2015,

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

HOUSE MESSAGE ON HOUSE BILL H.R. 240

Pursuant to the order of Friday, February 27, 2015,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the message received from the House of Representatives announcing that it had disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and asking a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Friday, February 27, 2015, that the Senate insist on its amendment, agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and authorize the PRESIDING OFFICER to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate thereon.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to insist on the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 240, agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and authorize the PRESIDING OFFICER to appoint conferees:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, TOM COTTON, JOHN BARRASSO, BOB CORKER, SUSAN M. COLLINS, MICHAEL B. ENZI, JOHN HOEVEN, JOHN MCCAIN, LAMAR ALEXANDER, LINDSEY GRAHAM, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, DEB FISCHER, THAD COCHRAN, ORRIN HATCH, JONI K. ERNST, JOHN BOOZMAN.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on today, to bring to a close debate on the motion to insist on the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 240, agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and authorize the PRESIDING OFFICER to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate thereon.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

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

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 64 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN that the Senate lay the pending House message on bill H.R. 240 on the table.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

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

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 58, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 65 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey.

So the motion was agreed to.

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

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1, VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the message heretofore received from the President of the United States, returning to the Senate, in which it originated, with his objections thereto, the bill (S. 1) Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act.

The Senate proceeded, as the Constitution prescribes, to reconsider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill, upon reconsideration.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the veto message on bill S. 1, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the veto message on bill S. 1:

MITCH MCCONNELL, SUSAN COLLINS, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, JOHN CORNYN, DAVID VITTER, RICHARD BURR, THOM TILLIS, DAN COATS, MIKE ROUNDS, DEAN HELLER, DAVID A. PERDUE, BOB CORKER, MICHAEL S. LEE, JAMES LANKFORD, JEFF SESSIONS, LAMAR ALEXANDER, JOHNNY ISAKSON.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 27, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 33) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 27, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 33. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of February 27, 2015, the enrolled bill was signed on that day, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO).

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 166. A bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 178. A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 617. A bill to ensure that owners of all motor vehicles in use on United States roadways are made aware of, and obtain repairs for, manufacturer-issued safety recalls in a timely manner; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 618. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 619. A bill to include among the principal trade negotiating objectives of the United States regarding commercial partnerships trade negotiating objectives with respect to discouraging activity that discourages, penalizes, or otherwise limits commercial relations with Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 620. A bill to clarify rules relating to nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as such programs relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 621. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention and control of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 622. A bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 93. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Russian opposition leader

Boris Nemtsov, and calling for a swift and transparent investigation into his tragic murder in Moscow on February 27, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 123

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 182

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 262, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 312

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 312, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school libraries, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to award grants to encourage State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement and college and career readiness, the skills of teachers and school leaders, and the efficiency and productivity of education systems at all levels.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] were added as cosponsors of S. 559, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. HATCH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

At the request of Mr. PAUL, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 5, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 601), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER and the PRESIDENT pro tempore of the Senate hereby jointly appoint the following individual to the Congressional Budget

Office for the term expiring January 3, 2019: Dr. Homer Keith Hall, Director.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702 and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. John A. Lawrence of Washington, DC.

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL RELATIVE TO THE SELMA VOTING RIGHTS MARCH OF 1965

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 431) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

ELECTION ASSISTANCE BOARD OF ADVISORS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to Public Law 107-252, Title II, Section 214, the minority leader had appointed Dr. Barbara Simons, of California, to serve as a member of the Election Assistance Board of Advisors.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the majority and the minority; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 10:30 a.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. CORNYN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:45 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:45 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the His Excellency, Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, into the Chamber of the House of Representatives on today for a joint meeting.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following messages from the President of the United States were transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO UKRAINE -- PM 8

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2015.

The actions and policies of persons that undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets, as well as the actions and policies of the Government of the Russian Federation, including its purported annexation of Crimea and its use of force in Ukraine, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 with respect to Ukraine.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 3, 2015.*

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES TO UNDERMINE ZIMBABWE'S DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OR INSTITUTIONS -- PM 9

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the

President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2015.

The threat constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions has not been resolved. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue this national emergency and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 3, 2015*.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 623. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 624. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 625. A bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 626. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 627. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 628. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 629. A bill to enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments under the Medicare program to hospitals for the costs of such programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 630. A bill to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 631. A bill to exempt National Forest System land in the State of Alaska from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 632. A bill to strengthen the position of the United States as the world's leading innovator by amending title 35, United States Code, to protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the country's economy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 633. A bill to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 634. A bill to prohibit the Federal Emergency Management Agency from recouping certain assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 635. A bill to amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to provide guidance and limitations regarding the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into United States airspace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 636. A bill to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 637. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 638. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LEE, Mr. COATS, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 639. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in any proposed rule that limits greenhouse gas emissions and imposes increased costs on other Federal agencies an offset from funds available to the Administrator for all projected increased costs that the proposed rule would impose on other Federal agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COATS, Mr. LEE, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 640. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. 641. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the employer wage credit for activated military reservists; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 642. A bill to aid human trafficking victims' recovery and rehabilitation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 643. A bill to amend titles I and II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen connections to early childhood education programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 644. A bill to resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 645. A bill to assist States in providing voluntary high-quality universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 646. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health screening before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 647. A bill to repeal title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 94. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 95. A resolution designating March 3, 2015, as "World Wildlife Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. NELSON, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Con. Res. 7. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 51

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 228

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 228, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 262, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 317

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to improve early education.

S. 332

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 440, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance

provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day.

S. 499

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 499, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. PAUL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 87

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 87, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism.

SENATE RESOLUTION 88

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 88, a resolution celebrating Black History Month.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 3, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., in the President's Room of The Capitol.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 3, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 3, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Federal Reserve Accountability and Reform."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 3, 2015, at 9 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the FY 2016 Budget Requests for the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Transportation."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 3, 2015, at 9 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Fairness in Taxation."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 3, 2015, at 4 p.m., to conduct a classified brief entitled "Update on the Campaign against ISIS."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND NATIONAL INTEREST

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 3, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: Ensuring Agency Priorities Comply with the Law."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 280. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 294. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to Executive Order No. 12131, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the President's Export Council: Mr. KILDEE of Michigan and Ms. DELBENE of Washington.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 280. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 294. To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Departmental medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AND SPEAKER
DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore of the Senate and the SPEAKER of the House of Representatives had appointed Dr. Homer Keith Hall, to be Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 10:30 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 625) to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 8

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER, pursuant to the provisions of the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 802, that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 53, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 66 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL RELATIVE TO A RULE BY THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 94) supporting the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month, submitted today by Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of joint resolution S.J. Res. 8; and that there be two hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, remaining for debate thereon.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mrs. MURRAY, or her designee.

After debate,

DESIGNATING "WORLD WILDLIFE DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 95) designating March 3, 2015, as "World Wildlife Day," submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:25 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

Mr. RAND PAUL, from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PAUL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 4, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RAND PAUL, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. PAUL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 625) to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. MCCONNELL, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL RELATIVE TO A RULE BY THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution,

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate on the joint resolution being concluded,

The joint resolution was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. JOHNSON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the joint resolution.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 53, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 67 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the joint resolution do pass.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF VETO MESSAGE ON BILL S. 1

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the veto message on bill S. 1; that the motion to bring to a close debate thereon be withdrawn; that the time until 2:20 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon; and that, at 2:20 p.m., the Senate vote on the passage of the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

RECONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1, VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the message heretofore received from the President of the United States, returning to the Senate, in which it originated, with his objections thereto, the bill (S. 1) Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act; and

The Senate resumed, as the Constitution prescribes, reconsideration of the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill, upon reconsideration.

After debate,

The hour of 2:20 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) stated the question to be: Shall the bill pass, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 62, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 68 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 37

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So, upon reconsideration, it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass, two-thirds of those voting not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to reconsider the vote by which the bill failed of passage, upon reconsideration.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE DESIGNATION OF FUNDING FOR OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS/GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM -- PM 10

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with language under the heading “Coast Guard, Operating Expenses” of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015 (the “Act”), I hereby designate for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 4, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-814. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cattle Fever Tick; Importation Requirements for Ruminants From Mexico" ((RIN0579-AD91)(Docket No. APHIS-2012-0073)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-815. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "9-Octadecenoic Acid (9Z)-, Sulfonated, Oxidized and its Potassium and Sodium Salts; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9922-29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-816. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metaldehyde; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9921-85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-817. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Report to Congress from the Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Advisory Committee"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-818. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, Amtrak’s fiscal year 2016 General and Legislative Annual Report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-819. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Establishing Transit Areas Through Walrus Protection Areas at Round Island and Cape Peirce, Northern Bristol Bay, Alaska; Amendment 107" (RIN0648-BE24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-820. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection System Maintenance Reliability Standard" (RIN1902-AE88), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-821. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-822. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule for Pentane, 1,1,1,2,3,3-hexafluoro-4-(1,1,2,3,3,3-hexafluoropropoxy)-" ((RIN2070)(FRL No. 9922-30)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-823. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Emissions Statement Requirement for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9923-94-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-824. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9924-16-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-825. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Mississippi: New Source Review - Prevention of Significance Deterioration" (FRL No. 9923-92-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-826. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Revisions for the Regulation and Permitting of Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9923-77-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-827. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of

Implementation Plans; Texas; Approval of Substitution for Transportation Control Measures" (FRL No. 9923-80-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-828. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia; Redesignation of the Rome, Georgia, 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment; Correction" (FRL No. 9923-89-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-829. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; State Boards Requirements; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, and 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9924-02-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-830. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9923-79-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-831. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Reading, Pennsylvania Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard, and 2007 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 9923-11-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-832. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 9923-68-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-833. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approval and Promulgation: Missouri; St. Louis Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 9923-66-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-834. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Round 2 of Section 48A Phase III Program under the Qualifying Advanced Coal Project Program" (Notice 2015-14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-835. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2015 Trade Policy Agenda and 2014 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-836. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's audit of the United States government's fiscal years 2014 and 2013 consolidated financial statements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-837. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Financial Report of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-838. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans; Supplemental Final Rule" (RIN3133-AE21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-839. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans" (RIN3133-AE04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-840. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Executive Order 13672 Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity by Contractors and Subcontractors" (RIN1250-AA07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-841. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Device Reporting: Electronic Submission Requirements; Correcting Amendments" ((RIN0910-AF86)(Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0393)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-842. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-068); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-843. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-131); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-844. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-150); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-845. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0018 - 2015-0025); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-846. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking (OSS-2015-0220); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-847. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Management and Administration and Designated Reporting Official, Office on National Drug

Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of National Drug Control Policy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-7. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan supporting scientifically-based state management of gray wolves and calling for legislative action by the U.S. Congress in an effort to remove the Western Great Lakes gray wolf population from the endangered and threatened species list; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, On December 19, 2014, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia returned the Western Great Lakes population of gray wolves to the federal endangered and threatened species list. This is the third time in the last decade that federal courts have disregarded the judgment of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service scientists and overturned a delisting of the gray wolf in the Great Lakes regions; and

Whereas, Based on objective scientific criteria, gray wolves have made a remarkable recovery from near extinction and are no and longer endangered in Michigan. Michigan's gray wolf population exceeds by more than three times the number or wolves biologists consider necessary to maintain a healthy population and has grown steadily for more than a decade. Michigan's wolf population has met all federal recovery goals for delisting, both in terms of the number of wolves and the stability of those numbers; and

Whereas, The extreme protection afforded gray wolves under the federal Endangered Species Act prevents sound management of this species in Michigan. Gray wolves increasingly endanger people and domestic animals as they encroach more and more on developed areas, and they also impact other wildlife. In 2014, deadly wolf attacks on livestock and dogs increased 75 percent in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As a result of the court's decision, Michigan's laws allowing citizens to protect their valuable livestock and dogs from wolves have been invalidated. The federal law was designed to bring back species from the brink of extinction, not manage the complicated interactions between people and an increasingly large and expanding predator population; and

Whereas, Michigan is well-prepared to manage gray wolves. The state of Michigan has developed a scientifically-based management plan that will continue to maintain a healthy gray wolf population while allowing for more flexibility when conflicts between people and wolves arise. This plan will allow the state to meets its obligations under sections 51 and 52 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 to protect the public health and natural resources in the interest of the general welfare of the people; and

Whereas, Michigan cannot properly manage the gray wolf population until gray wolves are removed from the federal endangered and threatened species list in the Great Lakes region. The federal courts' continued interference infringes on this state's rights under the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and the U.S. District Court's ruling must be overturned or the fundamental flaws in the federal Endangered Species Act corrected so that science and reason can prevail; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we support scientifically-based state management of gray wolves by the Michigan Natural Resources Commission and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and be it further

Resolved, That to achieve that end, we support federal legislation to lift federal protections on the Western Great Lakes gray wolf population so they are no longer considered endangered, and we call on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to appeal the recent federal court ruling that returned gray wolves in the Great Lakes region to the federal endangered and threatened species list; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the director of the US. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, and the director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 648. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans with respect to certain categories or classes of drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 649. A bill to amend the eligibility requirements for funding under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 650. A bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 651. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 652. A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to provide for the more accurate and complete enumeration of members of the Armed Forces in any tabulation of total population by the Secretary of Commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 653. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 654. A bill to exempt certain class A CDL drivers from the requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement while operating a service vehicle with a fuel tank containing 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less of diesel fuel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 655. A bill to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to make a final determination on the listing of the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 656. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 657. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 658. A bill to reauthorize the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 659. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 660. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for married couples who are both employed and have young children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 661. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the dependent care tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 662. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to ensure fairness in the establishment of certain rates and fees under sections 114 and 115 of such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 663. A bill to repeal the violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 664. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a tax credit for foster families; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COONS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 665. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 666. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of medical evidence provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals in support of claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 667. A bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 668. A bill to require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure the accuracy of collected personal information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 669. A bill to provide for consideration of legislation to respond to a violation by Iran of an arrangement relating to its nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 670. A bill to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 671. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 672. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to support a reduction in school suspension and expulsions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SASSE:

S. 673. A bill to provide a transition plan for those individuals who may be affected by ObamaCare's unlawful implementation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 674. A bill to expand programs with respect to women's health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 96. A resolution condemning the murder of Boris Nemtsov, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 97. A resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. Res. 98. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative stamp honoring the 50th anniversary of the three civil rights marches from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama that took place over the course of several weeks in March 1965; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. COATS)):

S. Con. Res. 9. A concurrent resolution honoring the life and memory of Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 166

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to amend the definition of "homeless person" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth, and for other purposes.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 262, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 322

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.

S. 332

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 511

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled accordingly.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 552

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 552, a bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 568, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness, and for other purposes.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to prohibit baiting exemptions on certain land.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 638, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, and for other purposes.

S. 639

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 639, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in any proposed rule that limits greenhouse gas emissions and imposes increased costs on other Federal agencies an offset from funds available to the Administrator for all projected increased costs that the proposed rule would impose on other Federal agencies.

S. 640

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 640, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 7, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders.

SENATE RESOLUTION 93

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 93, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, and calling for a swift and transparent investigation into his tragic murder in Moscow on February 27, 2015.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. JOHNSON,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, a subcommittee hearing entitled "Surface Transportation Reauthorization-Oversight and Reform of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: The President's FY 2016 Budget Request for the Environmental Protection Agency."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Whistleblower Retaliation at the FBI: Improving Protections and Oversight."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on the Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION

The Committee on the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 4, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Russian Aggression in Eastern Europe: Where does Putin Go Next after Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 4, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 4, 2015, at 3:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House recedes from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the aforementioned bill.

The message also announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. DELANEY of Maryland, Ms. ADAMS of North Carolina, and Mr. BEYER of Virginia.

At 12:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 240. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

H.R. 431. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 625

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to move to proceed to consider bill S. 625.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 625) to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 625:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, DAN COATS, MIKE CRAPO, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, THOM TILLIS, ROGER F. WICKER, DAVID VITTER, JERRY MORAN, DEB FISCHER, JOHNNY ISAKSON, LAMAR ALEXANDER, RICHARD BURR, ORRIN HATCH, THAD COCHRAN, STEVE DAINES, JOHN THUNE.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to bring to a close debate one hour after the Senate convenes on Tuesday, March 10, 2015; and that the quorum under the rule be waived.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, to be a Member of Farm Credit Administration Board, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be a Member of Farm Credit Administration Board; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nominations, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order relative to the nominations; and that, upon disposition of the Tonsager nomination, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and the Senate then resume its legislative session.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 98) supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. MARKEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015, FOR PRO FORMA SESSION, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30:06 a.m., and

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, March 4, 2015,

At 9:30:18 a.m.,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Wednesday, March 4, 2015, until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

Mr. TOM COTTON, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COTTON led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 9, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM COTTON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COTTON took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 4, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 4, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 625 WITHDRAWN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 625) to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes, be withdrawn.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 4, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-848. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-849. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arizona; Regional Haze State and Federal Implementation Plans; Reconsideration" (FRL No. 9923-88-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-850. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Transportation Conformity" (FRL No. 9924-17-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-851. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Off-Site Waste and Recovery Operations" (FRL No. 9923-26-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-852. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, fourteen (14) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of State, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-853. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT 14-4215); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-854. A communication from the Report to the Nation Delegation Director, Boy Scouts of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's 2014 annual report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-855. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ATF 2014 PACT Act Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 675. A bill to provide for the sealing or expungement of records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 676. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. COONS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 677. A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 678. A bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 679. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to Medicare data; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 680. A bill for the relief of Maha Dakar; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 681. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 134

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 134, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.8 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 307

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 307, a bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and implementation of guidelines on best practices for diagnosis, treatment, and management of mild traumatic brain injuries (MTBIs) in school-aged children, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 396

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 396, a bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 409, a bill to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 568, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 591

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 591, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, supra.

S. 674

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to expand programs with respect to women's health.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 749. An act to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1213. An act to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER of Maryland.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 749. An act to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1213) to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 178

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, following morning business on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 4, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 4, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to Public Law 93-642, had appointed Mrs. MCCASKILL to be a member of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the majority leader had reappointed Deborah Skaggs Speth, of Kentucky, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 178, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. BROWN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:04 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Adam Briddell, Associate Pastor, of Asbury United Methodist Church, in the District of Columbia offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-856. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to previously closed positions in the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-857. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Security Education Program for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-858. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Capital Stock and Capital Plans" (RIN2590-AA71), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-859. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-860. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and

extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-861. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material From the Pre-Hispanic Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador" (RIN1515-AE01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-862. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Development Loan Servicing" (RIN0570-AA88), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-863. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual Implementation Report on Energy Conservation Standards Activities of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-864. A communication from the Supervisory Attorney Advisor, Office of Violence Against Women, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants To Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders" (RIN1105-AB43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-865. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Lansing, Michigan)" ((MB Docket No. 15-2)(DA 15-210)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-866. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XD437), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-867. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Cod Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD715), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-868. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Fountaingrove District Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-869. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Sections 101, 103 and 105 of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014" (MB Docket No. 15-37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-870. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2016" ((RIN0938-AS19)(CMS-9944-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-871. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of the Multi-State Plan Program for the Affordable Insurance Exchanges" (RIN3206-AN12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-872. A communication from the General Counsel, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, General Services Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-873. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certified Business Enterprise Expenditures of Public-Private Development Construction Projects for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-874. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-593, "Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-875. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-594, "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-876. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-595, "Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-877. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-597, "Sonia Gutierrez Campus Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-878. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-598, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 1412, S.O. 13-10159, Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-879. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-599, "Urban Farming and Food Security Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-880. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-600, "Notice Requirements for Historic Properties Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-881. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-601, "U Street/14th Street, N.W., and Georgia Avenue Great Streets Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-882. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-602, "Workforce

Investment Implementation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-883. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-603, "Public Space Maintenance Contracting Authorization Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-884. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-604, "Federal Health Reform Implementation and Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-885. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-605, "Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-886. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-606, "Executive Service Compensation System Changes and Pay Schedule Approval Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-887. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-607, "Office of Motion Picture and Television Development Establishment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-888. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-608, "Adoption Fee Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-889. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-609, "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-890. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-610, "Prohibition of Pre-Employment Marijuana Testing Temporary Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-891. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-611, "Parkside Parcel E and J Mixed-Income Apartments Tax Abatement Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-892. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-615, "New Columbia Statehood Initiative Omnibus Boards and Commissions Reform Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-893. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-618, "Clinical Laboratory Practitioners Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-894. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-619, "Civil Asset Forfeiture Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-895. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-620, "Primary Date Alteration Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-896. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-621, "License to Carry a Pistol Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-897. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-622, "Nuisance Abatement Notice Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-898. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-623, "Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-899. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-624, "UDC Fundraising Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-900. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-625, "Classroom Animal for Education Purposes Clarification Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-901. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-626, "Apprenticeship Modernization Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-902. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-627, "Fiscal Year 2015 Revised Budget Request Temporary Adjustment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-903. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-628, "Lots 36, 41, and 802 in Square 3942 and Parcels 0143/107 and 0143/110 Eminent Domain Authorization Temporary Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-904. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-630, "Ticket Sale Regulation Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 682. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 683. A bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 684. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 685. A bill to prescribe safety standards for autocycles and related equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 686. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a limitation on certain aliens from claiming the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 687. A bill to authorize the establishment of American Dream Accounts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 688. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the Medicare hospital readmission reduction program to respond to patient disparities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 689. A bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 690. A bill to support local decisionmaking functions of local educational agencies by limiting the authority of the Secretary of Education to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions, and guidance materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 691. A bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 692. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 693. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 694. A bill to exempt certain 16- and 17-year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 695. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 696. A bill to increase the number and percentage of students who graduate from high school college and career ready with the ability to use knowledge to solve complex problems, think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate with others, and develop academic mindsets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 697. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. REED, Mr. CORKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. KING):

S. 698. A bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 699. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 700. A bill to amend the Asbestos Information Act of 1988 to establish a public database of asbestos-containing products, to require public disclosure of information pertaining to the manufacture, processing, distribution, and use of asbestos-containing products in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 701. A bill for the relief of Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton of Owyhee County, Idaho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 99. A resolution calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill its promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's History; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.

S. 178

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, supra.

S. 197

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 197, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to

States to improve delivery of high-quality assessments, and for other purposes.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 262, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 405

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 405, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 440, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 546

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] were added as cosponsors of S. 559, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

S. 591

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 591, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Complexity, Compliance, and Administration: The Merits of Simplification in Tax Reform."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "U.S. Policy in Ukraine: Countering Russia and Driving Reform."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Continuing America's Leadership in Medical Innovation for Patients."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "How Much For A Song?: The Antitrust Decrees that Govern the Market for Music."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Venture Exchange and Small Cap Companies."

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:37 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 178.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 270).

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous request.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 271).

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment, as modified.

Mr. LEAHY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment, as modified.

Mr. LEAHY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. KIRK asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose his amendment No. 273.

Mr. LEAHY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

AMENDING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, had notified the Senate of an amendment to the majority membership appointments made in the Senate on yesterday, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Deborah Skaggs, of Kentucky, and Thomas Mackey, of Kentucky.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE COURAGEOUS WORK AND LIFE OF BORIS NEMTSOV

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 93) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, and calling for a swift and transparent investigation into his tragic murder in Moscow on February 27, 2015.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that the minority control the first half therein and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 178.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-905. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biomass Crop Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AI27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-906. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Annual Materials Plan (AMP) for fiscal year 2016 and the succeeding 4 years, fiscal years 2017 - 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-907. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Transportation Statistics Annual Report 2013"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-908. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule revising the NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (RIN2700-AE01 and RIN2700-AE09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-909. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, and 15 of the Commission's Rules regarding Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment; Amendment of Part 68 regarding Approval of Terminal Equipment; Amendment of Part 68 regarding Approval of Terminal Equipment by Telecommunications Certification Bodies" ((ET Docket No. 13-44)(FCC 14-208)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-910. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements" ((FCC 15-9)(PS Docket No. 07-114)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-911. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Pumped Storage and Potential Hydropower from Conduits"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-912. A communication from the Chief of the Aquatic Invasive Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Injurious Wildlife Species; Listing Three Anaconda Species and One Python Species as Injurious Reptiles" (RIN1018-AV68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-913. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Oregon Chub From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BA28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-914. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reinstatement of Final Rules for the Gray Wolf in Wyoming and the Western Great Lakes in Compliance With Court Orders" (RIN1018-BA64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-915. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2015 Season" (RIN1018-BA48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-916. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding Five Species of Sawfish to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BA68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-917. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Safety Evaluation for Technical Report NEI 14-05, 'Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation in Lieu of Commercial Grade Surveys for Procurement of Laboratory Calibration and Test Services,' Revision 1" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-918. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Staff Guidance - Reviewing and Assessing the Financial Condition of Operating Power Reactor Licensees, Including Requests for Additional Information (OL/FR-ISG-2014-01)" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-919. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-094); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-920. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, five (5) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Justice, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-921. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-922. A joint communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) and the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence during fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-923. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-924. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation: Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-Owned Small Business Status Protests" (RIN2900-AN92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-925. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Russian Federation on Mutual Fisheries Relations; to the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 702. A bill to strengthen the prohibitions on insider trading, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 703. A bill to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 704. A bill to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 705. A bill to amend section 213 of title 23, United States Code, relating to the Transportation Alternatives Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 706. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 707. A bill to provide certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 708. A bill to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. KING):

S. 709. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 710. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 711. A bill to amend section 520J of the Public Service Health Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 712. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt certain flights from increased aviation security service fees; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 713. A bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 714. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly conduct a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of expanding the use by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 715. A bill to improve the provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans from the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 716. A bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. 717. A bill to designate certain non-Department mental health care providers who treat members of the Armed Forces and veterans as providers who have particular knowledge relating to the provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 718. A bill to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 719. A bill to rename the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Great Falls, Montana, the Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 720. A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 721. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 722. A bill to extend the date after which interest earned on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund may be available for apportionment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 53

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 53, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 358

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the

Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 665, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of S. 667, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 674

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to expand programs with respect to women's health.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

S. 686

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a limitation on certain aliens from claiming the earned income tax credit.

S. 698

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 698, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRASSLEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Three Years Later: Are We Any Closer to a Nationwide Public Safety Wireless Broadband Network."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "State Regulators' Perspectives on the Clean Power Plan."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The President's Request for Authorization to Use Force against ISIS: Military and Diplomatic Efforts."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 11, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 271, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. TOOMEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 285).

Mr. BROWN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 284).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRASSLEY,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. on today.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order, as modified,

At 4:01 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TOOMEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 5 p.m.

AT 5 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill S. 178.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284 to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 1:30 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the

National Transportation Safety Board, and Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nominations, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 178.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COATS, and Mr. COONS):

S. 723. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 724. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 725. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COATS:

S. 726. A bill to establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 727. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 728. A bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 729. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 730. A bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 731. A bill to enhance Social Security benefits and ensure the long-term solvency of the Social Security program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 732. A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 733. A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 734. A bill to provide for the equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 735. A bill to require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include requirements with respect to paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 736. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information

provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 737. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services; to the Committee on Finance

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 738. A bill to reduce the risks associated with genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Res. 100. A resolution to provide sufficient time for legislation to be read; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. Res. 101. A resolution relating to proceedings of the Senate in the event of a partial or full shutdown of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 23

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 23, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the definition of "widow" and "widower", and for other purposes.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 163

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 163, a bill to establish a grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.8 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. DAINES, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 301, supra.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 370

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 467

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 568, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 570

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 570, a bill to improve access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 628

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas.

S. 636

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 636, a bill to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 665, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert

plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "Examining the President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting Taxpayers from Schemes and Scams During the 2015 Tax Filing Season."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Visa Waiver Program: Implications for U.S. National Security."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Bridging the Gap: How Prepared are Americans for Retirement."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1213. An act to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284, proposed by Mr. VITTER, to amendment No. 271, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote, during which the following occurred).

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 178

Mr. MCCONNELL, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 178, it be in order for Mr. LEAHY, or his designee, to propose an amendment to strike the limitations language; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the managers, or their designees, thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment; and that, following disposition thereof, the managers, or their designees, be permitted to propose amendments in alternating fashion.

Mr. REID objected.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 178.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284 to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 178:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ROGER WICKER, JAMES LANKFORD, DEB FISCHER, TOM COTTON, RON JOHNSON, RICHARD BURR, DAN COATS, ROY BLUNT, CHUCK GRASSLEY, TIM SCOTT, PAT ROBERTS, WM CASSIDY, JERRY MORAN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 178:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ROGER WICKER, JAMES LANKFORD, DEB FISCHER, TOM COTTON, RON JOHNSON, RICHARD BURR, DAN COATS, ROY BLUNT, CHUCK GRASSLEY, TIM

SCOTT, PAT ROBERTS, WM CASSIDY, JERRY MORAN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that Senators be permitted to "file" first-degree amendments to bill S. 178 until 5 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that, following disposition thereof, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GEORGIA JONES-AYERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 85) honoring the life and legacy of Georgia Jones-Ayers.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 7) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 178.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 12, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 12, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 12, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-926. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-927. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Strategic and Critical Materials 2015 Report on Stockpile Requirements"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-928. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-929. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-930. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorization in the People's Republic of China: Samsung China Semiconductor Co. Ltd." (RIN0694-AG50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-931. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 on March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-932. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-933. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Pipeline, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Miscellaneous Changes to Pipeline Safety Regulations" (RIN2137-AE59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-934. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Adjustments to 2015 Annual Catch Limits" (RIN0648-XD536), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-935. A communication from the Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992" (MB Docket No. 05-311), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-936. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Child Support Program for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-937. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, eight (8) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-938. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Office of Refugee Resettlement: Annual Report to Congress, FY 2013"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-939. A communication from the General Counsel, Institute of Museum and Library Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-940. A communication from the Chair, Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that includes recommendations for improving federally and privately funded Alzheimer's programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 739. A bill to modify the treatment of agreements entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 740. A bill to improve the coordination and use of geospatial data; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. REID):

S. 741. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase the resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 742. A bill to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 743. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COATS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 744. A bill to rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use the funds to reduce the Federal debt; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 745. A bill to provide debt and tax transparency to taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. REED, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 746. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 747. A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. SASSE (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 748. A bill to prohibit the issuance of social security numbers to individuals given deferred action under the President's immigration executive actions; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 148

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety

bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify safe harbor requirements applicable to automatic contribution arrangements, and for other purposes.

S. 288

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 379

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 379, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers.

S. 402

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 477

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 477, a bill to terminate Operation Choke Point.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 492, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 605

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 605, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to invest in innovation for education.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 688

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the Medicare hospital readmission reduction program to respond to patient disparities, and for other purposes.

S. 698

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 698, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 711

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Service Health Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 712

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 712, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt certain flights from increased aviation security service fees.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 716

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 716, a bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR.

S. 729

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 729, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 736, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRASSLEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 16, 2015, at 4 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Federal Improper Payments and the Death Master File."

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 12, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284, proposed by Mr. VITTER, to amendment No. 271, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 12, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 12, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) announced that the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, had appointed Mr. RUBIO to serve as co-chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

CANADA-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, upon recommendation of the minority leader, and pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, had appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group for the 114th Congress: Ms. KLOBUCHAR.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

MEXICO-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, upon recommendation of the minority leader, and pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, had appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group for the 114th Congress: Mr. KAINE.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BRITISH-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, upon recommendation of the minority leader, and pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276l, had appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-U.S. Interparliamentary Group for the 114th Congress: Mr. LEAHY.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

U.S.-CHINA INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, had appointed Ms. HIRONO as Vice Chairman of the U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 114th Congress.

AUTHORITY TO FILE SECOND DEGREE AMENDMENTS TO BILL S. 178

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That Senators be permitted to "file" second-degree amendments to bill S. 178 until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 178; and that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. COTTON, for 45 minutes, and Mr. BROWN, for 15 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:55 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. PERDUE), to amendment No. 271, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, March 12, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to pending bill S. 178.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 12, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 55, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 72 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, March 12, 2015, to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 178.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 12, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 55, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 73 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284 to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the Senate stand in recess, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:04 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 178.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284 to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 178:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, TOM COTTON, JAMES LANKFORD, DAVID VITTER, RICHARD BURR, C. GRASSLEY, JONI ERNST, PAT ROBERTS, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, JAMES E. RISCH, DAN COATS, JIM INHOFE, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, MARK KIRK, CORY GARDNER, THOM TILLIS.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284 to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 178:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, TOM COTTON, JAMES LANKFORD, DAVID VITTER, RICHARD BURR, C. GRASSLEY, JONI ERNST, PAT ROBERTS, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, JAMES E. RISCH, DAN COATS, JIM INHOFE, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, MARK KIRK, CORY GARDNER, THOM TILLIS.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284 to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COATS, from the Joint Economic Committee:

Special Report entitled "2015 Economic Report of the President" (Rept. No. 114-5).

By Mr. BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 754. An original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 749. A bill to require dynamic scoring of major legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 750. A bill to achieve border security on certain Federal lands along the Southern border; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 751. A bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CORKER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HELLER, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 752. A bill to establish a scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. COONS):

S. 753. A bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 754. An original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 755. A bill to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 756. A bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 757. A bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 758. A bill to establish an Interagency Trade Enforcement Center in the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 759. A bill to establish procedures for the expedited consideration by Congress of the recommendations set forth in the Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings report prepared by the Office of Management and Budget; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 760. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 761. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 762. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish an innovation in surface transportation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 763. A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 764. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 765. A bill to appropriately determine the budgetary effects of energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 766. A bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 767. A bill to eliminate the payroll tax for individuals who have attained retirement age, to amend title II of the of Social Security Act to remove the limitation upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits under such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 102. A resolution requiring authorizing committees to hold annual hearings on Government Accountability Office investigative reports on the identification, consolidation, and elimination of duplicative Government programs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Con. Res. 10. A concurrent resolution supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the "International Year of Soils" and supporting locally led soil conservation; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 15, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, and for other purposes.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 332

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 418, a bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 430

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 483

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 483, a bill to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to sunset the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force after three years.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to prohibit the Federal Emergency Management Agency from recouping certain assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 674

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to expand programs with respect to women's health.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "TSA Oversight and Examination of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Building a Competitive U.S. International Tax System."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "America's Health IT Transformation: Translating the Promise of Electronic Health Records Into Better Care."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing the Southwest Border: Perspectives from Beyond the Beltway."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Immigration Reforms Needed to Protect Skilled American Workers."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND WATER

The Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Deepening Political and Economic Crisis in Venezuela: Implications for U.S. Interests and the Western Hemisphere."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 284. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 639. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.

H.R. 647. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 648. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 876. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. Romero Brown of Acworth, Georgia.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1011c, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for a term of six years: Upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Dr. George T. French of Fairfield, Alabama, Dr. Kathleen Sullivan Alioto of New York, New York, and Mr. Ralph A. Wolff of Oakland, California.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 284. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 639. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 647. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 648. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 876. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 178.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

At 6:33 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-941. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9923-59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-942. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9921-01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-943. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-944. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Additions in Minnesota, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2014-0023), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland

Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a consolidated budget justification display that includes all programs and activities of the Department of Defense combating terrorism program (OSS-2015-0286); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-946. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General James L. Huggins, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-947. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report describing activities under the Secretary of Defense personnel management demonstration project authorities for Department of Defense Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratories (STRLs) for calendar year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-948. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of nine (9) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-949. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-950. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-951. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to South Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-952. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Section 8 Rental Assistance Certificate Program Regulations" (RIN2577-AC93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-953. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to discretionary appropriations legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-954. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of all extensions granted by Congress regarding the requirements of Section 13 of the Federal Power Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-955. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Low Emission Vehicle Program" (FRL No. 9915-05-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-956. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9923-07-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-957. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Steam Generating Units" (FRL No. 9923-98-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-958. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits; Correction" (FRL No. 9922-62-OECA), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-959. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Region 4 States; 2008 Lead, 2008 Ozone and 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide Prevention of Significant Deterioration Infrastructure Plans" (FRL No. 9924-47-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-960. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Minor NSR for Title V and FESOP Sources" (FRL No. 9924-22-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-961. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Amendments to Gasoline Vapor Recovery Requirements for Illinois" (FRL No. 9922-71-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-962. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces" (FRL No. 9920-50-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-963. A communication from the Chief Counsel for Administrative Law, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy United States Trade Representative, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-964. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting for Premium; Basis Reporting by Securities Brokers and Basis Determination for Debt Instruments and Options" ((RIN1545-BL46 and RIN1545-BM60)(TD 9713)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-965. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Empowerment Zone Designation Extension" (Notice 2015-26), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-966. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beginning of Construction for Sections 45 and 48" (Notice 2015-25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-967. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 2015-21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-968. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Calendar Year Resident Population Figures" (Notice 2015-23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-969. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice Under Section 529A" (Notice 2015-18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-970. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safe Harbor Method for Determining a Wagering Gain or Loss from Slot Machine Play" (Notice 2015-21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-971. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees and Change of Address for Submission of Applications for Approval of Section 403(b) Pre-approved Plans" (Rev. Proc. 2015-22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-972. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Insurance Providers Fee" ((RIN1545-BM52)(TD 9711)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-973. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative Simplified Credit Election" ((RIN1545-BL78)(TD 9712)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-974. A communication from the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-975. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0274); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-976. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0275); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-977. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period October 1, 2014, through November 30, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-978. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the waiver of the restrictions contained in Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act of 1992; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-979. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-143); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-980. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0026 - 2015-0028); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-981. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for the Handling of Retaliation Complaints Under Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as Amended" (RIN1218-AC53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-982. A communication from the Director of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act: Transmission of Documents and Information" (RIN1240-AA09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-983. A communication from the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chairperson, National Endowment for Humanities, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-984. A communication from the Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Official Symbol, Logo and Seal" (45 CFR Part 18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-985. A communication from the Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 FAIR Act Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-986. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Examination of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Receiving Local District Funds to Provide Homeless Services in fiscal year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-987. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Executive Summary of the 2014 Annual Report of the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts" and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Office's 2014 Annual Report of the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 792. An original bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KING, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KIRK, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 768. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 769. A bill to streamline the permit process for rail and transit infrastructure; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 770. A bill to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 771. A bill to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs by directing the National Institute of Standards and Technology, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies including the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and National Science Foundation, to designate United States manufacturing universities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 772. A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 773. A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DAINES, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 774. A bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 775. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 776. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 777. A bill to permit employees to request, and to ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 778. A bill to prohibit the provision of certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 779. A bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 780. A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 781. A bill to improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 782. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 783. A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 784. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 785. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 786. A bill to provide paid and family medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 787. A bill to streamline the collection and distribution of government information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 788. A bill to require the termination of any employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 789. A bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues related to recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 790. A bill to provide for the establishment of free market enterprise zones in order to help facilitate the creation of new jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities, enhanced and renewed educational opportunities, and increase community involvement in bankrupt or economically distressed areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 791. A bill to free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 792. An original bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 793. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 794. A bill to extend whistleblower protections for defense contractor employees to employees of contractors of the elements of the intelligence community; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 795. A bill to enhance whistleblower protection for contractor and grantee employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S.J. Res. 11. A joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 103. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Social Work Month and World Social Work Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 104. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the success of Operation Streamline and the importance of prosecuting first time illegal border crossers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 308, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 319

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 319, a bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali.

S. 396

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 396, a bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 565

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 565, a bill to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 616

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 616, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and

retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 677

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 686

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a limitation on certain aliens from claiming the earned income tax credit.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 751, a bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes.

S. 753

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 753, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 87

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 87, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ISAKSON,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 18, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Impact of Abusive Parent Litigation Practices on the American Economy."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1029. An act to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1191. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1029. An act to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. PERDUE), to amendment No. 271, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to proceed to consider the motion, entered by him on yesterday, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 178.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion

to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, March 12, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to pending bill S. 178.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 12, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 57, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 74 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

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Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So, upon reconsideration, the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284 to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 178; and that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 11 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RUBIO in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. PERDUE), to amendment No. 271, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to pending bill S. 178.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, March 17, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 56, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 75 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 178.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, March 17, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 56, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 76 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284 to amendment No. 271 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-988. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 Annual Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Assessments from the Secretaries of Defense and Energy, the three national security laboratory directors, and the Commander, United States Strategic Command (OSS-2015-0289); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-989. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA FAR Supplement, Contractor Whistleblower Protections" (RIN2700-AE08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-990. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual management report relative to its operations and financial condition for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-991. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-992. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission for the period from October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-993. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission for the period from January 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-994. A communication from the Chief, Administrative Law Division, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2015; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 796. A bill to incentivize State support for postsecondary education and to promote increased access and affordability for higher education for students, including Dreamer students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 797. A bill to amend the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 798. A bill to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 799. A bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HATCH, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 800. A bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COATS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HATCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 801. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 802. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 803. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide employees in the private sector with an opportunity for compensatory time off, similar to the opportunity offered to Federal employees, and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 804. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 805. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 806. A bill to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 807. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and reset the excise tax on beer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 808. A bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 809. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 810. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 811. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require States to develop policies on positive school climates and school discipline; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 812. A bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 813. A bill to provide the Secretary of Defense with authority to transfer funds in order to mitigate the effects on the Department of Defense of a sequestration of funds available to the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 814. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 815. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 816. A bill to amend the Coquille Restoration Act to clarify certain provisions relating to the management of the Coquille Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 817. A bill to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 818. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 819. A bill to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 820. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and make the credit fully refundable; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 821. A bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 822. A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 823. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the "Officer Daryl R. Pierson Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 824. A bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 825. A bill to terminate the authority to waive certain provisions of law requiring the imposition of sanctions with respect to Iran, to codify certain sanctions imposed by Executive order, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 826. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to sunset rules after 10 years unless agencies undergo notice and comment rulemaking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 827. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 828. A bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 105. A resolution recognizing the 194th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 106. A resolution designating March 22, 2015, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 148

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] were added as cosponsors of S. 148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments under the Medicare program to hospitals for the costs of such programs.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 688

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the Medicare hospital readmission reduction program to respond to patient disparities, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709,

a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements.

S. 737

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings.

S. 793

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 793, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUNT,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Regulatory Regime for Regional Banks."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "Examining the Evolving Cyber Insurance Marketplace."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Affordable Care Act at Five Years."

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Patent Reform: Protecting Innovation and Entrepreneurship."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The U.S.-Africa Leader's Summit Seven Months Later: Progress and Setbacks."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, AGENCY ACTION, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights, and Federal Courts, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 3:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reining in Amnesty: Texas v. United States and Its Implications."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Federal Rulemaking Challenges and Areas of Improvement Within the Existing Regulatory Process."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1030. An act to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1030. An act to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1191. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 106) designating March 22, 2015, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day," submitted today by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the Committee on the Budget be authorized to report a concurrent resolution on tomorrow, from 12 noon until 2 p.m.; and that, on Monday, March 23, 2015, it be in order to consider said concurrent resolution.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on Monday, March 23, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on Monday, March 23, 2015.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 19, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 19, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 11

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRASSLEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That, during the consideration of the pending concurrent resolution, it be in order for majority and minority managers thereof, while seated or standing at the manager's desk, to deliver full remarks, retrieve, review, and edit documents, and to send email and other data communications from texts displayed on wireless, personal digital assistant devices, and tablet devices.

Ordered further, That the use of calculators be permitted on the Senate floor during the consideration of the pending concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the time until 1 p.m. be equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two managers, or their designees, on the pending concurrent resolution; that the time from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. be controlled by the majority; that the time from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. be controlled by the minority; that the two hours thereafter be controlled in like alternating fashion; and that the time from 5 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5:30 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner to a term expiring June 30, 2018; that the Senate then vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate resumed consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) to amend the pending concurrent resolution, on various pages and lines, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 323).

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate resumed consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 323 to the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRAHAM,

Ordered, That when the Senate resumes consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 on tomorrow, there be 38 hours remaining for debate thereon.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRAHAM,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 20, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the President of the United States:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLAN -- PM 11

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to my constitutional authority and as contemplated by section 446 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act as amended in 1989, I am transmitting the District of Columbia's fiscal year (FY) 2015 Budget and Financial Plan. This transmittal does not represent an endorsement of the contents of the D.C. government's requests.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget and Financial Plan reflects the major programmatic objectives of the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia. For FY 2015, the District estimates total revenues and expenditures of $12.6 billion.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 20, 2015*.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 829. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to refine how Medicare pays for orthotics and prosthetics and to improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 830. A bill to increase the maximum percentage of funds available to the Department of Energy for laboratory directed research and development; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 831. A bill to reduce the number of nuclear-armed submarines operated by the Navy, to prohibit the development of a new long-range penetrating bomber aircraft, to prohibit the procurement of new intercontinental ballistic missiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 832. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the provision of behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces based on need, to expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 833. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations were made for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 834. A bill to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 835. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 836. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 837. A bill to modify the criteria used by the Corps of Engineers to dredge small ports; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 838. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 839. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the rural add-on payment in the Medicare home health benefit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 840. A bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 841. A bill to expand eligibility for health care under the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include certain veterans seeking mental health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 107. A resolution recognizing the 70th anniversary of White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico and commemorating the unique place in history, and national security importance, of the range; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. UDALL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 150

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 301

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 301, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 332

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 477

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 477, a bill to terminate Operation Choke Point.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 568, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, supra.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 655

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 655, a bill to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to make a final determination on the listing of the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

S. 679

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to Medicare data.

S. 725

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 725, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 780

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 780, a bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

S. 793

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 796

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to incentivize State support for postsecondary education and to promote increased access and affordability for higher education for students, including Dreamer students.

S. 802

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 802, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 806

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 806, a bill to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the

Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 824

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) announced that the majority and minority leaders of the Senate, and the SPEAKER and minority leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, as amended by Public Laws 108-349 and 114-6, had jointly reappointed the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Alan V. Friedman, of California, Susan S. Robfogel, of New York, Barbara Childs Wallace, of Mississippi.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.; and that the time during the recess be counted against time for debate, pursuant to section 305(b)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. INHOFE.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 323, proposed by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. WYDEN), to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 323, as modified, to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BENNET) to amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 349).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) to amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 386).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the managers, or their designees; that, at 12 noon, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 323, as modified, amendment No. 386, amendment No. 349; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to votes; and that, upon disposition of the amendments, the Senate recess, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Ordered further, That the minority control the time from 2:15 until 3 p.m. on today; and that the majority control the time from 3 until 3:45 p.m. on today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 386 to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the two votes following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 386 to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

The hour of 12 noon having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 323, as modified, to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 78 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 386 to the concurrent resolution.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 94, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 79 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Flake, Lee, Sessions.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 349 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 96, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 80 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 1:15 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate resumed consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. UDALL) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 362).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 409).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 357, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE for Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title IV, subtitle A, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 471).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the time until 4:40 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the managers, or their designees; that, at 4:40 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the following amendments, in the following order: an amendment (Numbered 474) intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS, an amendment (Numbered 400), intended to be proposed by Ms. AYOTTE, amendment No. 409, amendment No. 362, an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. HATCH, amendment No. 471, and amendment No. 357; and that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to the votes.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the managers, or their designees, prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 471 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. AYOTTE to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 400).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COTTON to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 481).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. HATCH) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 498).

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title III, at the end thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 474).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 400 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 409 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 81 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 362 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 82 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 498 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 75, nays... 24

[Rollcall Vote No. 83 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 24

Baldwin, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Casey, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 471 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all applicable sections thereto, to waive provisions of the Act and law, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 84 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 357 (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 1, nays... 98

[Rollcall Vote No. 85 Leg.]

YEAS --- 1

Carper.

NAYS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 481 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. KIRK) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 545).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting other words (being amendment No. 412).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. COTTON) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums (being amendment No. 423).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. RUBIO,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 423, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DAINES to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 388).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DAINES to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 389).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. CAPITO,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-995. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic Acid, Polymer with Ethenyl Acetate, Ethenylbenzene, 2-ethylhexyl 2-propenoate and ethyl 2-propenoate; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9923-63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-996. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium L-lactate and Sodium DL-Lactate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9924-24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-997. A communication from the Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's biennial strategic plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-998. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department of Defense 2015 Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Annual Reports (MARs) and an index of the 39 MARs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-999. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Trust Fund" (RIN2590-AA73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1000. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 15-28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1001. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Significant New Uses of Metal Salts of Complex Inorganic Oxyacids" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9924-09)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1002. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California; Regional Haze Progress Report" (FRL No. 9924-64-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19,

2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1003. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Mississippi Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9924-99-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1004. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Reporting Emission Data, Emission Fees and Process Information" (FRL No. 9924-44-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1005. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Preconstruction Requirements -- Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 9924-57-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1006. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Laboratory Investigations of Soils and Rocks for Engineering Analysis and Design of Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.138, Revision 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1007. A joint communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1008. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 report of the Department of Health and Human Services' Federal Coordinated Health Care Office; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1009. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Submission of Evidence in Disability Claims" (RIN0960-AH53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1010. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-153); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1011. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-151); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1012. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of Certain Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AN10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1013. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Hague Agreement Concerning International Registration of Industrial Designs" (RIN0651-AC87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1014. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to the Conference's Article III judgeship recommendations and corresponding draft legislation for the 114th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1015. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to bankruptcy judgeship recommendations and corresponding draft legislation for the 114th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1016. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Regulation Listing Substances Temporarily Controlled under Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act" (Docket No. DEA-406), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 842. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to extend Interstate Route 11; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 843. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 844. A bill to repeal the medical device excise tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 845. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 846. A bill to require Federal agencies to review certain rules and regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 847. A bill to prohibit the intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs controls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 848. A bill to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 849. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 850. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 851. A bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 852. A bill to provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable with respect to any claim related to a tort arising out of rape; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 853. A bill to improve the efficiency and reliability of rail transportation by reforming the Surface Transportation Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 854. A bill to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 855. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 856. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require criminal background checks for school employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. REED):

S. Res. 108. A resolution commemorating the discovery of the polio vaccine and supporting efforts to eradicate the disease; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 109. A resolution acknowledging and honoring brave young men from Hawaii who enabled the United States to establish and maintain jurisdiction in remote equatorial islands as prolonged conflict in the Pacific led to World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 110. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate about a strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 71

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 182

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 194

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 194, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to clarify the rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from the disposition of farm assets under chapter 12 bankruptcies.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 483

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 483, a bill to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 614

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. HELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 646

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health screening before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 665, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to exempt certain 16- and 17-year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws.

S. 698

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 698, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 720, a bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 753

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 753, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 802

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 802, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 808

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 808, a bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require States to develop policies on positive school climates and school discipline.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 828, a bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Waters of the United States: Stakeholder Perspectives on the Impacts of EPA's Proposed Rule."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Regulatory Regime for Regional Banks."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Performance, not Prescription."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Key Considerations Regarding Safety, Innovation, Economic Impact, and Privacy."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Continuing America's Leadership: Advancing Research and Development for Patients."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing the Border: Assessing the Impact of Transnational Crime."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on Executive Nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on March 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Veterans Choice Act—Exploring the Distance Criteria."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Capital Formation and Reducing Small Business Burdens."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 233. An act to allow reviews of certain families' incomes every 3 years for purposes of determining eligibility for certain Federal assisted housing programs.

H.R. 360. An act to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 301 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1381), as amended by Public Law 114-6, the SPEAKER and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate jointly reappoint the following individuals on March 23, 2015, each to a 2-year term on the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Mr. Alan V. Friedman of Los Angeles, California, Ms. Susan S. Robfogel of Rochester, New York, and Ms. Barbara Childs Wallace of Ridgefield, Mississippi.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 233. An act to allow reviews of certain families' incomes every 3 years for purposes of determining eligibility for certain Federal assisted housing programs; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 360. An act to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

BOYS TOWN CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. CAPITO,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 301) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING ATTACKS CARRIED OUT ON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN MARIUPOL, UKRAINE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. CAPITO,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 72) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the January 24, 2015, attacks carried out by Russian-backed rebels on the civilian population in Mariupol, Ukraine, and the provision of lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mrs. CAPITO (for Mr. LEE) to amend the pending resolution, on page 4, lines 6 through 8, by striking certain words, and inserting others (being amendment No. 598).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mrs. CAPITO (for Mr. LEAHY), so as to read: "A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the January 24, 2015, attacks carried out by Russian-backed rebels on the civilian population in Mariupol, Ukraine, and the provision of defensive lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine."

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ABOUT A STRATEGY FOR THE INTERNET OF THINGS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT

On the request of Mrs. CAPITO,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 110) expressing the sense of the Senate about a strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, submitted today by Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. BOOKER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. SCHATZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. CAPITO,

Ordered, That the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, into the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 11 a.m. on tomorrow for a joint meeting.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. CAPITO,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11; that there be 18 hours of statutory time for debate remaining; and that the time until 10:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate recess subject to the

call of the chair for a Joint Meeting of Congress; and that time during said recess count against the statutory time for debate on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. CAPITO,

At 7:51 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PAUL in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 389, proposed by Mr. DAINES, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COATS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. SASSE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 347).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. AYOTTE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 622).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED for Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MERKLEY) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 652).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ISAKSON,

Ordered, That, following the recess, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, when the Senate resumes consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11, the time until 12:15 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees; that, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the following pending amendments in the following order: Amendment No. 622, and amendment No. 652; that no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes thereon; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two managers, or their designees, prior to each vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 652 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 10:33 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 12:12 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate resumed consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 652 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the votes on amendments Numbered 622 and 652, ordered to occur at 12:15 p.m. on today, as pursuant to the order of today, instead occur at 12:30 p.m. on today; that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that all other provisions of the order of today remain in effect.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 652 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The hour of 12:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 622 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 652 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. THUNE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 86 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley,

Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 347 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW for Mr. BENNET (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. UDALL) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title IV, subtitle A, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 601).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 755).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. THUNE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 350).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 777).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. VITTER) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 356).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. HATCH to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 796).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. THUNE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 352).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 462).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 515).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 811).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GARDNER to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 443).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That pending amendment No. 777 be modified; and that Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SCHATZ be added as cosponsors thereto.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 443 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. KING) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 801).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. WARNER) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 595).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COATS to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 368).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the time until 4:45 p.m. on today be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees; that, at 4:45 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the following pending amendments, in the following order: Amendment No. 755, amendment No. 347, amendment No. 777, as modified, amendment No. 350, amendment No. 796, amendment No. 601, amendment No. 801, and amendment No. 481; that no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes thereon; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two managers, or their designees, prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 368 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That Mr. HATCH be added as a cosponsor of his pending amendment No. 388.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 368 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DAINES to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 465).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DAINES to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 387).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 434).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 755 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

The hour of 4:45 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 99, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 87 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 347 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 59, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 88 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 40

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 777, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That pending amendment No. 350 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 777, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 49, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 89 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 796 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 601 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 90 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 801 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 91 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 481 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COTTON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 99, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 92 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 434 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. PAUL to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 940).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mr. SANDERS proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: amendments Numbered 697, 798, Mrs. MURRAY; amendment No. 800, Ms. CANTWELL; amendments Numbered 812, 951, Mrs. MURRAY; and amendments Numbered 345, 817, Mr. DURBIN.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 360).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BENNET) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 708).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. STABENOW) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution by striking title II (being amendment No. 791).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. CARPER) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 870).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. HELLER to further amend the pending concurrent resolution at the appropriate places, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 453 and 456).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. LEE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 452).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. VITTER) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 457).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. BENNET) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 343).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL, and Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 391).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 392).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. KAINE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 394).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COONS to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, on page 5, line 5, by increasing the sum by $8,800,000,000 (being amendment No. 802).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. STABENOW) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 432).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, by striking section 405 (being amendment No. 436).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 694).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 578).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums (being amendment No. 700).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. UDALL) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 867).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title IV, subtitle A, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 895).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 632).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CARDIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 633).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. COONS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 842).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 843).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. BROWN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 952).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums (being amendment No. 953).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on page 54, after line 20, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 825).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CASSIDY, by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate places, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 341, 539, and 795).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COONS (for Mr. BENNET) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on page 55, striking all beginning on line 24, through line 2, page 56, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 715).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI for Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. LEE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. ROBERTS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 607).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. THUNE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 743).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 838).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. KING, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mrs. MURRAY) to further

amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 770).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GARDNER for Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. COONS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 485).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GARDNER for Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. KING) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 490).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GARDNER (for Ms. AYOTTE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 852).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Special Report entitled "History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the 113th Congress" (Rept. No. 114-6).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 857. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 858. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 859. A bill to protect the public, communities across America, and the environment by increasing the safety of crude oil transportation by railroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COATS, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 860. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. THUNE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 861. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. NELSON, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 862. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 863. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Appalachian regional development program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 864. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 865. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 866. A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 867. A bill to improve student academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics subjects; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 111. A resolution designating March 2015 as "National Middle Level Education Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 112. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Internal Revenue Service should provide printed copies of Internal Revenue Service Publication 17 to taxpayers in the United States free of charge; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 113. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend the issuance of, and the United States Postal Service should issue, a commemorative stamp in honor of the holiday of Diwali; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 114. A resolution supporting the designation of March 2015, as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 115. A resolution designating April 2015 as "National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 303

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 303, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that individuals having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 605

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 605, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to invest in innovation for education.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 665, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria.

S. 758

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to establish an Interagency Trade Enforcement Center in the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, a concurrent resolution supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the "International Year of Soils" and supporting locally led soil conservation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "FSOC Accountability: Nonbank Designations."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2015, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing the Border: Understanding and Addressing the Root Causes of Central American Migration to the United States."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2015, in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Fight Against Alzheimer's Disease: Are We on Track to a Treatment by 2025."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2015, at 9 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2015, at 3 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 216. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1092. An act to designate the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the "Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Building".

At 7:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 216. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 115) designating April 2015 as "National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month", submitted today by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the minority leader had reappointed Dr. Steven Zink, of Nevada, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11; and that statutory debate time on the budget resolution be considered concluded at 12 noon.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

At 8:08 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELLER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 852, proposed by Mr. GARDNER (for Ms. AYOTTE), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on page 14, line 16, after "shall provide," by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 689).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. CAPITO, by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 415 and 416).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 416 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. COTTON) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 437).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. PETERS to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 521).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. PETERS to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 639).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 364).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN, by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting other words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 367 and 439).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 439 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. RISCH) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 440).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 899).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 900).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 681).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 944).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. KING) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 346).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 425).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CASEY) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 426).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. MORAN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 427).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. MANCHIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 442).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 810).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. HIRONO, by unanimous consent, 781to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 877 and 878).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 878 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GARDNER to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 445 and 448).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 448 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CARDIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 449).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MERKLEY) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 523).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO, by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 781, 565, 562, 552, and 590).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 590 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. CARPER) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums (being amendment No. 991).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KING, and Mr. KIRK) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 636).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WARNER (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 638).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MORAN for Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 467 and 468).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 468 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KAINE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 707).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MARKEY, by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 967, 896, and 897).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 897 to the concurrent resolution.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 573).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS for Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. CARDIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 435).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS for Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 473).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS for Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on page 87, by striking all beginning on line 23 through line 4, page 88 (being amendment No. 593).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 993).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. VITTER) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 665).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 677).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 678).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 667).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. FLAKE, by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 666 and 668).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 668 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. SULLIVAN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 504).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. KING) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 505).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to further

amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 506).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. SULLIVAN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1011).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS for Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums (being amendment No. 1012).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 321).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 611).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 839).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. HATCH) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on page 64, lines 10 and 11, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 750).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. LEE), by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words, and striking other words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 855, 749, and 856).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 856 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. HATCH) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words, and striking other words (being amendment No. 759).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. TILLIS, by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 925 and 926).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 926 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for Mr. CARDIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 729).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS for Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. COONS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 342).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for Mr. SCHATZ) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 588).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 402).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. JOHNSON), by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 596 and 865).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 865 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. KING) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 597).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the time until 12 noon today be equally divided and controlled for debate between the managers, or their designees; that, at 12 noon, the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to the following amendments, in the following order: amendments Numbered 881, 545, 523, 423, 1012, 940, 798, 356, 432, 810, an amendment (Numbered 828) intended to be proposed by Mr. FRANKEN, an amendment (Numbered 692) intended to be proposed by Mr. SCOTT, an amendment (Numbered 966) intended to be proposed by Mr. COONS, an amendment (Numbered 928) intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUNT, 817, 515, an amendment (Numbered 947) intended to be proposed by Mr. BENNET, 838, and an amendment (Numbered 649) intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendments be in order prior to each vote; that "side-by-side" amendments to amendments Numbered 692 and 515, intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS, or his designee, be in order; and that the Senate vote on the "side-by-side" amendments following the vote on its companion amendment.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the managers, or their designees, prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to further amend the

pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 932).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 881).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 720).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 721).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BOOKER to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 722).

Pending debate,

Mr. HEINRICH asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1024).

Mr. ENZI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 722 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The hour of 12 noon having arrived.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 881 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. TESTER) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1024).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 881 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 48, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 93 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 545, proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. COTTON), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the order of today be modified such that a vote in relation to amendment No. 545 occur following a vote in relation to amendment No. 649.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 523 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 94 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 423, as modified, proposed by Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. COTTON), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the order of today be modified such that the Senate immediately vote in relation to amendment No. 1012; and that amendment No. 940 be modified.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1012 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 95 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 423, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mr. SANDERS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment, as modified, violates section 312(b)(1) of the

Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 32, nays... 68

[Rollcall Vote No. 96 Leg.]

YEAS --- 32

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Collins, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Gardner, Graham, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Wicker.

NAYS --- 68

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. SANDERS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment, as modified, not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 940, as modified, proposed by Mr. PAUL, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mr. SANDERS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment, as modified, violates section 312(b)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. PAUL, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. PAUL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 4, nays... 96

[Rollcall Vote No. 97 Leg.]

YEAS --- 4

Enzi, McConnell, Paul, Vitter.

NAYS --- 96

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. SANDERS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment, as modified, not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 798, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 59, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 98 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TOOMEY,

Ordered, That, on rollcall Vote No. 98, his vote be changed from "nay" to "yea", thus making the result yeas 60, nays 40.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. JOHNSON,

Ordered, That, on rollcall Vote No. 98, his vote be changed from "nay" to "yea", thus changing the result to yeas 61, nays 39.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 356, proposed by Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. VITTER, AND Mr. MCCONNELL), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. MORAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 100, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 99 Leg.]

YEAS --- 100

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 432, proposed by Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. STABENOW), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. BALDWIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 100 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 810, proposed by Ms. COLLINS, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution as amended.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SANDERS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums (being amendment No. 828).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 101 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. WYDEN for Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1026).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. ALEXANDER) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 692).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SCOTT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 102 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the order of today be modified such that the Senate vote in relation to an amendment (Numbered 966), intended to be proposed by Mr. COONS, following a vote in relation to amendment No. 545.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. THUNE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 928).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 58, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 103 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 817, proposed by Mr. SANDERS for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, and Mr. MARKEY), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 104 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 515, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. INHOFE), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 54, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 105 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 545 be modified; that it be in order for amendment (Numbered 649), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE, to be modified; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 867 following a vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 838.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. BENNET to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 947).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 838, proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 51, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 106 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 867, proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. UDALL), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 107 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 649).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. INHOFE modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 649, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. INHOFE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 59, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 108 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 41

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 545, as modified, proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. COTTON), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KIRK,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 100, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 109 Leg.]

YEAS --- 100

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. SANDERS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 966).

Mr. COONS, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 966, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 110 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1024 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on question of agreeing to the following amendments in the following order: pending amendment No. 839; an amendment (Numbered 1072), intended to be proposed by Ms. STABENOW; pending amendments Nos. 689, 632, and 607; an amendment (No. 1014), intended to be proposed by Mr. BENNET; an amendment (Numbered 836), intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL; pending amendments Nos. 842, 443, and 951; an amendment (Numbered 763), intended to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM; pending amendments Nos. 825 and 665; an amendment (Numbered 475), intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS; an amendment (Numbered 1029), intended to be proposed by Mr. HATCH; an amendment (Numbered 1063), intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHATZ; an amendment (Numbered 1038), intended to be proposed by Mr. KIRK; pending amendments Nos. 944 and 360; an amendment (Numbered 968), intended to be proposed by Mr. WYDEN; pending amendment No. 750, as modified; an amendment (Numbered 919), intended to be proposed by Mr. REED; an amendment (Numbered 659), intended to be proposed by Mr. COTTON; pending amendment No. 933; an amendment (Numbered 664), intended to be proposed by Mr. COTTON; an amendment (Numbered 994), intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN.

Ordered further, That "side-by-side" amendments be in order in relation to amendment Nos. 944 and 360; that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the aforementioned amendments (Nos. 944 and 360) after votes on the "side-by-side" amendments; that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to votes.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the managers, or their designees, prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That aforementioned amendments not pending be considered proposed, en bloc.

Whereupon,

The amendments Numbered 1072, 1014, 836, 763, 475, 1029, 1063, 1038, 968, 919, 659, 664, and 994 were considered proposed and pending.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. HATCH), by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 827 and 1025).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1025 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in

title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 533).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNET) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 984).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. HATCH) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 535).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mr. SANDERS, by unanimous consent, proposed amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. RUBIO), amendment No. 1044; Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. KING, and Mrs. MURRAY), amendment No. 1047; Mr. KAINE, amendment No. 724; Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY), amendment No. 713; and Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 1005.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 839, proposed by Mr. ISAKSON, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1072, proposed by Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 111 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 689, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 59, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 112 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Schatz, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 41

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 632, proposed by Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mrs. MURRAY), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CASEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 100, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 113 Leg.]

YEAS --- 100

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 607, proposed by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. LEE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. ROBERTS), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. THUNE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 54, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 114 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1014, proposed by Mr. BENNET (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BENNET,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 53, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 115 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 47

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 836, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 57, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 116 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 842, proposed by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. COONS), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 117 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 443, proposed by Mr. GARDNER, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GARDNER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 59, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 118 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 41

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 951, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. UDALL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SCHUMER), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 119 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 763, proposed by Mr. GRAHAM, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mr. GRAHAM, by unanimous consent, withdrew his pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 825, proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. BALDWIN), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 665, proposed by Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. VITTER), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. FLAKE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 51, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 120 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 49

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 475, proposed by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. FRANKEN), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1029, proposed by Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1063, proposed by Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mr. SCHATZ, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1063, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SCHATZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 57, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 121 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1038, proposed by Mr. KIRK, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 57, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 122 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 944, proposed by Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. NELSON, under section 904(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. NELSON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 123 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 49

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 360, proposed by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCAIN, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 360, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. HIRONO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 58, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 124 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 968, proposed by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. MURRAY), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WYDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 73, nays... 27

[Rollcall Vote No. 125 Leg.]

YEAS --- 73

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Collins, Coons, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 27

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Burr, Cassidy, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Isakson, Kirk, Lankford, McConnell, Paul, Perdue, Rounds, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 750, as modified, proposed by Mr. ENZI for Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. HATCH), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 56, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 126 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

(The following occurred after 12 midnight, being Friday, March 27, 2015).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 919, proposed by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, AND Mr. BLUMENTHAL), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REED,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---yeas... 44, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 127 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. REID questioned the presence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) directed the roll to be called.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Fifty-six Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 5]

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Capito, Cardin, Casey, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Gardner, Hirono, Inhofe, Isakson, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker, Wyden.

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that a quorum was present.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 659, proposed by Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 52, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 128 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson,

Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on amendment No. 993, proposed by Mr. SANDERS (for Mr. MENENDEZ), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on amendment No. 664, proposed by Mr. COTTON, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mr. COTTON asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to modify his pending amendment No. 664.

Mr. SANDERS objected.

The question being on amendment No. 664 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mr. SANDERS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. COTTON, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 49, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 129 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Ernst, Fischer, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 48

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cornyn, Durbin, Enzi, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. SANDERS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

At 1:05 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 2:13 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate resumed consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 994, proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VITTER), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the pending amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 811; an amendment (Numbered 1094), intended to be proposed by Ms. WARREN; amendments Nos. 855, 367, 552, and 1047, as may be modified; that no amendment be in order to said amendments; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the managers, or their designees, prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, following disposition of said amendments, and any amendments cleared for agreement by the two leaders, the remaining pending amendments be withdrawn; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 994 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 811, proposed by Mr. VITTER, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 52, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 130 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. HIRONO) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1094).

Ms. WARREN, by unanimous consent, modified her pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1094, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. WARREN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 42, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 131 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 855, proposed by Mr. LEE, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 54, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 132 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 367, proposed by Mr. CARDIN, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 133 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 51

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 552, proposed by Mr. RUBIO, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1047, proposed by Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. KING, and Mrs. MURRAY), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mr. KAINE, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1047, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 50, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 134 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. ENZI proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: amendment No. 950, Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CORKER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PAUL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. KING, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SCOTT); amendment No. 647, Mr. HOEVEN; amendment No. 780, Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. VITTER); amendment No. 765, Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. SCOTT); amendment No. 348, Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. COTTON; amendment No. 624, Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Ms. WARREN); amendment No. 422, Mr. THUNE; amendment No. 651, Mr. HOEVEN; amendment No. 604, Mr. COATS; amendment No. 885, Mr. HOEVEN; amendment No. 534, Mr. HATCH; amendment No. 339, Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. KING); amendment No. 693, Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. PETERS); amendment No. 830, Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL); amendment No. 538, Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CARDIN); amendment No. 1081, Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. KIRK); amendment No. 380, as modified, Mr. INHOFE; amendment No. 1027, Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. MANCHIN); amendment No. 374, as modified, Mr. INHOFE; amendment No. 931, Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mrs. BOXER); amendment No. 404, Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. VITTER); amendment No. 458, as modified, Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. ALEXANDER); amendment No. 648, Mr. HOEVEN; amendment No. 625, Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP); amendment No. 620, Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY); amendment No. 1039, Mr. BARRASSO; amendment No. 482, Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN); amendment

No. 491, Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. BROWN); amendment No. 822, Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN; amendment No. 1099, Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BURR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KIRK, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. REED, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. and BLUMENTHAL); amendment No. 420, as modified, Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. VITTER); amendment No. 1028, Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. KING); amendment No. 453, Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BOOKER); amendment No. 752, as modified, Mr. LEE; amendment No. 1073, as modified, Mr. LEE; and amendment No. 1110, Mr. RUBIO.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following pending amendments be modified, as indicated, and agreed to: amendment No. 485, amendment No. 425, amendment No. 595, amendment No. 346, amendment No. 456, amendment No. 597, as modified, amendment No. 449, amendment No. 770, amendment No. 416, as modified, amendment No. 490, as modified, amendment No. 426, amendment No. 442, amendment No. 402, amendment No. 827, and amendment No. 533.

Mr. SANDERS proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: amendment No. 983, Mr. SANDERS; amendment No. 642, Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Ms. HIRONO); amendment No. 431, Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE); amendment No. 793, Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. THUNE); amendment No. 705, Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. CARDIN); amendment No. 882, Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, and Mr. COTTON); amendment No. 1002, Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY); amendment No. 1067, Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, and Ms. AYOTTE); amendment No. 643, Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. KING); amendment No. 569, Mr. TESTER; amendment No. 520, Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WYDEN); amendment No. 803, Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER); amendment No. 1003, Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SCHUMER); amendment No. 1033, Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM); amendment No. 1013, Mr. HEINRICH; amendment No. 639, Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON); amendment No. 918, Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KING, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. WARREN); amendment No. 986, Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. WARREN); amendment No. 866, Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL); amendment No. 392, Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. ENZI); amendment No. 792, Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. RUBIO); amendment No. 1105, Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. BOOKER); amendment No. 1101, Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COONS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KIRK, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. REED, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CARDIN); amendment No. 1091, Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ALEXANDER); amendment No. 580, Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. WYDEN); amendment No. 585, Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN); amendment No. 645, Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO); amendment 1104, Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN); amendment No. 586, Mr. MANCHIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the following pending amendments be agreed to: amendment No. 434, amendment No. 697, amendment No. 708, amendment No. 394, amendment No. 694, amendment No. 578, amendment No. 437, amendment No. 364, amendment No. 439, amendment No. 899, amendment No. 877, amendment No. 636, amendment No. 638, amendment No. 435, amendment No. 473, amendment No. 342, amendment No. 720, amendment No. 721, amendment No. 1044, amendment No. 713, and amendment No. 1005.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments Numbered 724, 535, 984, 1025, 1024, 722, 932, 865, 596, 588, 729, 926, 925, 759, 856, 749, 611, 321, 1011, 506, 505, 504, 668, 666, 667, 678, 677, 593, 573, 897, 896, 967, 707, 468, 467, 991, 590, 562, 565, 781, 448, 445, 878, 427, 681, 900, 440, 521, 415, 852, 743, 715, 795, 539, 341, 953, 952, 843, 633, 895, 700, 436, 802, 391, 343, 457, 452, 870, 791, 345, 812, 800, 387, 465, 368, 462, 352, 389, 388, and 412 were withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On the question, Shall the Senate agree thereto?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 52, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 135 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 125. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 665. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and

credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 868. A bill to establish a fund to make payment to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (ESG) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 869. A bill to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 870. A bill to require rulemaking by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 871. A bill to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 872. A bill to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 873. A bill to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 874. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 875. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 876. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 877. A bill to establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KING, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 878. A bill to establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 879. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 880. A bill to expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 881. A bill to ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 882. A bill to amend part A of title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 883. A bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, and research capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. 884. A bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 885. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 886. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 887. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to provide incentives for the reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 888. A bill to promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 889. A bill to provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 890. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 891. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate the administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 892. A bill to provide the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of the Treasury with authority to more aggressively enforce customs and trade laws relating to textile and apparel articles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 893. A bill to establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 894. A bill to support innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 895. A bill to allow members of the Armed Forces to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with receipt of orders for mobilization for war or national emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 116. A resolution providing for free and fair elections in Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. Res. 117. A resolution recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect public safety, and expressing support for the designation of March 31, 2015, as National Lineman Appreciation Day; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. Res. 118. A resolution amending rule XXXI of the Standing Rules for the Senate, to provide for timely consideration of nominations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 119. A resolution amending rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules for the Senate to provide for timely establishment of conference committees; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 120. A resolution modifying extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 121. A resolution amending rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 122. A resolution amending rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to limit debate on motions to proceed; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. Res. 123. A resolution providing for consideration of changes to rules for the proceedings of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REID, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 125. A resolution designating the first week of April 2015 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 126. A resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 127. A resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 128. A resolution supporting the designation of March 2015, as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 129. A resolution designating May 4, 2015, as National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating March 29, 2015, as "Vietnam Veterans Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 131. A resolution designating April 5, 2015, as "Gold Star Wives Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 132. A resolution designating the week of April 5 through April 11, 2015, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 48

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 50

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 51

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 292, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 293

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 293, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders.

S. 477

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 477, a bill to terminate Operation Choke Point.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 568, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, supra.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit, and for other purposes.

S. 738

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to reduce the risks associated with genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1527. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institute.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

H. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message further announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. COLE of Oklahoma.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. CRENSHAW of Florida, Chairman, Mr. LATTA of Ohio, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. HOLDING of North Carolina, Mr. WHITFIELD of Kentucky, and Mr. ROE of Tennessee.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 3056 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: Mrs. Kathy Wills Wright of Arlington, Virginia, and the Honorable Marilyn Musgrave of Ft. Morgan, Colorado.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled joint resolution, which was previously signed by the SPEAKER:

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 535) to promote energy efficiency.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF VETO MESSAGE ON JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 8

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives a veto message to accompany the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures, the message be considered as having been read; that it be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk; and that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution at a time to be determined by the majority leader, with concurrence of the minority leader, but not later than April 30, 2015.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Alfred H. Bennett, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation, with no intervening action or debate; that, following disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING THE "BENJAMIN P. GROGAN AND JERRY L. DOVE FEDERAL BUILDING"

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1092) to designate the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the "Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Bureau of Investigation Miami Field Office," received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SLAIN OFFICER FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1527) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REAPPOINTING DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 10) providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 194TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF GREECE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 105) recognizing the 194th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 125) designating the first week of April 2015 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week," submitted today by Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REID, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 126) providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, submitted today by Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PERELMAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 127) recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 128) supporting the designation of March 2015, as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month," submitted today by Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL FOOD PROTEIN-INDUCED ENTEROCOLITIS SYNDROME (FPIES) AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 129) designating May 4, 2015, as "National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day," submitted today by Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 113-291, had appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: Jane Abraham, of Virginia, and Bridget Bush, of Kentucky.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 113-291, had appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: Mary Boies, of New York, and Maria Socorro Pesqueria, of Illinois.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-79, had appointed the following Senator to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Mr. PETERS.

APPOINTMENT BY THE SECRETARY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Secretary of the Senate had appointed Sheryl B. Vogt, of Georgia, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment, committees be permitted to "file" legislative and executive reports on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, from 10 a.m. until noon.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate, the majority leader, the assistant majority leader, and Mr. COTTON be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 31) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 32) providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015; that, on Monday, April 13, 2015, following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

At 4:24 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 32, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the President pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 27, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 27, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 27, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on Friday, March 27, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate on January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 31, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the President of the United States:

MESSAGE ON JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 8-- PM 12

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk:

S.J. Res. 8 would overturn the National Labor Relations Board's recently issued "representation case procedures" rule and block modest but overdue reforms to simplify and streamline private sector union elections. Accordingly, I am withholding my approval of this resolution. (The Pocket Veto Case, 279 U.S. 655 (1929)).

Workers need a strong voice in the workplace and the economy to protect and grow our Nation's middle class. Unions have played a vital role in giving workers that voice, allowing workers to organize together for higher wages, better working conditions, and the benefits and protections that most workers take for granted today. Workers deserve a level playing field that lets them freely choose to make their voices heard, and this requires fair and streamlined procedures for determining whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. Because this resolution seeks to undermine a streamlined democratic process that allows American workers to freely choose to make their voices heard, I cannot support it.

To leave no doubt that the resolution is being vetoed, in addition to withholding my signature, I am returning S.J. Res. 8 to the Secretary of the Senate, along with this Memorandum of Disapproval.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 31, 2015.*

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate on January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 1, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 1092. An act to designate the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the "Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Building".

H.R. 1527. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 10. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate on March 26, 2015, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed on April 1, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. COTTON).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of March 27, 2015, the following reports of committees were submitted on March 31, 2015:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, 113th Congress, First and Second Sessions" (Rept. No. 114-7).

By Mr. BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence Covering the Period January 3, 2013, to January 5, 2015." (Rept. No. 114-8).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance during the 113th Congress" (Rept. No. 114-9).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary during the 113th Congress" (Rept. No. 114-10).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1017. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015, and requirements for a "Within-Session Sequestration Report to the President and Congress"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1018. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule for Pentane, 1,1,1,2,3,3-hexafluoro-4-(1,1,2,3,3,3-hexafluoropropoxy)" (FRL No. 9922-30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1019. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1020. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Business Development Grant Program" (RIN0570-AA92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1021. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Use of Military Construction Funds" ((RIN0750-AI52)-(DFARS Case 2015-D006)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1022. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Deletion of Text Implementing 10 U.S. C. 2323" ((RIN0750-AH45)(DFARS Case 2011-D038)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1023. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the training of the U.S. Special Operations Forces with friendly foreign forces during fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1024. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Report (NGRER) for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1025. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1026. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1027. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1028. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-141); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1029. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-110); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1030. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Excepted Benefits" ((RIN0938-AS52)(CMS-9946-F2)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1031. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fiduciary Requirements for Disclosure in Participant-Directed Individual Account Plans--Timing of Annual Disclosure" (RIN1210-AB68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1032. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan; Sea Turtle Conservation; Modification to Fishing Activities" (RIN0648-BB37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1033. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish Longline Component" (RIN0648-XD735), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1034. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD778), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1035. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Increase" (RIN0648-XD790), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1036. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD803), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1037. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Big Skate in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD761), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1038. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; Amendment 20B; Correction" (RIN0648-BD86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1039. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chesapeake Bay Office Biennial Report to Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1040. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, St. Petersburg Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0436)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1041. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; ARCTIC CHALLENGER, Port of Bellingham; Bellingham, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0158)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1042. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pittsburgh, PA; Ice Accumulations; Allegheny River Mile 1.0-72.0" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0126)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1043. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Tuscaloosa Regional Air Show; Black Warrior River; Tuscaloosa, AL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0076)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1044. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; St. Patrick's Day Fireworks, Manitowoc River, Manitowoc, Wisconsin" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0130)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1045. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; State Route 520 Bridge Construction, Lake Washington; Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0098)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1046. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone for Ice Conditions; Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Upper Chesapeake Bay, and Tributaries; MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0292)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1047. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Moon Island - Long Island Bridge Demolition; Boston Inner Harbor, Quincy Bay; Quincy, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1059)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1048. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety and Security Zones, Jacksonville Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00 and RIN1625-AA87)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0152)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1049. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cooper River Bridge Run, Cooper River, and Town Creek Reaches, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA87)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0040)), received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1050. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Chevron Oil Company Canal, Fourchon, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1039)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1051. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Great Lakes Pilotage Rates - 2015 Annual Review and Adjustment" ((RIN1625-AC22)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0481)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1052. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Passaic River, Rutherford, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1070)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1053. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Upper Mississippi River Between Mile 38.0 and 46.0, Thebes, IL; and Between Mile 78.0 and 81.0, Grand Tower, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0907)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1054. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Events Requiring Safety Zones in the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1055. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Amtrak's Executive Level 1 salary for 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1056. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mississippi Abandoned Mine Land Plan" ((SATS No. MS-024-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2014-0005)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1057. A communication from the Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, General Services Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1058. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1059. A joint communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1060. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1061. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the report on activities of the National Guard Counterdrug Schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1062. A communication from the Co-Chief Privacy Officers, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Privacy Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1063. A communication from the Chief of the Regulation Policy, Tracking, and Control Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities - Mental Disorders and Definition of Psychosis for Certain VA Purposes" (RIN2900-AO96), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1064. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee; Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee; Termination" (Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0218), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Special Report entitled "Review of Legislative Activity During the 113th Congress" (Rept. No. 114-11).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 142. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-12).

S. 304. A bill to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information (Rept. No. 114-13).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 896. A bill to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 897. A bill to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programing; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 898. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 899. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to focus on career readiness, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 900. A bill to require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing a used passenger motor vehicle; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 901. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 902. A bill to prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 133. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 134. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Government of Canada does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 157

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 157, a bill to repeal the medical device tax and the employer and individual responsibility requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 318

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 318, a bill to prioritize funding for the National Institutes of Health to discover treatments and cures, to maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and to restore the purchasing power the NIH had after the historic doubling campaign that ended in fiscal year 2003.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 564

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 564, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 568, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Veteran Student Centers.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 665, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 677

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage orginator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 786

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 786, a bill to provide paid and family medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 824

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 824, a bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 875, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements.

JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 8, VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the message received, on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, from the President of the United States, returning to the Senate, in which it originated, with his objections thereto, the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures, which was considered read, and as the Constitution prescribes, spread upon the Journal, as follows:

S.J. Res. 8 would overturn the National Labor Relations Board's recently issued "representation case procedures" rule and block modest but overdue reforms to simplify and streamline private sector union elections. Accordingly, I am withholding my approval of this resolution. (The Pocket Veto Case, 279 U.S. 655 (1929)).

Workers need a strong voice in the workplace and the economy to protect and grow our Nation's middle class. Unions have played a vital role in giving workers that voice, allowing workers to organize together for higher wages, better working conditions, and the benefits and protections that most workers take for granted today. Workers deserve a level playing field that lets them freely choose to make their voices heard, and this requires fair and streamlined procedures for determining whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. Because this resolution seeks to undermine a streamlined democratic process that allows American workers to freely choose to make their voices heard, I cannot support it.

To leave no doubt that the resolution is being vetoed, in addition to withholding my signature, I am returning S.J. Res. 8 to the Secretary of the Senate, along with this Memorandum of Disapproval.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 31, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 27, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 27, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "GOLD STAR WIVES DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 131) designating April 5, 2015, as "Gold Star Wives Day".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 133) supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week, submitted today by Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. FRANKEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 114-1, received from the President on today.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED RESCISSION OF CUBA'S DESIGNATION AS A STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM -- PM 13

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report and papers, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith a report to the Congress with respect to the proposed rescission of Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 14, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1065. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by the increasing prevalence and severity of malicious cyber-enabled activities originating from, or directed by persons located, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1066. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic that was declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1067. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1068. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulations; Technical Amendments" (48 CFR Parts 1001, 1002, 1016, 1019, 1028, 1032, 1034, 1042, and 1052), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to

the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1069. A communication from the General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-1070. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary (C13-C17) Alkane Sulfonates; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9923-64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1071. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9925-02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1072. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to recommendations proposed by the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1073. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Brooks L. Bash, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1074. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of ten (10) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1075. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Update of Filing Fees" (RIN1902-AE97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1076. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a recommendation that the Congress pass legislation making additions to the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that the Service proposed as part of the revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan and final environmental impact statement for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1077. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), seven (7) reports relative to vacancies in the Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1078. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Synthetic Iron Oxide" (Docket No. FDA-2013-C-1008), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1079. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Report to Congress on Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities - Community Economic Development and Rural Community Development Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1080. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2014 Performance Report to the President and Congress for the Biosimilar User Fee Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1081. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Regional Partnerships Grants to Increase the Well-Being of and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for Children Affected by Substance Abuse: First Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1082. A communication from the Chairman of the National Health Care Workforce Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Commission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1083. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1084. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2015 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1085. A communication from the Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1086. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District; Quantification of Emission Reductions From Incentive Program" (FRL No. 9924-69-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1087. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9925-33-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1088. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Response to Vacaturs of the Comparable Fuels Rule and the Gasification Rule" (FRL No. 9923-12-OSWER), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1089. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia-Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Amendment to the Definition of 'Regulated NSR Pollutant' Concerning Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9925-96-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1090. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Allentown Nonattainment Area to Attainment for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9925-94-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1091. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, and 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Approval of Air Pollution Emergency Episode Plan" (FRL No. 9925-93-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1092. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; Attainment Demonstration for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Washington, DC-MD-VA Moderate Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9925-27-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1093. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Air Quality Designations and Technical Amendment to Correct Inadvertent Error in Air Quality Designations for the 2012 Primary Annual Fine Particulate (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 9925-76-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1094. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Taxonomy of the Hawaiian Monk Seal" (RIN1018-BA73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1095. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Listings for Growth Disorders and Weight Loss in Children" (RIN0960-AG28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1096. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare National Coverage Determinations for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1097. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements" (Announcement 2015-11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1098. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Airline Payment Amount Rollovers Under Public Law 113-243" (Announcement 2015-13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1099. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Instructions for Communications Pursuant to Section 1.1502-77" (Rev. Proc. 2015-26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1100. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "No Rule for Refined Coal" (Rev. Proc. 2015-29), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1101. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modifications to Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System" (Rev. Proc. 2015-27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1102. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Period of Limitations on Assessment for Listed Transactions Not Disclosed Under Section 6011" ((RIN1545-BH37)(TD 9718)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1103. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Revising Rules Regarding Agency for a Consolidated Group" ((RIN1545-BH31)(TD 9715)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1104. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Employee Remuneration in Excess of $1,000,000 under Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m)" ((RIN1545-BI65)(TD 9716)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1105. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2015-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1106. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0139)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1107. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0484)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1108. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0189)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1109. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0620)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1110. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0491)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1111. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0653)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1112. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0522)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1113. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0561)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1114. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0347)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1115. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0397)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1116. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International S.A. Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0521)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1117. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0070)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1118. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Flugzeugwerke Altenrheim AG (FFA) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0536)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1119. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers and Harlan Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-1001)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1120. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0238)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1121. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0561)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1122. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Rogue Valley, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1055)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1123. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Plainville, CT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0293)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1124. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Manchester, NH" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0601)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1125. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Seattle, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0466)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1126. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bend, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0468)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1127. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Spokane, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0467)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1128. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Maxwell, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0870)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1129. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hazen, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0869)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1130. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; North Adams, MA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0805)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1131. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, and Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Prescott, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1020)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1132. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (109); Amdt. No. 3628" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1133. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (18); Amdt. No. 3627" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1134. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (57); Amdt. No. 3630" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1135. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (100); Amdt. No. 3629" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1136. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-330 in the Vicinity of Mountain Home, Idaho" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1112)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1137. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Baton Rouge, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1124)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1138. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Areas R-3801A, R-3801B, and R-3801C; Camp Claiborne, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0265)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1139. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Restricted Area R-2936, West Palm Beach, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0264)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1140. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Area Boundary Descriptions; Cape Canaveral, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0875)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1141. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Carrier Contract Maintenance Requirements" ((RIN2120-AJ33)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1136)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1142. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XD733), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1143. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Run-Around Gillnet Closure" (RIN0648-XD731), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1144. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Western Aleutian Islands District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD780), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1145. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD714), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1146. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Off Alaska" (RIN0648-BD98), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1147. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 16" (RIN0648-BE46), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1148. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2014; Interim Gulf of Maine Cod Management Measures; Correction" (RIN0648-XD715), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1149. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2015-2016 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Amendment 24" (RIN0648-BE27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1150. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet" ((GN Docket No. 14-28)(FCC 15-24)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1151. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the compliance of federal district courts with documentation submission requirements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 903. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access and administration of the United States Tax Court (Rept. No. 114-14).

S. 904. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers with limited excise tax liability (Rept. No. 114-15).

S. 905. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on eligibility for the alternative tax for certain small insurance companies (Rept. No. 114-16).

S. 906. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (Rept. No. 114-17).

S. 907. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the extension of the tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries (Rept. No. 114-18).

S. 908. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-19).

S. 909. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-20).

S. 910. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-21).

S. 912. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude payments received under the Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (Rept. No. 114-22).

S. 913. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology (Rept. No. 114-23).

S. 914. An original bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to clarify the use of credentials by enrolled agents (Rept. No. 114-24).

S. 915. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-25).

S. 916. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (Rept. No. 114-26).

S. 917. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the excise tax on liquefied petroleum gas and liquefied natural gas (Rept. No. 114-27).

S. 918. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked (Rept. No. 114-28).

S. 919. An original bill to exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers (Rept. No. 114-29).

S. 920. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State (Rept. No. 114-30).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on the Budget:

Special Report entitled "Review of Legislative Activity During the 113th Congress" (Rept. No. 114-31).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 615. A bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 903. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access and administration of the United States Tax Court; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 904. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers with limited excise tax liability; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 905. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on eligibility for the alternative tax for certain small insurance companies; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 906. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 907. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the extension of the tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 908. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 909. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 910. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 911. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 912. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude payments received under the Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 913. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 914. An original bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to clarify the use of credentials by enrolled agents; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 915. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 916. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 917. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the excise tax on liquefied petroleum gas and liquefied natural gas; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 918. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 919. An original bill to exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 920. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 921. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 922. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. COATS):

S. 923. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants on a competitive basis to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 924. A bill to require the National Credit Union Administration to hold public hearings and receive comments from the public on its budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 925. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 926. A bill to amend the patent law to promote basic research, to stimulate publication of scientific documents, to encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, to improve the transfer of technology to the private sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 927. A bill to provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 928. A bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 929. A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 930. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 931. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 932. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable tax credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 933. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 934. A bill to amend the renewable fuel program under section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 935. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to regulate tax return preparers and refund anticipation payment arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 936. A bill to amend the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway Act of 1996 to repeal the funding limitation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 937. A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 938. A bill to establish the America Star program within the Department of Labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 939. A bill to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs within the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 135. A resolution making minority party appointments for the 114th Congress; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 358

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with

pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to ensure fairness in the establishment of certain rates and fees under sections 114 and 115 of such title, and for other purposes.

S. 707

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to provide certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, supra.

S. 801

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 801, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 827

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 827, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 868

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 868, a bill to establish a fund to make payment to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (ESG) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] were added as cosponsors of S. 875, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 10, a joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was

added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 11, a joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 130

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 130, a resolution designating March 29, 2015, as "Vietnam Veterans Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 133

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 133, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2015, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Creating a More Efficient and Level Playing Field: Audit and Appeals Issues in Medicare."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2015, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Reducing Unnecessary Duplication in Federal Programs: Billions More Could Be Saved."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emergency Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 9. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust.

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 299. An act to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank, and for other purposes.

H.R. 601. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement.

H.R. 1259. An act to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1265. An act to apply the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

H.R. 1367. An act to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands.

H.R. 1480. An act to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 34. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 299. An act to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 601. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1259. An act to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1265. An act to apply the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1367. An act to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

H.R. 1480. An act to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 10:36 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 11:30 a.m.

AT 11:31 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JOHNSON in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 2

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, at 7:10 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 2, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today; that the following be the only amendments in order to be proposed thereto:

An amendment (Numbered 1114) intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN, relative to repeal individual mandate;

An amendment intended to be proposed by a minority-party Senator, (Numbered 1115), relative to extend SCHIP;

An amendment (Numbered 1116), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE, relative to a motion to strike;

An amendment (Numbered 1117), intended to be proposed by a minority-party Senator, relative to women's health;

An amendment (Numbered 1118), intended to be proposed by Mr. COTTON, relative to fee schedule;

An amendment (Numbered 1119) intended to be proposed by a minority-party Senator, relative to therapy.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of debate thereon, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that each amendment, except amendments Numbered 1116 and 1118, receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage thereof; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

MEDICARE ACCESS AND CHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent; and

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1114).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 54, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 137 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. REID, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to amend the pending bill by striking all beginning with section 301, through the end of section 304, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1115).

After debate,

Mr. HATCH raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. BENNET, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, and waiver provisions of applicable Budget resolutions, to waive all applicable provisions of the Act and applicable Budget resolutions for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. BENNET,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 50, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 138 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. HATCH.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. SASSE) to amend the pending bill on page 261, by striking all beginning on line 21 through line 4, page 262 (being amendment No. 1116).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 42, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 139 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 58

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REID, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BOOKER) to amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1117).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. LEE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

Mr. HATCH raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, and waiver provisions of applicable Budget resolutions, to waive all applicable provisions of the Act and applicable Budget resolutions for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 57

[Rollcall Vote No. 140 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. HATCH.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COTTON to amend the pending bill on page 5, striking all beginning on line 22 through line 6, page 127, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1118).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COTTON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 11, nays... 89

[Rollcall Vote No. 141 Leg.]

YEAS --- 11

Boozman, Cotton, Cruz, Inhofe, Lee, Paul, Rubio, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

NAYS --- 89

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. REID, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. WARREN) to amend the pending bill by striking section 202, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1119).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That Ms. KLOBUCHAR be added as a cosponsor of the pending amendment.

After debate,

Mr. HATCH raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, and waiver provisions of applicable Budget resolutions, to waive all applicable provisions of the Act and applicable Budget resolutions for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 58, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 142 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. HATCH.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SESSIONS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending bill violates provisions of

section 311(b) of S. Con. Res. 70 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. HATCH, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, and waiver provisions of applicable Budget resolutions, to waive all applicable provisions of the Act and applicable Budget resolutions for consideration of the pending bill.

On motion by Mr. HATCH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 71, nays... 29

[Rollcall Vote No. 143 Leg.]

YEAS --- 71

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Isakson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 29

Ayotte, Barrasso, Coats, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Gardner, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. HATCH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 92, nays... 8

[Rollcall Vote No. 144 Leg.]

YEAS --- 92

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 8

Cruz, Lee, Perdue, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 284, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) to amendment No. 271, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. PORTMAN withdrew his amendment No. 271 (taking with it amendment No. 284 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 270, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. PORTMAN withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORNYN) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 101, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1120).

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 1120; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1120 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 178:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, ROY BLUNT, JOHNNY ISAKSON, JOHN BARRASSO, PAT ROBERTS, MIKE CRAPO, ROGER F. WICKER, TOM COTTON, JIM INHOFE, TIM SCOTT, RICHARD SHELBY, JOHN THUNE, JOHN BOOZMAN, CHUCK GRASSLEY, JAMES LANKFORD, STEVE DAINES.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1120 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 9) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MAKING MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 135) making minority party appointments for the 114th Congress, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 95) to terminate the $1 presidential coin program; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader

remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled; and that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m.

Ordered further, That, at 2:49 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate observe a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

At 10:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Novotny, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House agrees to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, with an amendment.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. YARMUTH, and Ms. MOORE as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1152. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9923-82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1153. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiram; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9924-86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1154. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deltamethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9924-60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1155. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 2-methylpropyl ester; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9924-33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1156. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL No. 9924-40), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1157. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0087; FV14-985-1C IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1158. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 1 (Scotch) Spearmint Oil for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0087; FV14-985-1A FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1159. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops -- Import Regulations; Changes to Reporting Requirements to Add Electronic Form Filing Options" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0093; FV15-944/980/999-1 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1160. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residual Interest Deadline for Futures Commission Merchants" (RIN3038-AE22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1161. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report on the Impact of the Homeland Security Act on Immigration Functions Transferred to the Department of Homeland Security"; to the Committees on

the Judiciary; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1162. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-010); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1163. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-147); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1164. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-140); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1165. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-121); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1166. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0029 - 2015-0031); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1167. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending June 30, 2014"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1168. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting a request relative to issuing a travel restriction on senior officials' travel to Afghanistan for the period of June 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1169. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1170. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Salvatore A. Angelella, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1171. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Thomas W. Travis, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1172. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1173. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) and Average Procurement Unit Cost (APUC) for the Unitary and Baseline/BLU-108 variants of the Joint Standoff Weapon (JSOW) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1174. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Annual Report to Congress on the Department of Defense Chemical and Biological Defense Program"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1175. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1176. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1177. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Removal of Section 235 Home Ownership Program Regulations" (Docket No. FR-5829-F-01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1178. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's 2014 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1179. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1180. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporate Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Regulation A" (RIN3235-AL39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1181. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1182. A communication from the Executive Director of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2014 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1183. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2014 management reports; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1184. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1185. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Support Documents Requirements for License Applications Under the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AG00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1186. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Beyond

Traffic 2045: Trends and Choices"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1187. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Commerce, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1188. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XD813), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1189. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; 2015 and 2016 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (RIN0648-XD587), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1190. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2015 and 2016 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish; Final Rule" (RIN0648-XD516), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1191. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olympia Coast National Marine Sanctuary Regulations; Correction" (RIN0648-BE48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1192. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries, and Regulatory Changes; Final Rule" (RIN0648-BD18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1193. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries Regulations on Introduced Species" (RIN0648-BC26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1194. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime" ((RIN3060-AG49)(DA 15-249)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1195. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Jig Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD800), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1196. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 53rd Annual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1197. A communication from the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1198. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food and Drug Administration Regulations; Change of Addresses; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0011), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1199. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2012 for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1200. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee; Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee" (Docket No. FDA-2009-N-0443), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1201. A communication from the Deputy Director, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Regulation: Removal of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Treatment Act Implementing Regulations" (45 CFR Part 1340), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1202. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Performance Report to Congress for the Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2012"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1203. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands" (RIN1004-AE26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1204. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Technical and Administrative Changes to Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation" (RIN1991-AC07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1205. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1206. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1207. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1208. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1209. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1210. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1211. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1212. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1213. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1214. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy), Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1215. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1216. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1217. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Demand and Energy Data Reliability Standard" (RIN1902-0261), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1218. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Annual Determination to Implement the Sea Turtle Observer Requirement" (RIN0648-BE35), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1219. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for the Northern Long-eared Bat with 4(d) Rule" (RIN1018-BY98), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1220. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP); Amending the NCP for Public Notices for Specified Superfund Activities" ((RIN2050-AG76)(FRL No. 9924-66-OSWER)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1221. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment of the 1-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard in the Southeast Desert Nonattainment Area in California" (FRL No. 9925-32-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1222. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Cellulosic Waiver Credit Price and Minor Amendments to Renewable Fuel Standard Regulations" ((RIN2060-AS48)-(FRL No. 9924-71-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1223. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Tribal Implementation Plan and Designation of Air Quality Planning Area; Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians" (FRL No. 9924-45-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1224. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Public Participation for Air Quality Permit Applications" (FRL No. 9925-19-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1225. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri, Control of Sulfur Emissions from Stationary Boilers" (FRL No. 9925-24-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1226. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; 2014 Iowa State Implementation Plan; Permit Modifications; Muscatine, Iowa" (FRL No. 9925-60-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1227. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9925-53-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1228. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Federal Implementation Plan for Oil and Natural Gas Well Production Facilities; Fort Bethold Indian Reservation (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation), North Dakota; Correction" (FRL No. 9923-70-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1229. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; State Boards Requirements; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead and Ozone and 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9925-46-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1230. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Montana Second 10-Year Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Great Falls" (FRL No. 9925-50-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1231. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Montana Second 10-Year Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Billings" (FRL No. 9925-51-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1232. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revision to Allegheny County Rules; Preconstruction Permit Requirements - Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 9922-77-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1233. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Idaho; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9925-65-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1234. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applications of Bioassay for Radioiodine" (Regulatory Guide 8.20, Revision 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1235. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of Partial Exemption for Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AK01)(FRL No. 9924-84)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1236. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TENNESSEE: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9924-83-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1237. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District and the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9924-73-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1238. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List" (FRL No. 9924-32-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1239. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval, Disapproval, and Limited Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 9924-49-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1240. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9925-13-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1241. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Plan Approval and Operating Permit Fees" (FRL No. 9925-17-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1242. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Revisions to Emission Inventory Requirements, and General Provisions" (FRL No. 9925-11-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1243. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Washington Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Revision Approval" (FRL No. 9924-94-OW), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1244. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Tennessee Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program; Primacy Approval" (FRL No. 9924-92-OW), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1245. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning and Revision of the Venting Prohibition for Certain Refrigerant Substitutes" ((RIN2060-AS04)(FRL No. 9922-26-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1246. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan National Priorities List" (FRL No. 9925-52-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1247. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; San Joaquin Valley; Reclassification as Serious Nonattainment for the 1997 PM2.5 Standards" (FRL No. 9925-30-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1248. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho" (FRL No. 9925-77-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1249. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Litigation and Compliance Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1250. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Adjustments of Status Granted Under Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1251. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Adjustments of Status Granted Under Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1252. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Characteristics of H-1B Specialty Occupation Workers"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1253. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Adjustments of Status Granted Under Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1254. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Detainees Not Seeking Asylum"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1255. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Adjustments of Status Granted Under Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1256. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "H-2B Nonagricultural Temporary Worker Visa and Status"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1257. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1258. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Controlled Group Research Credit" ((RIN1545-BL77)(TD 9717)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1259. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System Update Relating to Plans with Automatic Contribution Features" (Rev. Proc. 2015-28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1260. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1261. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Decision (TD): Amendments to Excepted Benefits" ((RIN1545-BM44)(TD 9714)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1262. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates -- April 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1263. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: United States and Area Median Gross Income Figures" (Rev. Proc. 2015-23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1264. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the report of proposed legislation entitled "Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America Act" or the "GROW AMERICA Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1265. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1266. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrections to Rev. Proc. 2014-59" (Rev. Proc. 2015-24), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1267. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 911(d)(4) - 2014 Update" (Rev. Proc. 2015-25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1268. A communication from the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2014 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1269. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1270. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2014 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1271. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-81; Introduction" (FAC 2005-81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1272. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the District of Columbia Family Court Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1273. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Portland, ME, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AN11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1274. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1275. A communication from the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2014 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1276. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Peace Corps' fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1277. A communication from the Director, Government Publishing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1278. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Oversight Improvements Must Continue to Ensure Accountability in Use of Public Funds by D.C. Public Charter Schools"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1279. A communication from the Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Railroad Retirement Board's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1280. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1281. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1282. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1283. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report relative to the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1284. A communication from the Chief of the Regulation Policy, Tracking, and Control Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reimbursement for Caskets and Urns for Burial of Unclaimed Remains in a National Cemetery" (RIN2900-AO99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 754, An original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of

information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-32).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 940. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to study the feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional, pre-prepared tax return, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 941. A bill to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 942. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 943. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 944. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 945. A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to provide for the expansion of emergency planning zones and the development of plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 946. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 947. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 948. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 949. A bill to provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 950. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 951. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 952. A bill to provide for duty-free treatment of certain recreational performance outerwear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 953. A bill to facilitate certain pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, and to provide for the implementation of a conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 954. A bill to establish procedures regarding the approval of opioid drugs by the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 955. A bill for the relief of Vichai Sae Tung (also known as Chai Chaowasaree); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HEITKAMP:

S. 956. A bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. KING, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 957. A bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 958. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 959. A bill to establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 960. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 961. A bill to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 962. A bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. COONS):

S. 963. A bill to require the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to submit a report on small business innovation; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 964. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for consultation with State and local governments, the consideration of State and local concerns, and the approval of post-shutdown decommissioning activities reports by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 965. A bill to prohibit the use of funds by Internal Revenue Service to target citizens of the United States for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 966. A bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 967. A bill to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 384

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 384, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) to reform the Food for Peace Program, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 725

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

S. 729

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 729, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 751, a bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes.

S. 757

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 757, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 867

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 867, a bill to improve student academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics subjects.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

SENATE RESOLUTION 116

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 116, a resolution providing for free and fair elections in Burma.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 15, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: The President's FY 2016 Budget Request for Nuclear Regulatory Commission."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 15, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "American Food Aid: Why Reform Matters."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 15, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 15, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "IRS Challenges in Implementing the Affordable Care Act."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 15, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Need to Reform Asset Forfeiture."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 15, 2015, at 2:45 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 15, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Catch Me If You Can: The IRS Impersonation Scam and the Government's Response."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 15, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 15, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 650. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

H.R. 685. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 650. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 685. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 11

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing that it had agreed to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), insisting on its amendment to the concurrent resolution, and asking a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. ENZI that the Senate disagree to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House, and agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and that the PRESIDING OFFICER be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate thereto.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. TESTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 54, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 145 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

The motion having been agreed to, the Senate proceeded to a period of 10 hours for statutory debate on the House message.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:44 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 11

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report on the concurrent resolution shall include a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation related to retirement benefits, which may not include legislation cutting benefits under the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program established under title II of the Social Security Act, increasing the retirement age, or privatizing the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance.

Pending debate,

The pending motion was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. SCHATZ that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report on the concurrent resolution shall include a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure all legally married same-sex spouses have equal access to the Social Security and veterans' benefits they have earned and receive equal treatment under the law pursuant to the Constitution of the United States in the concurrent resolution as agreed to by the Senate.

Pending debate,

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. BROWN that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report on the concurrent resolution shall include a deficit-neutral reserve fund to end "Too Big To Fail" bailouts for Wall Street mega-banks with over $500,000,000,000 in total assets, as set forth in amendment No. 994 to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11, as agreed to by the Senate.

Pending debate,

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Ms. WARREN that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report on the concurrent resolution shall include a provision to make college more affordable for middle-class families by allowing borrowers with outstanding Federal and private student loans to refinance at the equivalent interest rates that were offered to Federal student loan borrowers during the 2013-2014 school year and to fully offset the cost of such a program by requiring millionaires to pay at least a 30 percent effective Federal tax rate.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 2:49 p.m.,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 11

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

The pending motions were considered laid aside.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution shall include the provision in the concurrent resolution as agreed to by the Senate that provides for the establishment of a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to strengthening the United States Postal Service by establishing a moratorium to protect mail processing plants, reinstating overnight delivery standards, protecting rural service, allowing the Postal Service to innovate and adapt to compete in a digital age, or improving the financial condition of the Postal Service.

Pending debate,

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. BURR) that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report on the concurrent resolution shall include a provision relating to addressing student loan debt, which may include reducing overlapping student loan repayment programs and creating simplified income-driven student loan repayment option, as included in section 358 of S. Con. Res. 11, as agreed to by the Senate.

Pending debate,

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report on the concurrent resolution shall include a provision relating to amending the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to allow for punitive damages, limit the any factor "other than sex" exception, and prohibit retaliation against employees who share salary information, as included in amendment No. 362 to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11, as not agreed to by the Senate.

Pending debate,

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. BENNET that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report on the concurrent resolution shall include a response to the causes and impacts of climate change, Department of Defense initiatives to bolster resilience of mission critical department infrastructure to impacts from climate changes; and to recede from the position of the Senate regarding provisions in the concurrent resolution, as agreed to by the Senate, for the establishment of deficit-neutral reserve funds that undermine the response to climate change.

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for Mrs. MURRAY) that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report

on the concurrent resolution shall include the deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation to allow Americans to earn paid sick time in the concurrent resolution, as agreed to by the Senate.

Pending debate,

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for Mrs. MURRAY) that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report on the concurrent resolution shall include a provision to build on the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 and provide sequester relief in 2016 and 2017 by closing tax loopholes.

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report not include the Medicare cuts in the concurrent resolution, as agreed to by the Senate, which would substantially increase out-of-pocket healthcare expenses for senior citizens, and not include the Medicare cuts in the concurrent resolution, as agreed to by the House of Representatives, which would end Medicare as it currently exists by turning it into a voucher-based premium support system and eliminate the guaranteed healthcare benefits earned by the people of the United States.

Pending debate,

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report include a provision relating to promoting equal pay, which may include preventing discrimination on the basis of sex and preventing retaliation against employees for seeking or discussing wage information, as included in section 356 of S. Con. Res. 11, as agreed to by the Senate.

The pending motions were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER that the conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11 be instructed to insist that the conference report include a provision relating to a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to tax credits for employers providing paid family and medical leave.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That, except for 5 minutes to be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, time for debate on the concurrent resolution be concluded; that the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to instruct in the following order: motion, by Mr. BROWN, relative to Wall Street banks; motion, by Mr. SANDERS, relative to postal plant closures; motion, by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. BURR), relative to student loans; motion, by Ms. WARREN, relative to student loans; motion, by Mr. SANDERS, relative to Social Security; motion, by Mr. SCHATZ, relative to same sex marriage benefits; motion, by Mr. BENNET, relative to climate change; motion, by Mrs. FISCHER, as "side by side" to the motion, by Ms. MIKULSKI, relative to equal pay for equal work; motion, by Ms. MIKULSKI, relative to equal pay for equal work; motion, by Mrs. FISCHER, as "side by side" to the motion, by Mr. SANDERS (for Mrs. MURRAY), relative to paid sick leave; motion, by Mr. SANDERS (for Mrs. MURRAY), relative to paid sick leave; motion, by Mr. SANDERS (for Mrs. MURRAY), relative to eliminate sequestration; and motion, by Ms. STABENOW, relative to Medicare cuts.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. BROWN, relative to Wall Street banks.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 86, nays... 11

[Rollcall Vote No. 146 Leg.]

YEAS --- 86

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 11

Alexander, Burr, Coats, Cotton, Crapo, Flake, Hatch, Risch, Sasse, Tillis, Toomey.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. SANDERS, relative to postal plant closures.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 85, nays... 11

[Rollcall Vote No. 147 Leg.]

YEAS --- 85

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 11

Cassidy, Coats, Corker, Flake, Kirk, Lee, Paul, Perdue, Rubio, Tillis, Toomey.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. BURR), relative to student loans.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 97, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 148 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk,

Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Ms. WARREN, relative to student loans.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. WARREN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 149 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. SANDERS, relative to Social Security.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 84, nays... 13

[Rollcall Vote No. 150 Leg.]

YEAS --- 84

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 13

Coats, Cochran, Flake, Hatch, Inhofe, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Perdue, Sasse, Scott, Sessions.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. SCHATZ, relative to same sex marriage benefits.

After debate,

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. BENNET, relative to climate change.

After debate,

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mrs. FISCHER, relative to promoting equal pay.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 57, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 151 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 40

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Ms. MIKULSKI, relative to promoting equal pay.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 152 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mrs. FISCHER, relative to paid sick leave.

After debate,

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. SANDERS (for Mrs. MURRAY), relative to paid sick leave.

After debate,

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. SANDERS (for Mrs. MURRAY), relative to eliminating sequestration.

After debate,

The motion was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Ms. STABENOW, relative to Medicare cuts.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 153 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair), as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11: Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. KING.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Russell Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security, and Jonodev Chaudhuri, of Arizona, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, with no intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon.

Ordered further, That Senators be permitted to "file" second-degree amendments to amendment No. 1120 until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

At 7:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1120, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORNYN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the motion, presented by him on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1120, be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1120 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 2 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 178.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1120 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1191

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, with the concurrence of the minority leader, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and that, if said motion is agreed to, Mr. CORKER, or his designee, be recognized to propose an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), being the text of the bill (S. 615) to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes, as reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-8. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the United States Congress to reinstate funding for the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, Over the past four decades, nuclear power has been a significant source for the nation's electricity production. There are 104 operating nuclear power reactors in the United States, providing about one-fifth of the nation's electricity generation. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Michigan's three nuclear power plants provided 28 percent of the electricity generated in Michigan in 2013; and

Whereas, Nuclear power can provide large amounts of reliable, emission-free electricity at stable prices. Many electricity markets across the nation are, or will soon be, in need of new baseload generating capacity. However, the construction of new nuclear power plants is being hampered by the unresolved issue of spent nuclear fuel; and

Whereas, Since the earliest days of nuclear power, the great dilemma is how to deal with used nuclear fuel. Currently, more than 70,000 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel are stored in pools or casks at temporary, and potentially vulnerable, sites around the country, including in Michigan. More nuclear waste is generated every day. This high-level radioactive waste demands exceptional care in all facets of its storage and disposal, including transportation; and

Whereas, The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 requires the federal government, through the Department of Energy (DOE), to build a repository for the permanent storage of high-level radioactive waste from nuclear power plants. This act includes a specific timetable to identify a suitable location and to establish the waste repository; and

Whereas, The establishment of a federal nuclear waste repository is more than fifteen years overdue. Under the Act, the DOE was supposed to begin accepting and storing the nation's nuclear waste by January 31, 1998. In 2002, Congress and President Bush approved Yucca Mountain in Nevada as the site of the repository, and in 2008, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) accepted an application by the DOE to construct and operate the repository. However, in 2010, at the urging of President Obama, the DOE chose to unilaterally and irrevocably terminate the Yucca Mountain repository process; and

Whereas, The NRC released a report in October 2014 that found Yucca Mountain would be a safe and acceptable repository for the permanent storage of used nuclear fuel. The repository would meet all NRC standards for protecting people and the environment from radioactivity. Clearly, it is time to re-open the Yucca Mountain process, as it will provide the best long-term solution to our nation's used nuclear fuel problem; and

Whereas, The Yucca Mountain process cannot move forward without the U.S. Congress appropriating additional funds. Electric ratepayers in Michigan and across the country have paid billions into the federal Nuclear Waste Fund specifically to support development of a long-term repository. Since 1983, in accordance with the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, customers of Michigan electric utilities have paid $812 million into the federal fund. While fee collection has been suspended as of May 16, 2014, the fund still contains a total balance of over $31 billion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to reinstate funding for the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-9. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the President of the United States and Congress of the United States to support the reform of the Social Security offsets of the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision; to the Committee on Finance.

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Whereas, under current federal law, individuals who receive a Social Security benefit and a public retirement benefit derived from employment not covered under Social Security are subject to a reduction in the Social Security benefits; and

Whereas, these laws. contained in the federal Social Security Act, 42 United States Code, Chapter 7, Subchapter II, Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Benefits, and known as the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, greatly affect public employees, particularly women; and

Whereas, the Windfall Elimination Provision reduces by a formula the Social Security benefit of a person who is also receiving a pension from a public employer that does not participate in Social Security; and

Whereas, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision are particularly burdensome on the finances of low-income and moderate-income public service workers, such as school teachers, clerical workers and school cafeteria employees, whose wages are low to start; and

Whereas, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision both unfairly reduce benefits for those public employees and their spouses whose careers cross the line between the private and public sectors; and

Whereas, since many lower-paying public service jobs are held by women, both the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision have a disproportionately adverse effect on women; and

Whereas, in some cases, additional support in the form of income, housing, heating and prescription drug and other safety net assistance from state and local governments is needed to make up for the reductions imposed at the federal level; and

Whereas, other participants in Social Security do not have their benefits reduced in this manner; and

Whereas, to participate or not to participate in Social Security in public sector employment is a decision of employers even though both the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision directly punish employees and their spouses; and

Whereas, although the Government Pension Offset was enacted in 1977 and the Windfall Elimination Provision was enacted in 1983, many of the benefits in dispute were paid into Social Security prior to that time: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress work together to support reform proposals that include the following protections for low-income and moderate-income government retirees:

1. Protections permitting retention of a combined public pension and Social Security benefit with no applied reductions;

2. Protections permanently ensuring that level of benefit by indexing it to inflation; and

3. Protections ensuring that no current recipient's benefit is reduced by the reform legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; and

each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-10. A resolution adopted by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts condemning all forms of anti-Semitism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, there is clear evidence of increasing incidents and expressions of anti-Semitism throughout the world; and

Whereas, in April 2014, the United States Department of State released the International Religious Freedom report recognizing that anti-Semitism continues to be prevalent internationally; and

Whereas, anti-Semitic acts committed and recorded in 2014 include murders, violent attacks and death threats against Jews, arson, graffiti and property desecration and murders at Jewish cemeteries, places of worship, schools and community events; and

Whereas, such anti-Semitic acts also extend to soccer stadiums, the Internet, editorial cartoons and the use of Nazi salutes, leading many Jewish individuals to conceal their religious identity; and

Whereas, the recent terror attack at a kosher supermarket in Paris, France, and a mounting sense of insecurity among France's Jews reminds us of the urgent need for a commitment to address and confront anti-Semitism; and

Whereas, the Governments in France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom, the 4 countries where the majority of anti-Semitic incidents have occurred in Western Europe, have strongly condemned anti-Semitism as unacceptable in European society and have all made clear statements that such attacks on their Jewish communities are intolerable; and

Whereas, anti-Semitic imagery and comparisons of Jews and Israel to Nazis have been on display at demonstrations against Israel's actions in Gaza, throughout the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a rich history of tolerance to all faiths and religions; and

Whereas, the United States Government has played an essential role in counteracting the resurgence of anti-Semitism worldwide and has consistently supported efforts to address the rise in anti-Semitism through its bilateral relationships and participation in international organizations such as the United Nations, the organization for security and cooperation in Europe, and the organization of American states; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts General Court joins with people everywhere in unequivocally condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and rejecting attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks as an acceptable expression of disapproval or frustration over political events in the Middle East or elsewhere; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts General Court applauds the United States and those foreign leaders who have condemned anti-Semitic acts and calls on those who have yet to take firm action against anti-Semitism in their countries to do so; and

Whereas, the very recent killings of a Danish film director and a Jewish guard in Copenhagen, along with the vandalism of a Jewish cemetery in Eastern France, have given rise to concerns about a rise of terrorism and anti-Semitism across the continent: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts General Court supports expanded anti-bias and Holocaust education programs to increase awareness, counter prejudice and enhance efforts to teach the universal lessons of the Holocaust; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the Governor of the Commonwealth and to each member of Congress elected from this State.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 968. A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 969. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from the tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 970. A bill to allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for the 18-month on-site examination cycle, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BURR):

S. 971. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 972. A bill to clarify the effect of designating a National Monument on certain land in Chafee County, Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 973. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 974. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 975. A bill to prohibit the award of Federal Government contracts to inverted domestic corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 976. A bill to promote the development of a United States commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and to increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 977. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to secure the rights of visual artists to copyright, to provide for resale royalties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. KING):

S. 978. A bill to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 979. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. LEE):

S. 980. A bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 981. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a repatriation holiday, to increase funding to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 982. A bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and to require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to develop water planning instruments consistent with State law; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 983. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate high priority corridors on the National Highway System in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 984. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices; read the first time.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 985. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 986. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 987. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow deductions and credits relating to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 988. A bill to promote minimum State requirements for the prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COATS (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 989. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to exempt from duty residue of bulk cargo contained in instruments of international traffic previously exported from the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 990. A bill to improve the process by which the Librarian of Congress considers requests for exemptions to section 1201(a)-(1)(A) of title 17, United States Code, and to ease restrictions on the use of certain statutory exemptions to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 991. A bill to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CAPITO:

S. 992. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 993. A bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 994. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 995. A bill to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 996. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 997. A bill to extend the authorization for the major medical facility project to replace the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Aurora, Colorado, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to manage the construction of such project, to transfer the authority to carry out future major medical facility projects of the Department from the Secretary to the Army Corps of Engineers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 998. A bill to establish a process for the consideration of temporary duty suspensions and reductions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 999. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1000. A bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GARDNER, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1001. A bill to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1002. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1003. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1004. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each

Veterans Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1005. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1006. A bill to incentivize early adoption of positive train control, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 136. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2015, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 137. A resolution congratulating the administration, staff, students, and alumni of Roosevelt University on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the University; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 138. A resolution congratulating the Providence College Men's Ice Hockey team for winning the 2015 NCAA Division I National Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. Res. 139. A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Con. Res. 12. A concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 197

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 197, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to States to improve delivery of high-quality assessments, and for other purposes.

S. 230

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 230, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 606

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 606, a bill to extend the right of appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board to certain employees of the United States Postal Service.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 665, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 747

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 747, a bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research.

S. 753

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 753, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 854

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 854, a bill to

establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, and for other purposes.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 884, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 950, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, a concurrent resolution supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the "International Year of Soils" and supporting locally led soil conservation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. JOHNSON,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Regulatory Burdens to Obtaining Mortgage Credit."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Congress and U.S. Tariff Policy."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2015, at 12:30 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 12:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 709. An act to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes.

H.R. 1026. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations.

H.R. 1058. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights.

H.R. 1104. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations.

H.R. 1152. An act to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business.

H.R. 1295. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under 501(c)(4) of such Code.

H.R. 1314. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

H.R. 1562. An act to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 529. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 709. An act to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1026. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release

of information regarding the status of certain investigations; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1058. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1104. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1152. An act to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1562. An act to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of George C. Hanks, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the nomination; that, upon conclusion of debate thereon, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

CONGRATULATING ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 137) congratulating the administration, staff, students, and alumni of Roosevelt University on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the University, submitted today by Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2015 NCAA DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 138) congratulating the Providence College Men's Ice Hockey team for winning the 2015 NCAA Division I National Championship, submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 984) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices, introduced today by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 636) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, February 23, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 644) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, February 23, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1295) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on

today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 178.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SULLIVAN and Mr. LEE, for 10 minutes each.

After debate,

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON THE ALFRED P. MURRAH FEDERAL BUILDING

On the request of Mr. LEE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 139), submitted today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, as modified,

At 5:48 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015

Mr. TOM COTTON, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COTTON led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 20, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM COTTON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COTTON took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 16, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 16, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 16, 2015,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1120, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORNYN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 16, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 16, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1285. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the National Agriculture and Food Defense Strategy (NAFDS)"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1286. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Judith A. Fedder, United States Air Force, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1287. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Janet C. Wolfenbarger, United States Air Force, and her advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1288. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense,

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1289. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1290. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1291. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Syrian Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 542) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1292. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1293. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0365)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1294. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Trawl Catcher Vessels in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD823) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1295. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD799) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1296. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Transportation Conformity and Conformity of General Federal Actions" (FRL No. 9925-86-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1297. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Truckee Meadows project on the Truckee River in Washoe County, Nevada, for the purposes of flood risk management and recreation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1298. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expatriate Health Plans Under the ACA Section 9010" (Notice 2015-29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1299. A communication from the Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Excepted Benefits" ((RIN0938-AS52)(CMS-9946-F2)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1300. A communication from the Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1301. A communication from the General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1302. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the report on activities of the National Guard Counterdrug Schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1303. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's activities during calendar year 2014 relative to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1304. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "Criminal Judicial Procedure, Administration, and Technical Amendments Act of 2015"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1305. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act during fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-11. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging the United States Congress to facilitate the payment of contractors who completed hazardous fuels treatment projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin pursuant to contracts with the Nevada Fire Safe Council; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, In 1999, Northern Nevada experienced one of the worst wildfire years on record, with more than 1.6 million acres burned and significant economic and environmental impacts; and

Whereas, In the spring of 1999, a resolution was approved at Nevada's first comprehensive fire conference, known as the "Living With Fire Forum," which urged the establishment of a statewide council to provide support to make homes, neighborhoods and communities in Nevada safe from fire; and

Whereas, The Nevada Fire Safe Council was formed as a domestic nonprofit corporation on December 10, 1999, and received appropriations from the Nevada Legislature in 2005 and 2007 to administer a community-based wildfire threat reduction program; and

Whereas, By March 2007, the Council had grown to include 60 affiliated chapters and 3,515 members; and

Whereas, The Angora Fire in the summer of 2007 burned more than 250 structures on private property and more than 3,000 acres in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and further amplified the existing need for mitigation work to reduce the threat of wildfire in communities; and

Whereas, Between 2008 and 2012, the Council was awarded over $21 million in federal reimbursement grants to be used to pay public and private entities for the completion of hazardous fuels treatment projects; and

Whereas, In July 2011, the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of Agriculture initiated an audit of the Council's records after receiving a complaint on its hotline alleging that the Council was awarding certain contracts in a noncompetitive manner; and

Whereas, The audit report issued by the Inspector General in January 2012 indicated various accounting irregularities in the Council's administration of the federal reimbursement grant money and resulted in the freezing of reimbursement payments of that grant money for completed projects until the accounting deficiencies were corrected; and

Whereas, In November 2012, the Council filed for bankruptcy and ceased operations; and

Whereas, As a result of the freezing of reimbursement payments and the Council's bankruptcy, various public and private entities that had completed hazardous fuels treatment projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin pursuant to agreements with the Council have not been paid for their services, which has caused significant economic hardship to those entities; and

Whereas, On March 20, 2014, California Assemblyman Brian Dahle and his staff were joined by staff from the offices of United States Representatives Doug LaMalfa and Tom McClintock to share their concerns about the outstanding debts of the Council and to explore solutions with Nevada's Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to facilitate the payment of contractors who completed hazardous fuels treatment projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin pursuant to contracts with the Nevada Fire Safe Council and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Attorney General of the United States, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-12. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to provide full long-term funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program and to reauthorize Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act funding; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1010

Whereas, the State of Arizona is composed of 113,417 square miles of land, of which 17% is managed by the Bureau of Land Management 15% is managed by the United States Forest Service, 2% is managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 4% is managed by the National Park Service, 4% is military land and 28% is tribal land. Thus, much of the land in Arizona is unavailable for economic development and is not part of the property tax base; and

Whereas, counties are required to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency services, road building and maintenance, and other community services on, or associated with, tax-exempt federally managed public lands; and

Whereas, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program was established in 1976 to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to the federal government and to the users of federally managed lands located within a county; and

Whereas, the national average PILT payment in fiscal year 2014 was $0.72 per acre, which is far below the amount that federally managed lands would return through both value-based taxation and economic development; and

Whereas, Congress has been unable to pass a long-term funding solution for the PILT program since 2008 and has instead passed last-minute one-year extensions, causing great uncertainty about county finances and services as well as rural school funding; and

Whereas, funding for fiscal year 2015 PILT was included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act and the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act, totaling $442 million, but the fate of fiscal year 2016 and future years is still unknown; and

Whereas, a lack of certainty for PILT funding places the large, unsustainable burden of providing services on federally managed lands squarely on the backs of local county taxpayers, while the presence of that federally managed land creates barriers to economic opportunities; and

Whereas, rural communities and schools in and around national forests have historically relied on a share of receipts from timber harvests to support education services and roads; and

Whereas, in the 1980s, federal restrictions substantially diminished the revenue-generating timber harvests permitted in these forests; and

Whereas, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) was passed in 2000 to stabilize and transition payments to counties and schools away from the declining and unreliable share of timber sales; and

Whereas, the failure of Congress to honor the more than 100-year-old contract between the federal government and heavily forested communities by not reauthorizing SRS funding for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 will create budgetary shortfalls for rural counties and school districts; and

Whereas, failure to immediately secure SRS funding for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 and PILT funding for fiscal year 2016 and into the future for Arizona counties will critically impact the local budget process and structural solvency of counties and the public school systems and will substantially compromise their ability to provide essential services, such as health, safety and welfare; and

Whereas, the federal government has the duty to reimburse local jurisdictions for the presence of federally managed public lands in a reliable and consistent manner.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress provide full long-term funding for the PILT program to help create financial stability within Arizona's counties.

2. That the United States Congress immediately reauthorize SRS funding for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 and work toward a long-term solution.

3. That the United States Congress work with the State of Arizona and county governments to identify and implement policies to promote economic development on, or associated with, federally managed lands.

4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-13. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to enact legislation exempting United States military

bases from the regulations and restrictions of the Endangered Species Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1009

Whereas, the mission of the United States Department of Defense is "to provide the military forces needed to deter war and to protect the security of our country"; and

Whereas, according to the Department of Defense and the Government Accountability Office (GAO), a fundamental principle of military readiness is that the military must train as it intends to fight; and

Whereas, the Department of Defense has established military training facilities in Arizona, including Fort Huachuca, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Luke Air Force Base and the Barry M. Goldwater range, among others, to accomplish this goal; and

Whereas, Department of Defense officials indicate that heightened focus on the application of environmental statutes has affected the use of its training areas; and

Whereas, compliance with environmental regulations, especially the Endangered Species Act (ESA), has caused some training activities to be canceled, postponed or modified; and

Whereas, compliance with environmental regulations, particularly the ESA, has forced military officials to make adjustments to training regimens, including requiring units in training to avoid areas with ESA restrictions; and

Whereas, since 2003, the Department of Defense has obtained exemptions from three environmental laws and sought exemptions from three others; and

Whereas, these exemptions allow the military to maintain its high state of readiness and help to ensure its ability to meet unexpected threats; and

Whereas, these exemptions are under increased scrutiny by environmental groups and federal officials who would rather protect wildlife than allow the military to maintain its readiness; and

Whereas, a GAO report found no instances in which the Department of Defense's use of exemptions from the ESA or the Migratory Bird Treaty Act has adversely affected the environment; and

Whereas, the United States military has proven itself to be a responsible and effective steward of the land and environment.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress enact legislation exempting United States military bases and training facilities from the regulations and restrictions of the Endangered Species Act.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-14. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to enact the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1012

Whereas, when the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was originally enacted in 1973, the framers and supporters of the ESA envisioned a law that would protect species believed to be on the brink of extinction; and

Whereas, at that time, 109 species were listed for protection; and

Whereas, today, over 1,500 species in the United States are designated as threatened or endangered under the ESA; and

Whereas, as a result of a 2011 mega-settlement between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and environmental litigants, hundreds more species could be added within the next two years; and

Whereas, the ESA is failing to achieve its primary purpose of species recovery as it has only a 2% recovery rate; and

Whereas, the ESA was last amended in 1988, which means 27 years have passed since any improvements have been made; and

Whereas, the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act would require that data used by federal agencies for ESA listing decisions be made publicly available and accessible through the Internet, while respecting state data privacy laws and private property; and

Whereas, the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act would require the federal government to disclose to affected states data used prior to an ESA listing decision and require the "best available scientific and commercial data" used by the federal government to incorporate data provided by states, tribes and local county governments; and

Whereas, the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act would require the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to track, report to Congress and make available online the federal taxpayer funds used to respond to ESA lawsuits, the number of employees dedicated to ESA litigation and the amount of attorney fees awarded in the course of ESA litigation and settlement agreements; and

Whereas, the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act would prioritize species protection and protect taxpayer dollars by placing reasonable caps on attorney fees to make the ESA consistent with existing federal law; and

Whereas, the customs, cultures and economic well-being of our local communities, as well as important historic and cultural aspects of our local heritage, are being ignored, which adversely affects the lives and jobs of the people of the United States and devastates local and state economies; and

Whereas, a cost-benefit analysis should be required on any ESA action; and

Whereas, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and many others support the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representative concurring, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States enact the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-15. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to oppose the implementation of certain technology and emissions reduction rules for new and existing electric generating units; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1013

Whereas, the Clean Air Act (CAA) is a federal law designed to protect air quality nationwide; and

Whereas, jurisdiction to implement the CAA lies primarily with the states; and

Whereas, in 1970, Congress enacted the CAA, mandating comprehensive state and federal regulations for both stationary and nonstationary sources of pollution; and

Whereas, while Americans support efforts to improve air quality, such efforts should be carefully balanced to ensure that the costs of new regulations to the economy do not exceed potential benefits; and

Whereas, on June 2, 2014, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed rules in the Federal Register that will require Arizona to reduce carbon emissions at existing generating facilities by 51.7% by 2030; and

Whereas, the carbon reduction targets for Arizona are the second highest in the nation; and

Whereas, the interim goal proposed for Arizona would require nearly 90% of the

final goal to be achieved by the year 2020: and

Whereas, concentrations of greenhouse gases are the result of global emissions and do not pose an immediate risk to public health and safety as do other criteria pollutants; and

Whereas, the EPA's proposed rules exceed its legal authority to require reductions in carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel-fired electric generating units under Section 111(d) of the CAA and interfere with the electric system of Arizona; and

Whereas, addressing greenhouse gas emissions under Section 111(d) is a discretionary duty of the EPA as outlined in the CAA; and

Whereas, devoting resources to discretionary duties such as regulating greenhouse gas emissions takes away resources from nondiscretionary duties that are better suited to protect the public health in the near term; and

Whereas, it is important to Arizona's economy to have a diverse energy portfolio that provides reliable and affordable electric service to Arizona residents and businesses while protecting the public health and welfare; and

Whereas, fossil fuels, including coal and natural gas, provide an abundant, domestic and affordable energy source that is important to Arizona's economy and the availability and reliability of electric service; and

Whereas, the EPA ignores the customs, cultures and economic well-being of our local communities as well as important historic and cultural aspects of our local heritage; and

Whereas, the EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan will cause significant disruptions in Arizona's electricity supply and transmission system, causing reliability in the system to decrease.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress oppose the implementation of rules for existing electric generating units that exceed the EPA's legal authority under Section 111 of the CAA and interfere with the prerogative of Arizona to regulate electricity and ensure an affordable and reliable supply of electricity for its citizens.

2. That the United States Congress oppose the implementation of rules for new or existing electric generating units that do not recognize the primary role of states in establishing and implementing plans to achieve emissions reductions for existing units under Section 111 of the CAA.

3. That the United States Congress exercise oversight over the EPA to ensure that the primary role of States in establishing and implementing rules under Section 111 of the CAA is respected.

4. That the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Arizona take appropriate actions to uphold this state's responsibilities with respect to the CAA and defend the state against overreaching regulations.

5. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Governor of the State of Arizona and the Attorney General of the State of Arizona.

POM-16. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to act to increase the United States Customs field office personnel at the ports of entry in Nogales, Douglas, and San Luis, Arizona; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2003

Whereas, the United States and Mexico are important trading partners, and commerce between the two countries is a critical source of jobs, income and exchange; and

Whereas, according to the United States Department of Commerce, more than $500 billion in bilateral trade and over $100 billion occurs in cross-border investment annually: and

Whereas, in Arizona, $28 billion in two-way trade is processed annually through Arizona's ports of entry; and

Whereas, according to the United States Census Bureau, Arizona exports to Mexico totaled $7.1 billion in 2013; and

Whereas, the prime conduits for cross-border trade are through the ports of entry in Nogales, Douglas, and San Luis, Arizona; and

Whereas, the Customs Field Office personnel within the United States Custom and Border Protection service of the United States Department of Homeland Security serve a vital function in promoting security and economic stability; and

Whereas, the lack of capacity and staffing for customs inspections at these primary entry points create congestion for incoming and outgoing goods, hampers commercial activity and potentially compromises border security; and

Whereas, these impediments ultimately translate into perished agricultural produce and lost business opportunities and income; and

Whereas, the rapid delivery of goods and commerce enhances business activity and strengthens economic integration; and

Whereas, greater inspection capacity at the United States border at the ports of entry in Nogales, Douglas, and San Luis, Arizona will enhance the safety and swiftness of goods moving across the border, benefiting the economies of both nations; and

Whereas, increasing the number of Customs Field Office personnel at these ports will facilitate commercial traffic and will result in increased economic growth and stability for Arizona; and

Whereas, the letter signed by every member of the Arizona Congressional delegation and sent to the United States Department of Homeland Security dated October 14, 2014 expressed the need for greater staffing and allocation of personnel to Arizona's ports of entry.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress act expediently to increase and maintain staffing for Customs Field Office personnel at the ports of entry in Nogales, Douglas, and San Luis, Arizona in order to prudently speed the flow of goods and commerce.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs During the 113th Congress" (Rept. No. 114-33).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1007. A bill to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 1008. A bill to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1009. A bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1010. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1011. A bill to establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CARPER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KING, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. UDALL, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1012. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1013. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1014. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1015. A bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 1016. A bill to preserve freedom and choice in health care; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. Res. 140. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 141. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. Con. Res. 13. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a breach of security.

S. 198

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 565

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 565, a bill to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of

Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 676

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage orginator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 824

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 841

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 841, a bill to expand eligibility for health care under the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include certain veterans seeking mental health care, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 946, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government.

S. 974

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor.

S. 998

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 998, a bill to establish a process for the

consideration of temporary duty suspensions and reductions, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. VITTER,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 20, 2015, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "2020 Census: Challenges Facing the Bureau for a Modern, Cost-Effective Survey."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 622. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes.

H.R. 1105. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Chairman.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Clerk of the House reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Dr. Sharon Leon of Fairfax, VA.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 636) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, February 23, 2015, and read the first time on Thursday, April 16, 2015; which was read the second time.

Mr. VITTER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 644) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, February 23, 2015, and read the first time on Thursday, April 16, 2015; which was read the second time.

Mr. VITTER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1295) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, April 16, 2015, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. VITTER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, April 16, 2015, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. VITTER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 984) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices, introduced on Thursday, April 16, 2015 by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KIRK), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. VITTER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 34) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on April 14, 2015, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 141) supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day, submitted today by Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 178.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

Mr. TOM COTTON, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COTTON led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 21, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM COTTON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COTTON took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries:

PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONCERNING PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY -- PM 14

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with accompanying papers; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, pursuant to subsections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the "Agreement"). I am also pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) concerning the Agreement. (In accordance with section 123 of the Act, as amended by Title XII of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-277), two classified annexes to the NPAS, prepared by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately.) The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretaries of State and Energy and a letter from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed. An addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of China's export control system with respect to nuclear-related matters, including interactions with other countries of proliferation concern and the actual or suspected nuclear, dual-use, or missile-related transfers to such countries, pursuant to section 102A(w) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(w)), is being submitted separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

The proposed Agreement has been negotiated in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. In my judgment, it meets all applicable statutory requirements and will advance the nonproliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States.

The proposed Agreement provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation with China based on a mutual commitment to nuclear nonproliferation. It would permit the transfer of material, equipment (including reactors), components, information, and technology for nuclear research and nuclear power production. It does not permit transfers of any Restricted Data. Transfers of sensitive nuclear technology, sensitive nuclear facilities, and major critical components of such facilities may only occur if the Agreement is amended to cover such transfers. In the event of termination, key nonproliferation conditions and controls continue with respect to material, equipment, and components subject to the Agreement.

The proposed Agreement would obligate the United States and China to work together to enhance their efforts to familiarize commercial entities in their respective countries about the requirements of the Agreement as well as national export controls and policies applicable to exports and imports

subject to the Agreement. It would have a term of 30 years from the date of its entry into force. Either party may terminate the proposed Agreement on at least 1 year's written notice to the other party.

Since the 1980s, China has become a party to several nonproliferation treaties and conventions and worked to bring its domestic export control authorities in line with international standards. China joined the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in 1992 as a nuclear weapon state, brought into force an Additional Protocol to its International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards agreement in 2002, and joined the Nuclear Suppliers Group in 2004. China is a party to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, which establishes international standards of physical protection for use, storage, and transport of nuclear material, and has ratified the 2005 Amendment to the Convention. A more detailed discussion of China's civil nuclear program and its nuclear nonproliferation policies and practices, including its nuclear export policies and practices, is provided in the NPAS and in two classified annexes to the NPAS submitted to you separately. As noted above, the Director of National Intelligence will provide an addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of the export control system of China with respect to nuclear-related matters.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested departments and agencies in reviewing the proposed Agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the proposed Agreement and authorized its execution and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediately the consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided in section 123 b. Upon completion of the 30 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 b., the 60 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 d. shall commence.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 21, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1306. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committees on Finance; and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1307. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Jacksonville Harbor Project in Duval County, Florida, for the purpose of deep draft navigation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1308. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lead-based Paint Programs; Extension of Renovator Certifications" ((RIN2070-AK04)(FRL No. 9925-71)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1309. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho; Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9926-52-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama: Non-interference Demonstration for Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement for the Birmingham Area" (FRL No. 9926-41-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Pennsylvania Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9926-43-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1312. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan; SO2 Rules" (FRL No. 9926-31-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1313. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; CO Monitoring" (FRL No. 9926-29-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1314. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Implementation Plan; Florida; Attainment Plan for the Hillsborough Area for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9926-34-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1315. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Oklahoma" (FRL No. 9926-50-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1316. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island: Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9926-51-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1317. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vermont: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9926-54-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1318. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Charlotte; Base Year Emissions Inventory and Emissions Statement for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9926-47-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1319. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carbofuran; Reinstatement of Specific Tolerances and Removal of Expired Tolerances" (FRL No. 9925-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1320. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Right of Appeal for Medicare Secondary Payer Determinations Relating to Liability Insurance (Including Self-Insurance), No-Fault Insurance, and Workers' Compensation Laws and Plans" ((RIN0938-AS03)(CMS-6055-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1321. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-009); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1322. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-002); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1323. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-136); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1324. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-134); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1325. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-126); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1326. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-108); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1327. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities" (FRL No. 9919-44-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1328. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1329. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2014 annual report relative to the STARBASE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1330. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transferred OTS Regulations Regarding Possession by Conservators and Receivers for Federal and State Savings Associations" (RIN3064-AE17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1331. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1332. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1333. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the St. Louis Airport Storage Site in St. Louis, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1334. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance Standards for Ionizing Radiation Emitting Products; Fluoroscopic Equipment; Correction" (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0828), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1335. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1336. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ANC 5C Did Not Comply Fully with the ANC Act"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1337. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 inventories of commercial and inherently governmental positions in the Department of Transportation; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1338. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Policy, Planning, and Liaison, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Small Business Size Decisions" (RIN3245-AG59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-1339. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1340. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to 38 CFR Part 3" (RIN2900-AP33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1341. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure

Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (23); Amdt. No. 3631" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1342. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (278); Amdt. No. 3632" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1343. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (49); Amdt. No. 3633" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1344. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (209); Amdt. No. 3634" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1345. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers and Harlan Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1346. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-1093)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1347. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GA 8 Airvan (Pty) Ltd Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1123)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1348. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0749)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1349. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0619)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1350. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0284)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1351. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0489)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1352. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0579)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1353. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0752)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1354. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0229)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1355. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1032)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1356. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1357. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Tripoli (HLLL) Flight Information Registration (FIR); Extension of Expiration Date" ((RIN2120-AK70)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0246)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1358. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Coaldale, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0871)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1359. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the General Counsel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patents and Other Intellectual Property

Rights" (RIN2700-AE02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1360. A communication from the Senior Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulation and Enforcement, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Use of Electronic Chain of Custody and Control Form in DOT-Regulated Drug Testing Programs" (RIN2105-AE35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1361. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015-2017 Final Specifications for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfly Fisheries" (RIN0648-BE49), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 1017. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the siting of interstate electric transmission facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1018. A bill to increase the penalty for fraudulent 9-1-1 calls that result in an emergency response from law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 1019. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to repeal certain provisions relating to criminal penalties and violations of foreign laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1020. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1021. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1022. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1023. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a refundable credit for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1024. A bill to authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1025. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1026. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1027. A bill to require notification of information security breaches and to enhance penalties for cyber criminals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 1028. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1029. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1030. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for clarification as to the meaning of access without authorization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1031. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 1032. A bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1033. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 1034. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "Charles Clark United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1035. A bill to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 142. A resolution honoring the life of Rachel Carson; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 143. A resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 122

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 377

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 377, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare program and to reform payments for such services under such program, and for other purposes.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 619, a bill to include among the principal trade negotiating objectives of the United States regarding commercial partnerships trade negotiating objectives with respect to discouraging activity that discourages, penalizes, or otherwise limits commercial relations with Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Asbestos Information Act of 1988 to establish a public database of asbestos-containing products, to require public disclosure of information pertaining to the manufacture, processing, distribution, and use of asbestos-containing products in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 824

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of

S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 925, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 957

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 957, a bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

S. 966

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 966, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 975

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill to prohibit the award of Federal Government contracts to inverted domestic corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building".

S. 1006

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1006, a bill to incentivize early adoption of positive train control, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 140

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 140, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room 328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Opportunities and Challenges for Agriculture Trade with Cuba."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Building on the Successes of MAP-21 to Deliver Safe, Efficient and Effective Public Transportation Services and Projects."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Advancing Telehealth through Connectivity."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 21, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "FAA Reauthorization: Certification and U.S. Aviation Manufacturing Competitiveness."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Congress and U.S. Tariff Policy."

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1120, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORNYN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:30 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 178.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1120 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 178 on tomorrow, Mr. CORNYN, or his designee, be recognized to withdraw the pending amendment (No. 1120); that it be in order for amendments Nos. 1124 and 301 to be proposed; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 301, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY; that, following said vote, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1124; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, if amendment No. 1124 is agreed to, time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that, at 2 p.m., the following Senators be recognized to propose the following amendments in the following order: Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 1127, in "side-by-side" fashion to amendment No. 290; Mr. LEAHY, amendment No. 290; Mr. BROWN, amendment No. 311; Mr. BURR, amendment No. 1121; Mr. KIRK, amendment No. 273.

Ordered further, That amendment No. 273 be modified; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendments in the aforementioned order; and that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said amendments, there be five minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the following Senators be recognized to propose the following amendments in the following order; that each be modified as indicated; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to each in the following order: Ms. KLOBUCHAR, amendment No. 296; Mr. HOEVEN, amendment No. 299, as modified; Mr. SULLIVAN, amendment No. 279; Mr. WICKER, amendment No. 1126; Mr. FLAKE, amendment No. 294; Mr. CASSIDY, amendment No. 308; Mr. PORTMAN, amendment No. 270, as modified; Mr. BROWN, amendment No. 310; Mr. BROWN, amendment No. 312; Mr. HELLER, amendment No. 1122; Mrs. SHAHEEN, amendment No. 303.

Ordered further, That there be no second-degree amendment in order to the amendments; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 303, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the further transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1035) to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BURR), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 178.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 9:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1035) to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BURR), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1120, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORNYN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Mr. CORNYN withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 101, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1124).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to amend (perfect) the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 301).

OBJECTION TO THE MEETING OF A COMMITTEE

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during session on today at 1 p.m.

Mr. SANDERS objected.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 178.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 301 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending (perfecting) amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 156 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the (perfecting) amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1124 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 157 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BURR to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1121).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY for Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 273).

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Mr. GRASSLEY modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 273, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 290).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1127).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 158 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts,

Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 53

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 290 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the remaining votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 290 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 56, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 159 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 273, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. BALDWIN) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 311).

After debate,

On motion by Ms. AYOTTE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 99, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 160 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1121 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 161 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 273, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 97, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 162 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 2

Cantwell, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. CORNYN proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: amendment No. 296, Ms. KLOBUCHAR; amendment No. 299, Mr. HOEVEN; amendment No. 279, Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND); amendment No. 1126, Mr. WICKER; amendment No. 294, Mr. FLAKE; amendment No. 308, Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. PETERS); amendment No. 1128, Mr. PORTMAN; amendments Numbered

310 and 312, Mr. BROWN; amendment No. 1122, Mr. HELLER; and amendment No. 303, Mrs. SHAHEEN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 299 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 303 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 296 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 299, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 279 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1126 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 294 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 308 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1128 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 310 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 312 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1122 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 303 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. JOHNSON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 99, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 163 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LEE, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1036. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage-grouse species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 1037. A bill to expand the provisions for termination of mandatory purchase requirements under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 1038. A bill to clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 1039. A bill to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans to achieve energy cost savings; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1040. A bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1041. A bill to eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. REED):

S. 1042. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and North Atlantic planning areas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1043. A bill to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1044. A bill to enhance consumer access to electricity information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage their energy usage; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 1045. A bill to protect 10th Amendment rights by providing special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1046. A bill to accelerate the adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1047. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for the potential to cause an adverse effect on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1048. A bill to remove the authority of the Secretary of Energy to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 1049. A bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1050. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 by establishing a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1051. A bill to include county and municipal correctional facilities among medical facilities that qualify for designation as health professional shortage areas for purposes of the National Health Service Corps; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1052. A bill to require a study on the impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings, to provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and units of local government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1053. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1054. A bill to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1055. A bill to require the Administrator of General Services and the Secretary of Energy to set goals for deep energy retrofits in Federal buildings; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1056. A bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1057. A bill to promote geothermal energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. KING):

S. 1058. A bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1059. A bill to provide Dreamer students with access to student financial aid; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1060. A bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1061. A bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1062. A bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1063. A bill to amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 144. A resolution supporting the mission and goals of 2015 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which include increasing public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 145. A resolution supporting the designation of April 2015, as "Parkinson's Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PERDUE, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 146. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of April 13 through April 17, 2015, as "National Assistant Principals Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 147. A resolution designating Donald A. Ritchie as Historian Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 142

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety

Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 182

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 483

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 483, a bill to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 744

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, a bill to rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use the funds to reduce the Federal debt.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 922

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 922, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 925, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes.

S. 930

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 930, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 957

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 957, a bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

S. 966

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 966, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, and for other purposes.

S. 997

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 997, a bill to extend the authorization for the major medical facility project to replace the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Aurora, Colorado, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to manage the construction of such project, to transfer the authority to carry out future major medical facility projects of the Department from the Secretary to the Army Corps of Engineers, and for other purposes.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

S. 1001

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

S. 1016

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1016, a bill to preserve freedom and choice in health care.

SENATE RESOLUTION 140

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 140, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BURR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Weathering the Storm: How Can We Better Communicate Weather to Enhance Commerce and Safety?"

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Vanessa Sutherland to be a Member and Chairperson of the Chemical Safety Board.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "State Department Reauthorization: Ensuring Effective U.S. Diplomacy within a Responsible Budget."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing the Border: Understanding Threats and Strategies for the Northern Border."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 22, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 22, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 22, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 535. An act to promote energy efficiency.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 471. An act to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 21. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 471. An act to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following bill was read, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 710. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEDICARE INDEPENDENCE AT HOME MEDICAL PRACTICE DEMONSTRATION IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 971) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for Mr. WYDEN) to amend the pending bill on page 2, line 5, after "1866E(e)(1)" by adding "of the Social Security Act" (being amendment No. 1129).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL FUNDS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 984) to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to State and local governments for payment of obligations, to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from financially assisting State and local governments, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND GOALS OF 2015 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 144) supporting the mission and goals of 2015 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which include increasing public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States, submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. VITTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 145) supporting the designation of April 2015, as "Parkinson's Awareness Month", submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF "NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 146) expressing support for the designation of the week of April 13 through April 17, 2015, as "National Assistant Principals Week", submitted today by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PERDUE, and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING DONALD A. RITCHIE AS HISTORIAN EMERITUS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

On the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 147) designating Donald A. Ritchie as Historian Emeritus of the United States Senate, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 782) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 710) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, when the Senate resumes consideration of the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General on tomorrow there be two hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to a vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the aforementioned nomination; that, if the motion is agreed to, there be two hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

ORDER FOR PROGRAM ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate convenes on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Loretta Lynch, as pursuant to the foregoing order.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:34 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Williamson, Senior Pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church of North Las Vegas, Nevada offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred).

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1191

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, at 3 p.m. on today, the Senate agree to a motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 16, 2015; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that Mr. CORKER, or his designee,

then be recognized to propose an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as pursuant to the aforementioned order; and that there be only debate during the session of the Senate on today.

Ordered further, That, following leader remarks on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, Mr. CORKER be recognized to propose an amendment to the intended amendment (in the nature of substitute).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, April 23, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 535. A bill to promote energy efficiency.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1362. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1363. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense's Evaluation of the TRICARE Program for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1364. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations Based on the 2014 Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary Agreements" (RIN0694-AG41), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1365. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Submission of Credit Card Agreements Under the Truth in Lending Act" ((RIN3170-AA50)(Docket No. CFPB-2015-0006)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1366. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Transferred OTS Regulations Regarding Rules of Practice and Procedure and Amendments to FDIC Rules and Regulations" (RIN3064-AE08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1367. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 on May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1368. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1369. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1370. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Stemme AG Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0633)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1371. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; 2015-2016 Recreational Fishing Season for Black Sea Bass" (RIN0648-XD828), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1372. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XD846), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1373. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Housing Cost Amounts Eligible for Exclusion or Deduction for 2015" (Notice 2015-33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1374. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a strategy for Support for Russia Democracy and Civil Society Organizations; a strategy for Assistance to Civil Society in Ukraine; and a strategy for Anticipated Defense Articles, Defense Services, and Training to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1375. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1376. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-148); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1377. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Report for the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1378. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report for fiscal year 2014 for the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1379. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) annual report on Drug Shortages for Calendar Year 2014;

to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1380. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and a Member of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1381. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs Annual Report to Congress for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1382. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on applications made by the Government for authority to conduct electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence during calendar year 2014 relative to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1383. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Driving Distance Eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program" (RIN2900-AP24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-17. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of North Dakota urging the United States Congress to call for a constitutional convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires a balanced federal budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3015

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States mandates that upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, Congress shall call a convention for proposing amendments; and

Whereas, this application is to be considered as covering the balanced budget amendment language of the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states; and

Whereas, this application shall be aggregated for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds necessary to require the calling of a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and

Whereas, this application is a continuing application until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications on the same subject; and

Whereas, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly deems an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a balanced federal budget to be necessary for the good of the American people: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of North Dakota, the Senate concurring therein:

That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to call a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the Senate and the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Congress, to each member of the United States Congressional Delegation, and also to transmit copies to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the United States, requesting their cooperation.

POM-18. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, calling for the United States Department of Transportation to immediately turn its attention to increasing the strictness of the regulations that govern rail transport of hazardous liquids; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Report to accompany H.R. 203, A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-34).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1064. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1065. A bill to amend title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma inhalers and spacers for emergency use, as necessary; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1066. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage, as supplies associated with the injection of insulin, of containment, removal, decontamination and disposal of home-generated needles, syringes, and other sharps through a sharps container, decontamination/destruction device, or sharps-by-mail program or similar program under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1067. A bill to require the periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1068. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1069. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for qualified conservation contributions which include National Scenic Trails; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1070. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for clarification regarding the children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1071. A bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to expand the amount available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1072. A bill to require the Supreme Court of the United States to promulgate a code of ethics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COATS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1073. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1074. A bill to clarify the status of the North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1075. A bill to strengthen and extend the authorization of appropriations for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1076. A bill to require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to give consumers the ability to remotely delete data from smartphones and render smartphones inoperable; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1077. A bill to provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 1078. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out programs and activities that connect people in the United States, especially children, youth, and families, with the outdoors; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 1079. A bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve coverage for colorectal screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 1080. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit the jurisdiction of Federal courts to consider cases involving same-sex marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 1081. A bill to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1082. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. REED, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1083. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to provide drug rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1084. A bill to promote transparency by permitting the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to allow its disciplinary proceedings to be open to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1085. A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S.J. Res. 12. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 13. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to applying laws equally to the citizens of the United States and the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 148. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 149. A resolution recognizing the importance and inspiration of the Hubble Space Telescope; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 150. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 151. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 71

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.

S. 223

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes.

S. 248

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to clarify the rights of Indians and

Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, supra.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, supra.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to include among the principal trade negotiating objectives of the United States regarding commercial partnerships trade negotiating objectives with respect to discouraging activity that discourages, penalizes, or otherwise limits commercial relations with Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 696

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 696, a bill to increase the number and percentage of students who graduate from high school college and career ready with the ability to use knowledge to solve complex problems, think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate with others, and develop academic mindsets, and for other purposes.

S. 729

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 729, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements.

S. 883

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr.

HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, and research capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 925, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 950, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 957

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 957, a bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

S. 966

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 966, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, and for other purposes.

S. 974

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1001, a bill to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

S. 1016

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1016, a bill to preserve freedom and choice in health care.

S. 1032

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1057

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1057, a bill to promote geothermal energy, and for other purposes.

S. 1060

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1061

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1061, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1062

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, a concurrent resolution supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the "International Year of Soils" and supporting locally led soil conservation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 140

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 140, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COTTON,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Building on the Successes of MAP-21 To Deliver Safe, Efficient and Effective Public Transportation Services and Projects."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 9:45 a.m., in room SR-253 of the

Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "FAA Reauthorization: Airport Issues and Infrastructure Financing."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

The Subcommittee on Health Care of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "A Fresh Look at the Impact of the Medical Device Tax on Jobs, Innovation, and Patients."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND NATIONAL INTEREST

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Eroding the Law and Diverting Taxpayer Resources: An Examination of the Administration's Central American Minors Refugee/Parole Program."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 535. An act to promote energy efficiency.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 12:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1195. An act to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1195. An act to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1191

The hour of 3 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 16, 2015, as modified,

A motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was considered made, and agreed to.

Whereupon,

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider bill H.R. 1191.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 16, 2015,

On motion by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1140, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Dava J. Newman, to be Deputy Administrator at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 21) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol

Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE AND INSPIRATION OF THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 149) recognizing the importance and inspiration of the Hubble Space Telescope, submitted today by Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVE CIVIC AND GOVERNMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 150) expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools in the United States, submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 151) supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month, submitted today by Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. BOOKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1191, for debate only.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:48 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 23, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 23, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 23, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 23, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 23, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 20 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1086. A bill to establish an insurance policy advisory committee on international capital standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1087. A bill to require Amtrak to propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain Amtrak trains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1088. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for voter registration through the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1089. A bill to encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1090. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1091. A bill for the relief of Alfredo Plascencia Lopez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1092. A bill for the relief of Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and Arthur Mkoyan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1093. A bill for the relief of Jose Alberto Martinez Moreno, Micaela Lopez Martinez, and Adilene Martinez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1094. A bill for the relief of Javier Lopez-Urenda and Maria Leticia Arenas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1095. A bill for the relief of Jorge Rojas Gutierrez and Oliva Gonzalez Gonzalez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1096. A bill for the relief of Joseph Gabra and Sharon Kamel; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1097. A bill for the relief of Alicia Aranda De Buendia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1098. A bill for the relief of Esidronio Arreola-Saucedo, Maria Elna Cobian Arreola, Nayely Arreola Carlos, and Cindy Jael Arreola; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1099. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1100. A bill to require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry by unanimous consent with instructions that if the bill is reported by that Committee, the bill be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1101. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support software; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1102. A bill to provide for institutional risk-sharing in the Federal student loan programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1103. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1104. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 27

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 27, a bill to make wildlife trafficking a predicate offense under racketeering and money laundering statutes and the Travel Act, to provide for the use for conservation purposes of amounts from civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution under such statutes based on such violations, and for other purposes.

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 127

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 127, a bill to prohibit Federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints, and for other purposes.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 467

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans with respect to certain categories or classes of drugs.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 665, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 698

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 698, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 891

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 891, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate the administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 996

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 996, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1014

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics.

S. 1049

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1049, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1062

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1074

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1074, a bill to clarify the status of the North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, a concurrent resolution supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the "International Year of Soils" and supporting locally led soil conservation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 140

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 140, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 144

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 144, a resolution supporting the mission and goals of 2015 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which include increasing public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1560. An act to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance multi-directional sharing of information related to cybersecurity risks and strengthen privacy and civil liberties protections, and for other purposes.

BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the bill (S. 1100) to require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger be sequentially referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 114-2, received from the President on today.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1191, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 23, 2015.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 23, 2015,

On motion by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 2, line 13, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1179).

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1191.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1179 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. TOOMEY) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1150, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BLUNT to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1155).

Pending debate,

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside, and that he be recognized to propose, for Mr. RUBIO, amendments Numbered 1141, 1145, and 1148, en bloc.

Mr. CARDIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1155 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That the time until 6:10 p.m. on today be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that, upon conclusion thereof, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to pending amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute); that no amendment be in order to the amendment; and that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1155 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 6:10 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 39, nays... 57

[Rollcall Vote No. 167 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Fischer, Gardner, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Isakson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1155 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1124. An original bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1105. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1106. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award Early College Federal Pell Grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1107. A bill to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1108. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1109. A bill to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1110. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1111. A bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1112. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for high gravity violations, to adjust penalties for inflation, to provide rights for victims or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1113. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to remand certain civil actions transferred by the judicial panel on multidistrict litigation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1114. A bill to enhance rail safety and provide for the safe transport of hazardous materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1115. A bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1116. A bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. LEE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. TOOMEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1117. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. REED) (by request):

S. 1118. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1119. A bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. BURR):

S. 1120. A bill to make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissable, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1121. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1122. A bill to provide that chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code, relating to the enforcement of arbitration agreements, shall not apply to enrollment agreements made between students and certain institutions of higher education, and to prohibit limitations on the ability of students to pursue claims against certain institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1123. A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1124. An original bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act; from the Committee on

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1125. A bill to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 14. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission regulating broadband Internet access; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 152. A resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 153. A resolution recognizing the importance of the United States-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) to reform the Food for Peace Program, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 564

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 564, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 615, a bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 694

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to exempt certain 16- and 17-year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, supra.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 859

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, a bill to protect the public, communities across America, and the environment by increasing the safety of crude oil transportation by railroad, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers.

S. 889

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 889, a bill to provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 925, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] were added as cosponsors of S. 933, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for the 18-month on-site examination cycle, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 982, a bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and to require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to develop water planning instruments consistent with State law.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from New York

[Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to repeal certain provisions relating to criminal penalties and violations of foreign laws, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes.

S. 1043

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1043, a bill to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1065

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1065, a bill to amend title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma inhalers and spacers for emergency use, as necessary.

S. 1071

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1071, a bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to expand the amount available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes, and for other purposes.

S. 1083

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1083, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to provide drug rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program.

S. 1085

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, a concurrent resolution supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the "International Year of Soils" and supporting locally led soil conservation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 143, a resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The State of the Insurance Industry and Insurance Regulation."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "Staying Afloat: Examining the Resources and Priorities of the U.S. Coast Guard."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "FAA Reauthorization: Aviation Safety and General Aviation."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Creating a More Efficient and Level Playing Field: Audit and Appeals Issues in Medicare."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Continuing America's Leadership: The Future of Medical Innovation for Patients."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing the Border: Biometric Entry and Exit at Our Ports of Entry."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of Homeland Security."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 11 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled

"Examining the Proper Role of Judicial Review in the Federal Regulatory Process."

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY WHISTLEBLOWER ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BOOZMAN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 304) to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. BOOZMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 153) recognizing the importance of the United States-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights, submitted today by Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. PERDUE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BOOZMAN,

Ordered, That the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the His Excellency Shinzo Abe, the Prime Minister of Japan, into the Chamber of the House of Representatives for a joint meeting at 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BOOZMAN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the nomination of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; that, when the committee reports, or is discharged, the nomination then be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days; and that, after said time, if the nomination is still in committee, it be discharged from further consideration, and the nomination be placed on the executive calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BOOZMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair, for a joint meeting with the Prime Minister of Japan, His Excellency Shinzo Abe.

Ordered further, That, following the joint meeting, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1191.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BOOZMAN,

At 7:08 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1384. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safludenacil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9923-57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1385. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bicyclopyrone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9926-66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1386. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Apples From China" ((RIN0579-AD89)(Docket No. APHIS-2014-0003)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1387. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Papayas From Peru" ((RIN0579-AD68)(Docket No. APHIS-2012-0014)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1388. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Air Force, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1389. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Department of the Navy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1390. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1391. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1392. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1393. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1394. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1395. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1396. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1397. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1398. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Bryce Canyon National Park, Bicycling" (RIN1024-AE23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1399. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0468); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1400. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0467); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1401. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0466); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1402. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0465); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1403. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0470); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1404. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0469); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1405. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a strategy for Support for Russia Democracy and Civil Society Organizations; a strategy for Assistance to Civil Society in Ukraine; and a strategy for Anticipated Defense Articles, Defense Services, and Training to Ukraine (OSS-2015-0471); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1406. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-129); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1407. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0032 - 2015-0035); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1408. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Millennium Challenge Corporation during fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1409. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska: Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-XD818), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1410. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan" (RIN0648-BE69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1411. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Fishing Restrictions Regarding the Oceanic Whitetip Shark, the Whale Shark, and the Silky Shark" (RIN0648-BD44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1412. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Fisheries; California Swordfish Drift Gillnet Fishery; Vessel Monitoring System and Pre-Trip Notification Requirements" (RIN0648-BE25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1413. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program" (RIN0648-BA61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1414. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Black Sea Bass Fishery; Framework Adjustment 8" (RIN0648-BE60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1415. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper" (RIN0648-XD734), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1416. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 32" (RIN0648-BE20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1417. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD844), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1418. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD874), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1419. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Xterra Swim, Myrtle Beach, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0019)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1420. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sabine River, Orange, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0236)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1421. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Eastern Branch Elizabeth River; Norfolk, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0202)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1422. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Barge-based Fireworks, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0213)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1423. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Naval Helicopter Association (NHA) Red Bull Helicopter Demonstration; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0137)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1424. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Fireworks Display; Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0186)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1425. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Marina del Rey Fireworks Show, Santa Monica Bay; Marina del Rey, California" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0155)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1426. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sellwood Bridge Construction, Willamette River, Portland, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0187)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1427. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Naval Helicopter Association (NHA) Red Bull Helicopter Demonstration; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-

2015-0137)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1428. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Vessel Fire and Escort, Port of New York, NJ, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0189)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1429. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Delaware River; Marcus Hook, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0129)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1430. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Tesoro Terminal Protest: Port of Long Beach Harbor; Pacific Ocean, California" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0163)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1431. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Mantua Creek, Paulsboro, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0807)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1432. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Coquille River, Bandon, OR" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0213)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1433. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hoquiam River, Hoquiam, WA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1029)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1434. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Ontonagon River, Ontonagon, MI" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0082)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1435. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Taylor Bayou Outfall Canal (Joint Outfall Canal), TX" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0386)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1436. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Hebda Cup Rowing Regatta; Detroit River, Wyandotte, MI" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0190)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1437. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Glass City Scrimmage; Maumee River, Toldeo, OH" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0185)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1438. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events and Fireworks Displays within the Fifth Coast Guard District " ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1011)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1439. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Charleston Race Week, Charleston Harbor; Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0018)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1440. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; San Salvador Launch and Procession; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0138)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1441. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidation of Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection for Outer Continental Shelf Activities; Eighth Coast Guard District; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-AB88)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0491)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1442. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Locations" ((RIN1625-AC00)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-0850)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1443. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Sagaponack, New York)" ((MB Docket No. 14-253)(DA 15-441)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1444. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy and Water Use Labeling for Consumer Products Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Energy Labeling Rule)" (RIN3084-AB15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1445. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Labeling Rule" (RIN3084-AB03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April

22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1446. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trade Regulation Rule Concerning Cooling-Off Period for Sales Made at Homes or at Certain Other Locations" (RIN3084-AB10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1447. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Labeling Rule" (RIN3084-AB03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1448. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Rules of Practice" (16 CFR Part 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1449. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Rules of Practice" (16 CFR Parts 2, 3, and 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1450. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Area Boundary Descriptions; Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0618)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1451. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (81); Amdt. No. 3635" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1452. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (119); Amdt. No. 3638" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1453. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (62); Amdt. No. 3637" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1454. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (84); Amdt. No. 3636" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1455. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0123)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1456. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0908)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1457. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0627)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1458. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0621)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1459. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0825)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1460. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS Aircraft Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0132)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1461. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0920)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1462. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0904)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1463. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0839)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1464. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments" (RIN2120-AA63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1465. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1466. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1467. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9926-19-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1468. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Feather River Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9924-77-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1469. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Visibility Protection" (FRL No. 9926-95-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1470. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle-York Nonattainment Areas to Attainment for the 1997 Annual and the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Correction" (FRL No. 9926-79-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1471. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference for Montana" (FRL No. 9924-80-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1472. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Managing the Safety/Security Interface" (Regulatory Guide 5.74, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1473. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Finalizing Medicare Rules under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) for Calendar Year (CY) 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1474. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Open Payments Program Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1475. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IRC Section 5000C - Qualified Income Tax Treaty Countries" (Notice 2015-35), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1476. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates -- May 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1477. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of the General Welfare Exclusion to Indian Tribal Government Programs That Provide Benefits to Tribal Members" (Notice 2015-34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1478. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities" ((RIN1820-AB65)(Docket ID ED-2012-OSERS-0020)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1479. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022 and 29 CFR Part 4044), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1480. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2012 for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1481. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Detention of Drugs Intended for Human or Animal Use; Correction" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0365), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1482. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Shelter Island, New York)" ((MB Docket No. 14-255)(DA 15-442)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1483. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-596, "Limitations on the Use of Restraints Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1484. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-48, "Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1485. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-49, "Marijuana Possession Decriminalization Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1486. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Justice, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1487. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating Certain Delegations of Authority in VA Medical Regulations" (RIN2900-AP17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1488. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-492, "Student Nutrition on Winter Weather Days Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1489. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-37, "H Street, N.E., Retail Priority Area Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1490. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-38, "Wage Theft Prevention Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1491. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-39, "Public Charter School Priority Enrollment Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1492. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-40, "Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools Salary Adjustment Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1493. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-41, "Health Benefit Exchange Authority Financial Sustainability Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1494. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-42, "Educator Evaluation Data Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1495. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-43, "At-Risk Funding Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1496. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-44, "Vending Regulations Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1497. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-47, "Testing Integrity Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1126. A bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1127. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1128. A bill to establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1129. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1130. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve procedures for legal justice for members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1131. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1132. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1133. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1134. A bill to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1135. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1136. A bill relating to the modernization of C-130 aircraft to meet applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1137. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1138. A bill to reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors, to eliminate the increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base, to reinvest in our communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. Res. 154. A resolution desginating May 16, 2015, as "Kids to Parks Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 155. A resolution establishing May 2, 2015, as a Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans to express support for the children and families affected by the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa by promoting awareness of the children of West Africa who have been orphaned by the 2014 Ebola epidemic, celebrating those who have recognized and are working to fulfill the needs of those children, and encouraging the people of the United States to continue to support the people of West Africa; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 185

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 433

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 433, a bill to establish a benefit calculation methodology with respect to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 536

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 536, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to exempt certain class A CDL drivers from the requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement while operating a service vehicle with a fuel tank containing 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less of diesel fuel.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009.

S. 766

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, and for other purposes.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 801

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 801, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 824

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 957

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 957, a bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

S. 974

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 998

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 998, a bill to establish a process for the consideration of temporary duty suspensions and reductions, and for other purposes.

S. 1032

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Five Years After Deepwater Horizon: Improvements and Challenges in Prevention and Response."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2015.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2015, at 9:35 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2015, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Homeland Security Department's Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2016."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "King vs. Burwell Supreme Court Case and Congressional Action that can be taken to Protect Small Businesses and their Employees."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "GAO's High Risk List and the Veterans Health Administration."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2015,

at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Exploring Opportunities for Private Investment in Public Infrastructure."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 172. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse".

H.R. 373. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 984. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1075. An act to designate the United States Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry located at First Street and Pan American Avenue in Douglas, Arizona, as the "Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry".

H.R. 1324. An act to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1690. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse".

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702 and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Columbus, Ohio.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 172. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 373. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 984. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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H.R. 1690. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 10:33 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair, for a joint meeting with the Prime Minister of Japan, His Excellency Shinzo Abe.

AT 12:16 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1155, proposed by Mr. BLUNT, to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. RUBIO asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose amendments Numbered 1141 and 1148, en bloc.

Mr. CARDIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1155 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER called for regular order with respect to amendment No. 1179.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1179, proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1186).

Mr. VITTER, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1186, as modified, to amendment No. 1179 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. THUNE asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose amendment No. 1180.

Mr. CORKER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1186, as modified, to amendment No. 1179 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That, it be in order for Mr. BARRASSO to propose an amendment (Numbered 1147); that the time until 5:25 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that, upon conclusion thereof, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment; that no amendment be in order to the amendment; and that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1186, as modified, to amendment No. 1179 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORKER for Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. SASSE) to amend the pending

amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 17, after line 21, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1147).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 168 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Gardner, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1186, as modified, to amendment No. 1179 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1191.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. BROWN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:23 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Peter Milner, Chaplain of the North Carolina Senate, in Raleigh, North Carolina offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELLER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1186, as modified, proposed by Mr. VITTER, to amendment No. 1179, proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. JOHNSON asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1149).

Mr. CARDIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1186, as modified, to amendment No. 1179 to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. COTTON to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) on page 1, by striking all beginning on line 3 through "this section" on line 7, page 4, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1197).

On motion by Mr. COTTON (for Mr. RUBIO) to amend the pending amendment on page 3, line 20, by striking certain words, and inserting others (being amendment No. 1198).

Pending debate,

VETO MESSAGE ON JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 8

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the chair lay before the Senate the veto message on joint resolution S.J. Res. 8, as pursuant to the order of Friday, March 27, 2015.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the message heretofore received from the President of the United States, returning to the Senate, in which it originated, with his objections thereto, the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

The Senate proceeded, as the Constitution prescribes, to reconsider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution, upon reconsideration.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS SUPPORTING THE UNDERLYING OBJECTIVES OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION (THE "COMMISSION") -- PM 15

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was

referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

My Administration fully supports the underlying objectives of the recommendations that the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (the "Commission") offered in January. These recommendations represent an important step forward in protecting the long-term viability of the All-Volunteer Force, improving quality-of-life for service members and their families, and ensuring the fiscal sustainability of the military compensation and retirement systems.

As I directed in my letter of March 30, my team has worked with the Commission to further analyze the recommendations and identify areas of agreement. At this time I am prepared to support specific proposals for 10 of the Commission's 15 recommendations, either as proposed or with modifications that have been discussed among the Department of Defense, other agencies, and the Commission. These include the following:

Survivor Benefit Plan
Financial Education
Medical Personnel Readiness
Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Collaboration
Child Care
Service Member Education
Transition Assistance
Nutritional Financial Assistance
Dependent Space-Available Travel
Report on Military Connected Dependents

In some instances, the Department of Defense is already taking actions to implement these recommendations, and I will direct the Department to develop plans to complete this implementation. In those areas where legislation is required, I expect the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the Congress on my behalf the relevant legislative proposals, which I recommend be enacted without delay.

With respect to the remaining recommendations, given their complexity and our solemn responsibility to ensure that any changes further the objectives above, we will continue working with the Commission to understand how the following proposals would affect the All-Volunteer Force:

Blended Retirement System
Reserve Component Duty Statuses
Exceptional Family Member's Support
Commissary and Exchange Consolidation

I believe there is merit in all of these recommendations and that they deserve careful consideration and study. I will ensure that the Congress is kept apprised of this ongoing work.

Finally, I agree with the Commission that we need to continue to improve the military health care system. The health care reforms proposed in my Fiscal Year 2016 Budget are a good first step and offer service members, retirees, and their families more control and choice over their health care decisions. This remains a critical issue, and my Administration will work with the Commission and interested Members of Congress in the coming months to develop additional reform proposals for consideration as part of my Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 30, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1498. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Kenneth E. Floyd, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1499. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Energy Process to Consider LNG Export Applications"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1500. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0519); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0517); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1502. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-142); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1503. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phenol, 2-(2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-6-dodecyl-4-methyl-; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9925-78), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1504. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9926-24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1505. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Permits and Permits by Rule for the Federal Minor New Source Review Program in Indian Country for Five Source Categories" ((RIN2060-AQ95)(FRL No. 9919-85-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1506. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designate Facilities and Pollutants; Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, and the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Control of Emissions from Existing Sewage Sludge Incinerator Units" (FRL No. 9927-00-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1507. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to the State Implementation Plan; Stage I Regulations" (FRL No. 99247-10-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1508. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Arkansas; Revisions to the State Implementation Plan; Fee Regulations" (FRL No. 9926-91-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1509. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 9926-81-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2015; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-19. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of North Dakota urging the United States Congress to call for a constitutional convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires a balanced federal budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3015

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States mandates that upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, Congress shall call a convention for proposing amendments; and

Whereas, this application is to be considered as covering the balanced budget amendment language of the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states; and

Whereas, this application shall be aggregated for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds necessary to require the calling of a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and

Whereas, this application is a continuing application until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications on the same subject; and

Whereas, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly deems an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a balanced federal budget to be necessary for the good of the American people: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of North Dakota, the Senate Concurring therein:

That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to call a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the Senate and the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Congress, to each member of the United States Congressional Delegation, and also to transmit copies to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the United States, requesting their cooperation.

POM-20. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging the United States Congress to expedite appropriation of funds to significantly enhance dreissenid monitoring and prevention efforts and to implement the intent of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 101

Whereas, maintaining a healthy suite of economic, environmental and social ecosystem services in aquatic systems is integral to the quality of life in the State of Idaho; and

Whereas, healthy aquatic habitats provide clean drinking water, flood control, transportation, recreation, purification of human and industrial wastes, power generation, habitat for native plants and animals, production of their foods, marketable goods, and cultural benefits; and

Whereas, aquatic invasive species, including mussels such as dreissenids, cause irreparable ecological damage to many waters in the United States; and

Whereas, dreissenids have not yet been detected in the Pacific North-West. The estimated cost to address established populations of dreissenids in the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region is almost $500 million annually; and

Whereas, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act was signed in June 2014 and authorizes $20 million for Columbia River Basin dreissenid efforts through the Secretary of the Army: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the member of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we respectfully request Congress expedite appropriation of these funds to significantly enhance monitoring and prevention efforts and to implement the intent of the Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States Barack Obama, the United States Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-21. A resolution approved by the Electors of the City of Watertown, Wisconsin, calling for reclaiming the expansion of the rights of artificial legal entities and the corrupting influence of unregulated political spending; and supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution, stating: only human beings -- not corporations, unions, nonprofits, or similar associations -- are endowed with constitutional rights, and that money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 993. A bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1177. An original bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1139. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1140. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1141. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1142. A bill to clarify that noncommercial species found entirely within the borders of a single State are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 or any other provision of law enacted as an

exercise of the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1143. A bill to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1144. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1145. A bill to improve compliance with mine safety and health laws, empower miners to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine tragedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1146. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and to reinstate the grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 1147. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "J. Waties Waring Judicial Center"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1148. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 1149. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. REED, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. UDALL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1150. A bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1151. A bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise the operations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1152. A bill to make permanent the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1153. A bill to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1154. A bill to reverse the designation by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture of certain communities in the State of Alaska as nonrural; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1155. A bill to promote the mapping and development of United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1156. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1157. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to consider Brunswick County, North Carolina to be part of the same metropolitan statistical area as Wilmington, North Carolina; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1158. A bill to ensure the privacy and security of sensitive personal information, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to provide notice of security breaches involving sensitive personal information, and to enhance law enforcement assistance and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personal information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1159. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1160. A bill to amend the Public Land Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1161. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 1162. A bill to ensure Federal law enforcement officers remain able to ensure their own safety, and the safety of their families, during a covered furlough; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1163. A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1164. A bill to protect consumer from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1165. A bill to provide consumer protections for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1166. A bill to establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1167. A bill to modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek Wilderness, the Owyhee River Wilderness, and the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness and to authorize the continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock monitoring, herding, and grazing in certain wilderness areas in the State of Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1168. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1169. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1170. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 1171. A bill to establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coastline of the State of Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1172. A bill to improve the process of presidential transition; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1173. A bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 1174. A bill to deregulate interstate commerce with respect to parimutuel wagering on horseracing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1175. A bill to improve the safety of hazardous materials rail transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 1176. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1177. An original bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1178. A bill to prohibit implementation of a proposed rule relating to the definition of the term "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act, or any substantially similar rule, until a Supplemental Scientific Review Panel and Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams Advisory Committee produce certain reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 156. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2015 as "National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. Res. 157. A resolution recognizing the economic, cultural, and political contributions of the Southeast-Asian American community on the 40th anniversaries of the beginning of Khmer Rouge control over Cambodia and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide and the end of the Vietnam War and the "Secret War" in the Kingdom of Laos; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. REID, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 158. A resolution recognizing the cultural and historic significance of the Cinco de Mayo holiday; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 159. A resolution designating April 2015, as "National 9-1-1 Education Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CARPER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TESTER, Mr. COONS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 160. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. UDALL, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MORAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 161. A resolution designating April 2015 as "Financial Literacy Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 162. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Alcohol Responsibility Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RUBIO, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 163. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the humanitarian catastrophe caused by the April 25, 2015, earthquake in Nepal; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 164. A resolution designating April 30, 2015, as Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. Res. 165. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution providing that the President may not provide sanctions relief to Iran until certain United States citizens are released from Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 153

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 282

At the request of Mr. PAUL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 282, a bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 492, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 517

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program, to restore mandatory funding status to the payment in lieu of taxes program, and for other purposes.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 608

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 608, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property.

S. 753

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 753, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 939

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 939, a bill to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs within the Department of Energy.

S. 976

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to promote the development of a United States

commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and to increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 981, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a repatriation holiday, to increase funding to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1014

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics.

S. 1032

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1032, a bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for voter registration through the Internet, and for other purposes.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1127

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1127, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1136

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1136, a bill relating to the modernization of C-130 aircraft to meet applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Insurance Capital Rules and FSOC Process."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:27 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 651. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Sister Ann Keefe Post Office."

At 4:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congressional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 651. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Sister Ann Keefe Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

RAFAEL RAMOS AND WENJIAN LIU NATIONAL BLUE ALERT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 665) to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF "SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 136) expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2015, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CINCO DE MAYO HOLIDAY

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 158) recognizing the cultural and historic significance of the Cinco de Mayo holiday, submitted today by Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. REID, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. CRUZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH"

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 159) designating April 2015, as "National 9-1-1 Education Month," submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 160) expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week, submitted today by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CARPER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TESTER, Mr. COONS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PETERS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH"

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 161) designating April 2015 as "Financial Literacy Month," submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. UDALL, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MORAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. COCHRAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF ALCOHOL RESPONSIBILITY MONTH

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 162) supporting the goals and ideals of Alcohol Responsibility Month, submitted today by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. HELLER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN NEPAL

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 163) expressing the sense of the Senate on the humanitarian catastrophe caused by the April 25, 2015, earthquake in Nepal, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RUBIO, and Ms. AYOTTE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING DIA DE LOS NINOS: CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 164) designating April 30, 2015, as Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans, submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF WORLD MALARIA DAY

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 165) supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, submitted today by Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs.

BOXER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BROWN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the veto message on joint resolution S.J. Res. 8.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

At 6:07 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 30, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 30, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks:

Madam President: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House has agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, and that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2029. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014.

HOUSE BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

The following bill and joint resolution were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2029. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

VETO MESSAGE ON JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 8

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 30, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the message heretofore received from the President of the United States, returning to the Senate, in which it originated, with his objections thereto, the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution, upon reconsideration.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5:20 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Willie May, to be Under Secretary of Commerce; that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:20 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 261. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse.

S. 612. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

S. 1034. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "Charles Clark United States Courthouse".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1179. A bill to exempt the aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1180. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 1181. A bill to expand the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and United States flagged vessels, to return unspent funds and loan proceeds to the United States Treasury to reduce the national debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1182. A bill to exempt application of JSA attribution rule in case of existing agreements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1183. A bill to increase the participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in STEM fields, to encourage and support students from all economic backgrounds to pursue STEM career opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1184. A bill to establish a grant program to promote the development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1185. A bill to better integrate STEM education into elementary and secondary instruction and curricula, to encourage high-quality STEM professional development, and to expand current mathematics and science education research to include engineering education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1186. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Move America bonds and to allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1187. A bill to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 166. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that domestically grown flowers support the farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the United States, enhance the ability of the people of the United States to honor their mothers on Mother's Day, and that the White House should strive to showcase domestically grown flowers; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Con. Res. 15. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition and the establishment of Balboa Park in San Diego, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 125

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 125, supra.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 377

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare program and to reform payments for such services under such program, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 434

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 434, a bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender

identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 621

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention and control of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 689, a bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 711

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Service Health Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, supra.

S. 780

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 780, a bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 876

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 876, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1002, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1049

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 1073

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1073, a bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1131

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1131, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE BENEFITS OF DOMESTICALLY GROWN FLOWERS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 166) expressing the sense of the Senate that domestically grown flowers support the farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the United States, enhance the ability of the people of the United States to honor their mothers on Mother's Day, and that the White House should strive to

showcase domestically grown flowers, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the veto message on joint resolution S.J. Res. 8.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:36 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

VETO MESSAGE ON JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 8

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the message heretofore received from the President of the United States, returning to the Senate, in which it originated, with his objections thereto, the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution, upon reconsideration.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 11

On motion by Mr. ENZI that the Senate proceed to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 53, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 170 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

After debate,

Whereupon,

CONFERENCE REPORT ON CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 11

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 305(c) of the Congressional Budget Act,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 10 hours for debate on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. on today; and that the time during recess count against the majority time for debate on the conference report.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 12:51 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 11

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to the provisions of section 305(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, be concluded at 5:30 p.m. on today; and that the Senate then

vote on the question of agreeing to the pending conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

After debate,

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate, pursuant to the provisions of section 305(c) of the Congressional Budget Act was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 51, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 171 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

NAYS --- 48

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the conference report was agreed to.

VETO MESSAGE ON JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 8

The Senate resumed consideration of the veto message on joint resolution S.J. Res. 8.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution, upon reconsideration.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending message on the table.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 96, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 172 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Cruz, Grassley, Moran.

So the motion was agreed to.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1198, proposed by Mr. COTTON (for Mr. RUBIO), to amendment No. 1197, proposed by Mr. COTTON, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN).

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1191:

MITCH MCCONNELL, BOB CORKER, JONI K. ERNST, ROB PORTMAN, JOHNNY ISAKSON, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, THAD COCHRAN, ORRIN HATCH, DAVID A. PERDUE, DAN COATS, JEFF FLAKE, KELLY AYOTTE, CORY GARDNER, JOHN HOEVEN, ROGER F. WICKER, JOHN THUNE, JOHN CORNYN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending bill H.R. 1191; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1191:

MITCH MCCONNELL, BOB CORKER, JONI K. ERNST, ROB PORTMAN, JOHNNY ISAKSON, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, THAD COCHRAN, ORRIN HATCH, DAVID A. PERDUE, DAN COATS, JEFF FLAKE, KELLY AYOTTE, CORY GARDNER, JOHN HOEVEN, ROGER F. WICKER, JOHN THUNE, JOHN CORNYN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1198 to amendment No. 1197 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1510. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition to Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1511. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minority and Women Inclusion Amendments" (RIN2590-AA67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1512. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Travelers' Information Stations; American Association of Information Radio Operators Petition for Ruling on Travelers' Information Station

Rules; Highway Information Systems, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking; American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Petition for Rulemaking" ((FCC 15-37)(PS Docket No. 09-19)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1513. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-029); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1514. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-011); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1515. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-008); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1516. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communique" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1517. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenazaquin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9925-97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1518. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defensin Proteins (SoD2 and SoD7) derived from spinach (Spinacia oleracea L.) in Citrus Plants; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9926-99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1519. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus thuringiensis Cry2Ab2 Protein in Soybean; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9925-85), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1520. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1-Octanol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9924-81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1521. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conservation Compliance" (RIN0560-AI26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1522. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authority of DOE Protective Force Officers That Are Federal Employees To Make Arrests Without a Warrant for Certain Crimes" (RIN1994-AA03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1523. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1524. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Construction and Development Point Source Category; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 9926-32-OW), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1525. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 9926-77-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1526. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Revisions to Emissions Inventory Requirements, and General Provisions" (FRL No. 9927-24-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1527. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Withdrawal of Technical Amendments Related to: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Fuel and Quality Assurance Plan Provisions" (FRL No. 9927-17-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1528. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1529. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1530. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1531. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on National HIV Testing Goals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1532. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a performance report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1533. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment H-2B Program" (RIN1615-AC02 and RIN1205-AB69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1534. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1535. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines that were proposed by the Commission during the 2014 - 2015 amendment cycle; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1536. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit of the Garden for the period from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1537. A communication from the Director of the Office of Information Policy, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Department's Freedom of Information Act Regulations" ((RIN1105-AB43)(OAG 140)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1538. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment of H-2B Aliens in the United States" (RIN1205-AB76), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1539. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program" (RIN2900-AO71), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1540. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation entitled "Department of Veterans Affairs Purchased Health Care Streamlining and Modernization Act"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1541. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 136. A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service (Rept. No. 114-35).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 579. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-36).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1188. A bill to provide for a temporary, emergency authorization of defense articles, defense services, and related training directly to the Kurdistan Regional Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1189. A bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1190. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1191. A bill to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey certain property from the United States to the County of Marin, California; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1192. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KING, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1193. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1194. A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to update the medical-vocational guidelines used in disability determinations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1195. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes at all levels of postsecondary enrollment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1196. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant rights-of-way on Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1197. A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to make publicly available on-line tools to allow individuals eligible for disability benefits to assess the impact of earnings on the individual's eligibility for, and amount of, benefits received through Federal and State benefit programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1198. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to exclude certain medical sources of evidence in making disability determinations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1199. A bill to authorize Federal agencies to provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 167. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Argentinian prosecutor Alberto Nisman, and calling for a swift and transparent investigation into his tragic death in Buenos Aires on January 18, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 168. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 169. A resolution expressing condolences to the family of Dr. Warren Weinstein, and commemorating the life and work of Dr. Warren Weinstein; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 320

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 320, a bill to authorize the collection of supplemental payments to increase congressional investments in medical research, and for other purposes.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 523

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 523, a bill to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 608

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 608, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to include among the principal trade negotiating objectives of the United States regarding commercial partnerships trade negotiating objectives with respect to discouraging activity that discourages, penalizes, or otherwise limits commercial relations with Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 621

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention and control of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 911, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for the 18-month on-site examination cycle, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1049

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 1062

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room 328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Review of the U.S. Grain Standards Act."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "Surface Transportation Reauthorization: The Importance of a Long Term Reauthorization."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 5, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Continuing America's Leadership: Realizing the Promise of Precision Medicine for Patients."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Legal Implications of the Clean Power Plan."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE, TRANSNATIONAL CRIME, CIVILIAN SECURITY, DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2015, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Review of Resources, Priorities and Programs in the FY 2016 State Department Budget Request."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2028. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2028. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 97) supporting the goals of International Women's Day.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) to strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1199, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) to strike the preamble and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1200, in the nature of a substitute).

The question being on agreeing to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the preamble.

On motion by Mr. CORKER (for Mr. LEE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking the 13th whereas clause, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1201).

The amendment was agreed to.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ESTABLISHING A DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR EBOLA ORPHANS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 155) establishing May 2, 2015, as a Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans to express support for the children and families affected by the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa by promoting awareness of the children of West Africa who have been orphaned by the 2014 Ebola epidemic, celebrating those who have recognized and are working to fulfill the needs of those children, and encouraging the people of the United States to continue to support the people of West Africa.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF DR. WARREN WEINSTEIN

On the request of Mr. CORKER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 169) expressing condolences to the family of Dr. Warren Weinstein, and commemorating the life and work of Dr. Warren Weinstein, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1191.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

At 7:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-22. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the United States Congress to require the U.S. Department of Defense to ensure that replacement aircraft are assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base to compensate for the proposed elimination of the A-10 fleet; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

Whereas, The proposed U.S. Department of Defense budget would eliminate the nation's A-10 fleet, including aircraft at Michigan's Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Selfridge currently is home to 18 A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft, directly supporing 535 jobs related to that mission; and

Whereas, The proposed cuts would have a dramatic effect on the lives and morale of the dedicated men and women who choose to serve our country at Selfridge Air National Guard Base and other U.S. military bases. The elimination of the A-10 fleet would place in jeopardy more than 400 jobs at Selfridge alone; and

Whereas, In Michigan, these proposed cuts would have immeasurable impacts on Macomb County and the local communities surrounding the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. For nearly a century, the base has been a source of community pride and local jobs, with the local economic benefit worth more

than $700 million to residents and businesses in several surrounding cities and townships. In addition, the base is a key component of disaster response for the entire state and a vital base for our nation's homeland security; and

Whereas, The A-10 fleet should not be eliminated until an enduring fighter aircraft mission, or suitable enduring non-fighter mission supplementary to the KC-135 Air Refueling Tanker, can be assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base. The elimination of the A-10 fleet will make Selfridge vulnerable to closure in future Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations. Assigning replacement aircraft would not only maintain the viability of this important base for homeland security, but would also be cost-effective: the Air National Guard can operate aircraft at about half the cost of an active duty unit; and

Whereas, The brave pilots and crew who serve in the A-10 unit based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base have performed brilliantly against the enemies of freedom on battlefields across the globe providing desperately needed close air support for our nation's warriors. It is vital to our national security that those skilled airmen continue to be utilized to defend our nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to require the U.S. Department of Defense to ensure that replacement aircraft are assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base to compensate for the proposed elimination of the A-10 fleet; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-23. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming requesting the United States Congress to eliminate the freeze on longer combination vehicles and consent to the creation of a voluntary compact between Western States that will establish uniform size and capacity, routes, configuration, and operating conditions for longer combination vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 2

Whereas, one of the most significant ways to improve freight system performance on the highways of the western United States is through the use of more efficient trucks and track combinations; and

Whereas, over the past two (2) decades, longer combination vehicles (LCVs), which are tractor-trailer combinations with two (2) or more trailers that have a gross weight exceeding eighty thousand (80,000) pounds, have demonstrated considerable benefits to the general public through increased productivity, higher safety ratings, increased fuel savings, emissions reductions and congestion mitigation; and

Wereas, a Federal Highway Administration freeze on state authority to expand the of LCVs has been in place since 1991, and since that time there has been substantial population, traffic congestion and vehicle registration growth and a significant increase in vehicle miles traveled and vehicle emissions; and

Whereas, eliminating the freeze on LCVs for the affected states, including Wyoming, will give these states the flexibility to establish uniformity in LCV, oversight and find ways to benefit from LCV operations in each of the affected states and throughout the western United States; and

Whereas, consenting to a voluntary compact or agreement between the states of Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming will allow these states to establish uniform size and weight limits for LCVs, which are not to exceed one hundred twenty-nine thousand (129,000) pounds gross vehicle combination weight or one hundred (100) foot cargo carrying length, and adopt LCV routes, configurations and operating conditions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That Congress is urged to lift the freeze on longer commercial vehicles for the affected Western states, including Wyoming, in order to take advantage of new transportation strategies to improve highway efficiency and reduce vehicle miles traveled, traffic congestion, fuel consumption and air pollution emissions.

Section 2. That Congress consent to the creation of voluntary compact or agreement between the states. of Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming that will establish uniform LCV size capacity, routes, configurations and operating conditions.

Section 3. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

POM-24. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming calling on the United States Congress, state, and local authorities to take action to prevent further damage and remediate damages caused by free-roaming feral horses on rangelands in the West and to develop effective fertility control methods to reduce the populations of free-roaming feral horses in the West; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 3

Whereas, Wyoming has recognized the Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 and free-roaming horses are defined as feral under W.S. 11-48-101(a)(iii); and

Whereas, the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) estimates that almost fifty thousand (50,000) feral horses roam BLM managed rangelands in the West, with nearly three thousand (3,000) of those feral horses, the majority of which descend from animals turned out by ranchers, roaming public rangelands in Wyoming; and

Whereas, free-roaming feral horses have virtually no natural predators in Wyoming nor the West and BLM evidence suggests the population of feral horses can double in size about every four (4) years if left uncontrolled; and

Whereas, BLM estimates that the current free-roaming population of feral horses significantly exceeds the number that can exist in healthy balance with other public rangeland resources and uses, including wildlife and domestic livestock grazing; and

Whereas, free-roaming feral horses, among other things, trample and destroy vegetation, hard-pack soil, over-graze and decimate riparian areas causing degradation in areas that provide important habitat for native species such as pronghorn, mule deer, bighorn sheep and sage grouse; and

Whereas, the state of Wyoming has a federally approved sage grouse conservation plan, the efficacy of which is being compromised by continuing habitat damage resulting from free-roaming horses; and

Whereas, the number of free-roaming feral horses removed from public rangelands in the West by BLM in compliance with the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, now far exceeds the number of feral horses adopted or sold; and

Whereas, those feral horses not adopted by the public are held in long-term pastures or short-term corrals, costing BLM nationally an estimated fifty-eight million dollars ($58,000,000.00) per year; and

Whereas, evidence suggests the development and use of effective fertility control methods can limit the populations of free-roaming feral horses, lessen the need to remove free-roaming feral horses from the state's rangelands, improve the health of the rangelands in the West, conserve wildlife habitat and save taxpayers money; and

Whereas, the following reports provide, among other things, data, statistics and recommended strategies to manage free-

roaming feral horses in the West and protect the state's rangeland resources and uses: Range-wide Interagency Sage-grouse Conservation Team, Near-Term Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Action Plan (September 2012); Ted Williams, Horse Sense, Audubon (September/October 2006); David Ganskopp and Martin Vavra, Habitat Use by Feral Horses in the Northern Sagebrush Steppe, Journal of Range Management Volume 39(3) (May 1986); K.W. Davies and C.S. Boyd, Effects on Feral Free-Roaming Horses on Semi-Arid Rangeland Ecosystems: An Example from the Sagebrush Steppe, Ecosphere Volume 5(10) (October 2014); Linda Zeigenfuss et al., Influence of Nonnative and Native Ungulate Biomass and Seasonal Precipitation on Vegetation Production in a Great Basin Ecosystem, Western North American Naturalist Volume 74(3) (2014); Erik Beever and Peter Brussard, Examining Ecological Consequences of Feral Horse Grazing Using Exclosures, Western North American Naturalist Volume 60(3) (2000); Kelly Crane et al., Habitat Selection Patterns of Feral Horses in Southcentral Wyoming, Journal of Range Management Volume 50(4) (July 1997); Erik Beever, Management Implications of the Ecology of Free-Roaming Horses in Semi-Arid Ecosystems of the Western United States, Wildlife Society Bulletin Volume 31(3) (2003); and Erik Beever and Cameron Aldridge, Influences of Free-Roaming Equids on Sagebrush Ecosystems, with a Focus on Greater Sage-Grouse, Studies in Avian Biology Volume 38 (2011): Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That the Wyoming Legislature calls on Congress and federal agencies to adequately fund and support all efforts to manage free-roaming feral horses on rangelands in the West at the appropriate management level, utilizing all management and control methods authorized by Section 3(d) of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.

Section 2. That the Wyoming Legislature calls on Congress in conjunction with all appropriate state and local governments to engage in cooperative efforts to remediate and minimize the environmental impact of free-roaming feral horses on rangelands in the West. These efforts should include the development and use of effective fertility control methods to reduce the free-roaming populations of feral horses on rangelands in the West.

Section 3. That the Wyoming Legislature calls on Congress to prohibit the reintroduction of feral horses back onto the western rangelands outside the current herd management areas, nor onto existing herdo management areas at or above the authorized management levels.

Section 4. That the Wyoming Legislature calls on Congress and federal agencies to prioritize these requested management activities to the sage grouse core areas and priority habitat strongholds in order to reduce the possibility of an endangered listing for the sage grouse and to stop the resource-damage now occurring.

Section 5. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Land Management and the Director of the Wyoming Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

POM-25. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts memorializing the President of the United States and the United States Congress to establish a Presidential Youth Council; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Young people have always played an important role in the nation's history and development but continue to play a disproportionately small role in American government; and

Whereas, Just over \1/3\ of the United States population is comprised of Americans age 24 and under; and

Whereas, Youth participation, involvement and engagement should be universally recognized as safeguards of democracy but the existing mechanisms of the Federal Government are designed in ways that inhibit youth participation, leading to the underrepresentation of young people in the policymaking process; and

Whereas, Policy decisions made today will have a profound impact on future generations and all Americans should have a voice in government, especially with regard to policies that directly affect them; and

Whereas, A Presidential Youth Council would offer young persons in America with a means of sharing their perspectives and voicing their opinions at the highest level of government while also providing the President and Congress with a bipartisan source of information on the concerns facing youths across the country; and

Whereas, Members of Congress, governors, state legislatures and mayors have created youth councils that have proven to be effective means of receiving input from young people and have lead to more efficient policies and practices affecting young people: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts General Court hereby encourages the creation of a Presidential Youth Council to advise the President and Congress on the perspectives of young people, to assist in the design and implementation of youth policies and to allow young people to provide solutions on the most pressing issues facing the future of America; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, to the Presiding Officer of each branch of Congress and to the Members thereof from the commonwealth.

POM-26. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to work together to create a comprehensive and workable approach to reform the nation's immigration system according to specified principles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, This country was built by immigrants seeking a better life; and

Whereas, Estimates suggest that there are 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the shadows in the United States, including millions of children brought to this country undocumented who have grown up here, call the United States home, and are suffering from our dysfunctional immigration policy; and

Whereas, A logical and streamlined path to citizenship for individuals after they gain legal status would stimulate the economy by allowing these individuals to get college degrees and driver's licenses, buy homes, start new companies, and create legal, tax-paying jobs, affording them a chance at the American Dream; and

Whereas, The United States Congress last enacted major immigration legislation more than 25 years ago; and

Whereas, Since that time, fragmented attempts at immigration reform have failed to create the rational and effective systems needed to maintain international competitiveness. Whether in industries like agriculture, which requires large numbers of workers able to perform physically demanding tasks, or in industries like technology or health care, where the demand for employees with advanced degrees is projected to exceed supply within the next five years, immigration policy must be designed to respond to emerging labor needs in all sectors of the United States economy; and

Whereas, Our national interests and security are not served by our outdated, inefficient, and slow-moving immigration system. Patchwork attempts to mend its deficiencies undermine our potential for prosperity and leave us vulnerable and unable to meet the needs of the modern world; and

Whereas, Labor mobility is crucial to our economic prosperity and our country's recovery from the economic crisis. Yet our rigid, outdated immigration policies are making it difficult for our companies and our nation to compete. Information released in a study by the University of California, Los Angeles, states that legalizing the status of undocumented immigrants working and living in the United States would create approximately $1.5 trillion in additional gross domestic product growth over the next 10 years and increase wages for all workers. Another study by the University of California, Davis, indicates that the last large wave of immigrants, from 1990 to 2007, inclusive, raised the income of a native-born American worker by an average of $5,000; and

Whereas, California has the largest share of immigrants in the country. These immigrants are a vital and productive part of our state's economy and are active in a variety of industries, including technology, biotech, hospitality, agriculture, construction, services, transportation, and textiles. They also represent a large share of our new small business owners and create economic property and needed jobs for everyone; and

Whereas, Keeping these families, business owners, and hard workers in the shadows of society serves no one; and

Whereas, Our state, for economic, social, health, security, and prosperity reasons, must support policies that allow individuals to become legal and enfranchised participants in our society and economy; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform should include a reasonable and timely path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are already living and working in the United States. Immigration reform should also include comprehensive background checks, require demonstrated proficiency in English and payment of all current and back taxes, and have the flexibility to respond to emerging business trends; and

Whereas, The Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan research group in Washington, D.C., estimates that in 2012, the federal government spent $18 billion on immigration enforcement, and since 2004, the number of United States Border Patrol agents has doubled; and

Whereas, Increased enforcement has given the federal government the ability to prioritize the deportation of lawbreakers and dangerous individuals and to ensure our border's security. Nevertheless, this enforcement should not be done in an inhumane way; and

Whereas, Immigration enforcement should continue to focus on criminals, not on hardworking immigrant families, and not at the expense of effective trade with two of our top three economic partners; and

Whereas, The United States loses large numbers of necessary, highly skilled workers due to the lengthy and complicated processes currently in place to get or keep a legal residency option; and

Whereas, Reform should include an expedited process for those residing abroad and applying for legal visas. Additionally, reform should offer permanent residency opportunities to international students in American universities who are highly trained and in high demand, and in so doing avoid an intellectual vacuum after their graduation; and

Whereas, Reform should recognize the societal and cultural benefits of keeping the family unit intact. The system should take into account special circumstances surrounding candidates for probationary legal status, such as those of minors who were brought to the country as children or workers whose labor is essential to maintain our country's competitiveness: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to work together and create a comprehensive and workable approach to solving our nation's historically broken immigration system, using the principles described in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-27. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the United States Senate to introduce and pass legislation similar to H.R. 343, that would allow volunteer firefighters and emergency medical and rescue personnel to claim services as a charitable contribution to their department; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-28. A resolution adopted by the Tompkins County Legislature of the State of New York asking the United States Congress and the President of the United States to halt the "Fast-Track" process of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and instead, to allow the Trans-Pacific Partnership a fully transparent, public debate in Congress until its impact are fully assessed by all stakeholders, in order to protect the rights of the people of Tompkins County, the best interests of local businesses and workforce, the health of the environment, and the sovereignty of all levels of government; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 179. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building".

S. 994. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building".

H.R. 651. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Sister Ann Keefe Post Office".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1200. A bill to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1201. A bill to advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1202. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for supplemental, backup, and standby power fees for projects for combined heat and power technology and waste heat to power technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1203. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1204. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild

horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1205. A bill to designate the same individual serving as the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1206. A bill to address the concept of "Too Big To Fail" with respect to certain financial entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1207. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program under which the Secretary shall make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid by the year 2030, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1208. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1209. A bill to establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. CASSIDY, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1210. A bill to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to oil and gas production and distribution; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MURPHY, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1211. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide that payment under the Medicare program to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RISCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1212. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KING:

S. 1213. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and the Federal Power Act to facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1214. A bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1215. A bill to amend the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 to provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1216. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to modify a provision relating to civil penalties; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1217. A bill to establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, to establish an Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1218. A bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1219. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and to provide for the examination of the effects of net metering; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1220. A bill to improve the distribution of energy in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1221. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1222. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide for reports relating to electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address the procurement of electric capacity resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1223. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the loan guarantee program for innovative technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1224. A bill to reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1225. A bill to improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1226. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to promote a greater domestic helium supply, to establish a Federal helium leasing program for public land, and to secure a helium supply for national defense and Federal researchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1227. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to develop an implementation strategy to promote the development of hybrid micro-grid systems for isolated communities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1228. A bill to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1229. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions between the Department of Energy and National Laboratories; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1230. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program under which the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State

oversight of oil and gas productions activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1231. A bill to require congressional notification for certain Strategic Petroleum Reserve operations and to determine options available for the continued operation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1232. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to modify provisions relating to smart grid modernization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1233. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to expand the electric rate-setting authority of States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1234. A bill to enhance consumer rights relating to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1235. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to authorize Regional Corporations and Village Corporations to establish energy assistance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1236. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to modify certain requirements relating to trial-type hearings with respect to certain license applications before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KING:

S. 1237. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to limit the authority of the Secretary of Energy to approve certain proposals relating to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KIRK, Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KING, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 170. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 171. A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 16th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 3 through May 9, 2015; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COONS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. Res. 172. A resolution honoring the vital role of small businesses and the passion of entrepreneurs in the United States during "National Small Business Week", from May 4, through May 8, 2015; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 173. A resolution condemning atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad of Syria and his regime, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 85

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes.

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 125, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 676

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] were added as cosponsors of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms.

WARREN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 853

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to improve the efficiency and reliability of rail transportation by reforming the Surface Transportation Board, and for other purposes.

S. 1043

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1043, a bill to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1088, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for voter registration through the Internet, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1127

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1127, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1136

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1136, a bill relating to the modernization of C-130 aircraft to meet applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1142

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1142, a bill to clarify that noncommercial species found entirely within the borders of a single State are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 or any other provision of law enacted as an exercise of the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1193

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Fish and Wildlife Service: The President's FY2016 Budget Request for the Fish and Wildlife Service and Legislative Hearing on Endangered Species bills."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on May 6, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: The Role of Consumer Information in College Choice."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Ensuring an Informed Citizenry: Examining the Administration's Efforts to Improve Open Government."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on Executive nominations.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Impact of Federal Labor and Safety Laws on the U.S. Seafood Industry."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Aging in Place: Can Advances in Technology Help Seniors Live Independently."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Subcommittee Oversight of Multilateral and Bilateral International Development Programs and Policies."

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1198, proposed by Mr. COTTON (for Mr. RUBIO), to amendment No. 1197, proposed by Mr. COTTON, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN).

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1191

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1191, it be in order for him to further modify amendment No. 1186.

Mr. CARDIN objected.

Pending debate.

Mr. VITTER again asked unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1191, it be in order for him to further modify amendment No. 1186.

Mr. CARDIN objected.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 125

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 125; that an amendment be proposed by Mr. LEE thereto, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 125) to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

An amendment (Numbered 1214) was considered proposed thereto, and agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Resolved, That it pass.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1191

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1191, it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1152).

Mr. CARDIN objected.

WIOA TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1124) to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

Mr. INHOFE for Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1215, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY BASHAR AL-ASSAD OF SYRIA AND HIS REGIME

On the request of Mr. INHOFE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 173) condemning atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad of Syria and his regime, and for other purposes, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

On the request of Mr. INHOFE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 170) supporting the goals and ideals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States, submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KIRK, Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KING, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs.

SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. THUNE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR MAKING ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION

On the request of Mr. INHOFE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 171) congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 16th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 3 through May 9, 2015, submitted today by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. VITTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE VITAL ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE PASSION OF ENTREPRENEURS IN THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. INHOFE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 172) honoring the vital role of small businesses and the passion of entrepreneurs in the United States during "National Small Business Week," from May 4, through May 8, 2015, submitted today by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COONS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. HOEVEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1191; and that the time until a vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on said bill, be equally divided and controlled for debate in the usual form.

Ordered further, That Senators be permitted to "file" second-degree amendments to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), and to the bill, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

At 6:28 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

Mr. DEAN HELLER, from the State of Nevada, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, Armenian Apostolic Church in America, New York, New York, offered a prayer, and Mr. HELLER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 7, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEAN HELLER, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. HELLER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314:

MITCH MCCONNELL, BOB CORKER, JONI K. ERNST, B. CASSIDY, JOHN CORNYN, THAD COCHRAN, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, DEB FISCHER, JOHN MCCAIN, JAMES LANKFORD, PATRICK TOOMEY, ROY BLUNT, RON JOHNSON, PAT ROBERTS, DAVID PERDUE, DAVID VITTER, BEN SASSE.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

Pending debate,

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained

in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1198, proposed by Mr. COTTON (for Mr. RUBIO), to amendment No. 1197, proposed by Mr. COTTON, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), at 2 p.m. on today.

Ordered further, That, at 11 a.m. on today, Mr. LANKFORD be recognized to speak; that the time from 11:30 a.m. until 12:50 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1198 to amendment No. 1197 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

COSPONSORS ADDED TO BILL S. 697

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. UDALL,

Ordered, That the following Senators be added as cosponsors to the bill (S. 697) to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes: Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1191.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1198 to amendment No. 1197 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), as pursuant to the order of today, is agreed to, a point of order be in order and considered to have been made against all pending, non-germane amendments; that amendment No. 1179 be withdrawn; that an amendment (Numbered 1219) be considered proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), and agreed to; and that amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), as thus amended, be agreed to.

Ordered further, That the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the bill be withdrawn; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with no intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1198 to amendment No. 1197 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute).

After debate,

The hour of 2 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 93, nays... 6

[Rollcall Vote No. 173 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 6

Cotton, Cruz, Grassley, Lee, Moran, Sullivan.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) held that amendments Numbered 1155, 1186, as modified, 1197, and 1198 thereto were non-germane pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1179, proposed by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1219).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1140 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, was withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 98, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 174 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski,

Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Cotton.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. CORKER, so as to read: "A bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes."

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1238. A bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1239. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1240. A bill to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1241. A bill to provide for the modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KING:

S. 1242. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and whether a proposed LNG terminal would benefit regional consumers of natural gas before approving or disapproving an application for the LNG terminal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KING):

S. 1243. A bill to facilitate modernizing the electric grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1244. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels, to preserve support of such channels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 1245. A bill to provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1246. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to revise the definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1247. A bill to designate Union Station in Washington, DC, as "Harry S. Truman Union Station"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1248. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to reform the Federal Reserve System; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1249. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide protections for active duty military consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1250. A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1251. A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1252. A bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1253. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1254. A bill to provide for the issuance and sale of a semipostal by the United States Postal Service to support effective programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1255. A bill to designate certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to authorize certain land exchanges in the State of Oregon, and to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Oregon to Wheeler County, Oregon, for economic and community development purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1256. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1257. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1258. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1259. A bill to establish a grant program to allow National Laboratories to provide vouchers to small business concerns to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and the technology-driven economic impact of commercialization in the regions in which National Laboratories are located, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1260. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to revise and update its sponsorship identification rules applicable to commercial and political advertising; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1261. A bill to ensure that methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of State and local governments are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1262. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish tax-preferred Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1263. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 15. A joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 174. A resolution recognizing May 2015 as "Jewish American Heritage Month" and honoring the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KIRK, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 175. A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States to building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Con. Res. 16. A concurrent resolution stating the policy of the United States regarding the release of United States citizens in Iran; placed on the calendar.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 389

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 389, a bill to amend section 1111(h)(1)(C)(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to include among the principal trade negotiating objectives of the United States regarding commercial partnerships trade negotiating

objectives with respect to discouraging activity that discourages, penalizes, or otherwise limits commercial relations with Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration.

S. 841

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 841, a bill to expand eligibility for health care under the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include certain veterans seeking mental health care, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1109

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1109, a bill to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1126, a bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to provide for a temporary, emergency authorization of defense articles, defense services, and related training directly to the Kurdistan Regional Government, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 143, a resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 168

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 168, a resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2015 at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "A Review of Child Nutrition Programs."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Jihad 2.0: Social Media in the Next Evolution of Terrorist Recruitment."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on May 7, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "S. 1137, the "Patent Act"—Finding Effective Solutions to Address Abusive Patent Practices."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 16. Concurrent resolution stating the policy of the United States regarding the release of United States citizens in Iran.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 16

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 16) stating the policy of the United States regarding the release of United States citizens in Iran, submitted earlier today, be placed on the calendar; that, at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2015, the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that, upon completion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution, with no intervening action or debate.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

RECOGNIZING THE ROLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TEACHERS OF THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 175) recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States to building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States, submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KIRK, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. MENENDEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. COTTON and Mr. CARPER.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, as modified,

At 5:35 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2015.

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 7, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 7, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 7, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1542. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paleontological Resources Preservation" (RIN0596-AC95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1543. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Honey Packers and Importers Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Information Order; Assessment Rate Increase" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0045), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1544. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado and Imported Irish Potatoes; Relaxation of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 2 and Import Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0073; FV13-3 FR), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1545. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Change in Maturity Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0051; FV14-915-1 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1546. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Portland, ME, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AN11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1547. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subpart J - Value Added Producer Grant Program" (RIN0570-AA79), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1548. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus thuringiensis Cry1A.105 Protein in Soybean; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9926-23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1549. A communication from the Census Bureau Federal Register Liaison Officer, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Reinstatement of Exemptions Related to Temporary Exports, Carnets, and Shipments Under a Temporary Import Bond" (RIN0607-AA53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1550. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-82; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1551. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Enhancements to Past Performance Evaluation Systems" ((RIN9000-AM79)(FAC 2005-82)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1552. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1553. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-82; Introduction" (FAC 2005-82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1554. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Review and Justification of Pass-Through Contracts" (FAC 2005-82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1555. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Equal Employment and Affirmative Action for Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities" ((RIN9000-AM76)(FAC 2005-82)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1556. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Seventy-Third Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1557. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ANC 6E Largely Compliant with Law"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1558. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1559. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Charles T. Cleveland, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1560. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1561. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Restrictions on Sale of Assets of a Failed Institution by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation" (RIN3064-AE26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1562. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1563. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 40" (RIN0648-BE47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1564. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument Expansion" (RIN0648-BE63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1565. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures" (RIN0648-BE44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1566. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Grouper Recreational Management Measures" (RIN0648-BE62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1567. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan" (RIN0648-BE66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1568. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1569. A communication from the Associate Chief of the Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Auction of FM Broadcast Construction Permits Scheduled for July 23, 2015; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 98" ((AU Docket No. 15-3)(DA 15-452)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Alabama's Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Gasoline Volatility Standard for Birmingham, Alabama" ((RIN2060-AS58)-(FRL No. 9927-16-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1571. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permitting for Greenhouse Gases: Providing Option for Rescission of EPA-Issued Tailoring Rule Step 2 Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permits" ((RIN2060-AS57)(FRL No. 9926-98-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1572. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9925-42)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1573. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Infrastructure Requirements for the Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9927-45-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1574. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide and 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9927-35-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1575. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Requirements for Part D Prescribers" ((RIN0938-AS60)(CMS-6107-IFC)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1576. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-019); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1577. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1578. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1579. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1580. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a performance report relative to the Animal Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 184. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-37).

S. 230. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska (Rept. No. 114-38).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 246. A bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on

Native Children, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-39).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 321. A bill to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-40).

S. 501. A bill to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-41).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, with amendments:

S. 995. A bill to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1267. A bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes.

S. 1268. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 1269. A bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1264. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1265. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B-1, B-2, or B-52 bomber aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 1266. A bill to expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by base realignment and closure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1267. A bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1268. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1269. A bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 1270. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1271. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1272. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 1273. A bill to establish the Strengthening America's Bridges Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1274. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1275. A bill to establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program in the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing and industrial facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1276. A bill to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to increase energy exploration and production on the outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1277. A bill to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1278. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Alaska outer Continental Shelf region, to make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. KAINE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1279. A bill to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1280. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore land that is subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1281. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a standard home office deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1282. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to consider the objective of improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs under that Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1283. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal certain programs, to establish a coal technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KING:

S. 1284. A bill to clarify the treatment of carbon emissions from forest biomass, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1285. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to enter into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relating to electric generation units that use coal-based

generation technology; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1286. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the backlog of appeals of decisions of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans before the United States Court of Veterans Appeals and the Board of Veterans' Appeals, to provide the Secretary with authority to address unreasonably delayed claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 176. A resolution designating September 2015 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COONS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. KAINE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 177. A resolution designating the week of May 10 through May 16, 2015, as "National Police Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 27

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 27, a bill to make wildlife trafficking a predicate offense under racketeering and money laundering statutes and the Travel Act, to provide for the use for conservation purposes of amounts from civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution under such statutes based on such violations, and for other purposes.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 373

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 609

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to strengthen the position of the United States as the world's leading innovator by amending title 35, United States Code, to protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the country's economy.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 740, a bill to improve the coordination and use of geospatial data.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 883

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, and research capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 889

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 889, a bill to provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1002, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1032

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1136

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1136, a bill relating to the modernization of C-130 aircraft to meet applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1243

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1243, a bill to facilitate modernizing the electric grid, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 16

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 16, a concurrent resolution stating the policy of the United States regarding the release of United States citizens in Iran.

SENATE RESOLUTION 168

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 168, a resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.

SENATE RESOLUTION 174

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 174, a resolution recognizing May 2015 as "Jewish American Heritage Month" and honoring the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States of America.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. RISCH,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 11, 2015, at 6 p.m., to conduct a classified hearing entitled "Understanding the Commercial, Political, and Security Implications of the U.S.-China Civil Nuclear Agreement."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 11, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

STATING THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE RELEASE OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN IRAN

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 7, 2015, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 16) stating the policy of the United States regarding the release of United States citizens in Iran; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. RISCH,

Ordered, That Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. ROUNDS be added as cosponsors of the pending concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 90, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 175 Leg.]

YEAS --- 90

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

GOLD STAR FATHERS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 136) to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of

such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS, EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider, en bloc, the following bills on the calendar:

S. 179. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building".

S. 994. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building".

No amendment being proposed,

The bills were read the third time, en bloc.

Resolved, That the bills, en bloc, do pass.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bills, en bloc, was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SISTER ANN KEEFE POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 651) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Sister Ann Keefe Post Office".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 177) designating the week of May 10 through May 16, 2015, as "National Police Week", submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COONS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. KAINE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. PETERS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority and minority leaders of the Senate, and the SPEAKER and minority leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, as amended by Public Laws 108-349 and 114-6, had jointly reappointed the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Barbara L. Camens, of the District of Columbia, and Roberta L. Holzwarth, of Illinois.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That the time from 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate.

Ordered further, That the quorum under the rule be waived with respect to the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. BROWN and Mr. MENENDEZ.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:53 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany S. 995, A bill to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation

requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-42).

Report to accompany S. 1267, An original bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-43).

Report to accompany S. 1268, An original bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-44).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1287. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1288. A bill to require States to implement a cash withdrawal daily limit for recipients of cash assistance under the temporary assistance for needy families program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 1289. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain contractor personnel in matters on the defense acquisition workforce in the annual strategic workforce plan of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 1290. A bill to ensure the ability of covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program to access care under a health plan under such program in each TRICARE program region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 1291. A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 1292. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1293. A bill to establish the Department of Energy as the lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law with respect to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1294. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture to collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 1295. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 1296. A bill to establish the American Infrastructure Bank to offer States the option for more flexibility in financing and funding infrastructure projects; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 1297. A bill to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1298. A bill to provide nationally consistent measures of performance of the Nation's ports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REID):

S. 1299. A bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1300. A bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1301. A bill to amend title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to restore Medicaid coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the United States under the Compacts of Free Association between the Government of the United States and the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1302. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1303. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enrollment of veterans in certain courses of education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1304. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot competitive grant program for the development of a skilled energy workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1305. A bill to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1306. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to use existing funding available to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1307. A bill to amend section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, to require that the annual budget submissions of the Presidents include the total dollar amount requested for intelligence or intelligence related activities of each element of the Government engaged in such activities; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1308. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1309. A bill to provide for the removal of default information from a borrower's credit report with respect to certain rehabilitated education loans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1310. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1311. A bill to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify certain penalties to deter oil spills; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1312. A bill to modernize Federal policies regarding the supply and distribution of energy in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. Res. 178. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week from May 6, 2015, through May 12, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 36

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 36, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 122

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 370

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 389

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 389, a bill to amend section 1111(h)(1)(C)(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 677

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes.

S. 806

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 806, a bill to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes.

S. 824

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage

and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1049

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1141

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small businesses.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1199

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1199, a bill to authorize Federal agencies to provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis, and for other purposes.

S. 1236

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1236, a bill to amend the Federal Power Act to modify certain requirements relating to trial-type hearings with respect to certain license applications before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 1253

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1253, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1282

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1282, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to consider the objective of improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs under that Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 143, a resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 174

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 174, a resolution recognizing May 2015 as "Jewish American Heritage Month" and honoring the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States of America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 177

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 177, a resolution designating the week of May 10 through May 16, 2015, as "National Police Week".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "The Civil Nuclear Agreement with China: Balancing the Potential Risks and Rewards."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418, of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Exploring the Implementation and Future of the Veterans Choice Program."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2015, at 3:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2015, at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2015, at 11 a.m.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:39 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, May 7, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 52, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 176 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That at 4 p.m. the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order, as modified,

At 3:59 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 5:29 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. AYOTTE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

PROMOTING AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, TRADE, AND SALES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1075) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:44 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the President pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO YEMEN -- PM 16

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2015.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Yemen and others continue to threaten Yemen's peace, security, and stability, including by obstructing the implementation of the agreement of November 23, 2011, between the Government of Yemen and those in opposition to it, which provided for a peaceful transition of power that meets the legitimate demands and aspirations of the Yemeni people for change, and by obstructing the political process in Yemen. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13611 with respect to Yemen.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 13, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1581. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1582. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Exemptions From Preparation Pursuant to an Unsuspended and Unrevoked License" ((RIN0579-AD66)(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0048)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1583. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of fifteen (15) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1584. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeownership Counseling Organizations Lists and High-Cost Mortgage Counseling Interpretive Rule" (RIN3170-AA52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1585. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1586. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, with respect to the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1587. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1588. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1589. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on Federal Government Energy Management and Conservation Programs, Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1590. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to Congress identifying the 9-1-1 capabilities of the multi-line telephone system in use by all federal agencies in all federal buildings and properties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1591. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to the North American Free Trade Agreement Uniform Regulations" (RIN1515-AE04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1592. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period December 1, 2014, through January 31, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1593. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report certifying for fiscal year 2015 that no United Nations agency or United Nations affiliated agency grants any official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization which promotes and condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1594. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-103); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1595. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-021); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1596. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-139); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1597. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-031); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1598. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0036 - 2015-0050); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1599. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Bruce A. Litchfield, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1600. A communication from the Deputy Director, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organ Procurement and Transplantation: Implementation of the HIV Organ Policy Equity Act" (RIN0906-AB05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1601. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Examination of the District's Reserve Fund Policies"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1602. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-50, "Pre-K Student Discipline Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1603. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report concerning military assistance and military exports; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1604. A communication from the Regulatory Coordinator, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments to Limitations on Designated School Official Assignment and Study by F-2 and M-2 Nonimmigrants" (RIN1653-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1605. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-51, "Health Benefit Exchange Authority Financial Sustainability Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany S. 1269, An original bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-45).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1313. A bill to expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services paid after fiscal year 2009 by covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program who are eligible for Medicare; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1314. A bill to establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LEE, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1315. A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1316. A bill to provide for the retention and future use of certain land in Point Spencer, Alaska, to support the mission of the Coast Guard, to convey certain land in Point Spencer to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, to convey certain land in Point Spencer to the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1317. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a lifetime income disclosure; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1318. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1319. A bill to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1320. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to reform the Federal Reserve System; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1321. A bill to expand benefits to the families of public safety officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries sustained in the line of duty and proximately resulting in death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1322. A bill to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to ensure that student data handled by private companies is protected, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1323. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration to disclose certain return information related to identity theft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1324. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1325. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinic in Newark, Ohio, as the Daniel L. Kinnard Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 1326. A bill to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1327. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1328. A bill to authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 1329. A bill to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1330. A bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1331. A bill to help enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1332. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to protect against foodborne illnesses, provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1333. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1334. A bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1335. A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 1336. A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1337. A bill to reform the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 207, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 608

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 608, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 683, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 704

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 704, a bill to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 711

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to

amend section 520J of the Public Service Health Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 883

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, and research capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1162

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1162, a bill to ensure Federal law enforcement officers remain able to ensure their own safety, and the safety of their families, during a covered furlough.

S. 1190

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1238

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1238, a bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations.

S. 1305

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1305, a bill to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Safeguarding American Interests in the East and South China Seas."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing the Border: Fencing, Infrastructure, and Technology Force Multipliers."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting the Constitutional Right to Counsel for Indigents Charged with Misdemeanors."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2015, at 3 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 665. An act to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law

enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 1124. An act to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 606. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.

H.R. 723. An act to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty.

H.R. 1732. An act to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2146. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 254. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable James Claude Wright, Jr., a former Representative from the State of Texas.

At 3:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 651. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Sister Ann Keefe Post Office".

H.R. 1075. An act to designate the United States Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry located at First Street and Pan American Avenue in Douglas, Arizona, as the "Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry".

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 723. An act to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 2146. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 1 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition thereof, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session, and consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, at 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider, en bloc, the bill (H.R. 1295) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code, and the bill (H.R. 644) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory; that amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. HATCH, being the texts of bills S. 1267 and S. 1269 be considered and agreed to; that no further amendment be in order; that, at 12 noon on tomorrow, the bills, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of bill H.R. 1295, as amended; that, upon passage of the bill, the Senate vote on passage of bill H.R. 644, as amended, with no intervening action or debate; that each bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass; and that, following passage, a motion to reconsider the vote on passage of each be considered made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That, following passage of bill H.R. 644, as amended, a motion to proceed to consider the motion to reconsider the vote (No. 176) disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314 be agreed to; that said motion to reconsider be agreed to; and that, at 2 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314, upon reconsideration.

Ordered further, That, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded at 10 p.m. on tomorrow night.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SOILS'"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 10) supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the `International Year of Soils' and supporting locally led soil conservation.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That an amendment (Numbered 1225) be proposed on behalf of Mr. LEE, and agreed to; that the resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; that the accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: Mrs. SHAHEEN and Mr. CARDIN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295 b(h), of the U.S. Code, had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. PETERS and Mr. SCHATZ.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101-595, and further amended by Public Law 113-281, had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Ms. CANTWELL and Mr. BLUMENTHAL.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Mr. UDALL and Ms. HIRONO.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bills H.R. 1295 and H.R. 644, en bloc, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That the time from 10 a.m. to noon be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that the time following the votes in relation to bills H.R. 1295 and H.R. 644, pursuant to the order of today, until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:37 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 14, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 665. An act to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 1124. An act to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 460. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-46).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KING:

S. 1338. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide licensing procedures for certain types of projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1339. A bill to permanently authorize the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1340. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve coal leasing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1341. A bill to amend section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act in order to improve the privacy protections available to students and their parents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1342. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study and issue a report that quantifies the energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1343. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to maintain a project to improve hurricane forecasting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 1344. A bill to clarify that nonprofit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1345. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1346. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide up to 4 financial awards to eligible entities that develop and verifiably demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in a high-cost region; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1347. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1348. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 with respect to high priority corridors on the National Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1349. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1350. A bill to provide a short-term extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1351. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DONNELLY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1352. A bill to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1353. A bill to ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal Government actions by amending the prohibition on the exercise of jurisdiction by the United States Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1354. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for recognition of attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1355. A bill to provide for higher education reform; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1356. A bill to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions; considered and passed.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 1357. A bill to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 until July 31, 2015, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1358. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1359. A bill to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 179. A resolution designating May 16, 2015, as "Kids to Parks Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 30

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 81

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 81, a bill to authorize preferential treatment for certain imports from Nepal, and for other purposes.

S. 127

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 127, a bill to prohibit Federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints, and for other purposes.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 246

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] were added as cosponsors of S. 246, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 797

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 797, a bill to amend the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1006

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1006, a bill to incentivize early adoption of positive train control, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1101

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1101, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support software.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1126, a bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms.

STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to improve the safety of hazardous materials rail transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1252, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1265

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1265, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B-1, B-2, or B-52 bomber aircraft.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer, and for other purposes.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1324

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 1330

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1330, a bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit.

S. 1334

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1334, a bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 157

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 157, a resolution recognizing the economic, cultural, and political contributions of the Southeast-Asian American community on the 40th anniversaries of the beginning of Khmer Rouge control over Cambodia and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide and the end of the Vietnam War and the "Secret War" in the Kingdom of Laos.

SENATE RESOLUTION 168

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 168, a resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CRAPO,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Regulatory Issues Impacting End-Users and Market Liquidity."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "A Pathway to Improving Care for Medicare Patients with Chronic Conditions."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Setting the Rules for Responsible Global Cyber Behavior."

JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY

The Joint Committee of Congress on the Library be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2015, at 3:40 p.m.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

The Joint Committee on Printing be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2015, at 3:50 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 651. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Sister Ann Keefe Post Office".

H.R. 1075. An act to designate the United States Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry located at First Street and Pan American Avenue in Douglas, Arizona, as the "Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry".

At 1:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 36. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2048. An act to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 301 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1381), as amended by Public Law 114-6, the SPEAKER and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate jointly reappoint the following individuals each to a 2-year term on the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Ms. Barbara L. Camens of Washington, DC, and Ms. Roberta L. Holzwarth of Rockford, Illinois.

The message further announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statuses (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. BECERRA of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2004(b), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: Mr. DEUTCH of Florida.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. ISRAEL of New York and Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 8162 of Public Law 106-79, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia and Mr. THOMPSON of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio, Mr. HONDA of California, and Mr. LIEU of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. COHEN of Tennessee, and Mr. GRAYSON of Florida.

The message further announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, the Minority Leader re-appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4(c) of House Resolution 5, 114th Congress, the Minority Leader re-appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Mr. JAMES P. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts, Co-Chair.

The message further announced that pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b) note), the Minority Leader re-appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Council on the Arts: Ms. BETTY MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.

At 2:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 665. An act to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

S. 1124. An act to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

IRS BUREAUCRACY REDUCTION AND JUDICIAL REVIEW ACT AND FIGHTING HUNGER INCENTIVE ACT

The hour of 10 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TOOMEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bills (H.R. 1295) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code, and (H.R. 644) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, en bloc; and

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bills, en bloc.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on passage of the bills, en bloc.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

An amendment (No. 1223, in the nature of a substitute) was considered proposed by Mr. HATCH to bill H.R. 1295, and agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

An amendment (No. 1224, in the nature of a substitute) was considered proposed by Mr. HATCH to bill H.R. 644, and agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on passage of bill H.R. 1295, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The bills, as amended, were read the third time, en bloc.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on passage of bill H.R. 1295, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GARDNER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 97, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 178 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono,

Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Lankford.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on passage of bill H.R. 644, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 78, nays... 20

[Rollcall Vote No. 179 Leg.]

YEAS --- 78

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 20

Alexander, Coats, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Cruz, Daines, Flake, Gardner, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson, Lee, McCain, Moran, Rubio, Sasse, Shelby, Tillis, Toomey.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

A motion to proceed to consider the motion, entered by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, was considered made and agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to reconsider.

After debate,

The motion to reconsider was agreed to.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, May 7, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, May 11, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 65, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 180 Leg.]

YEAS --- 65

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 33

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Casey, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

So, upon reconsideration, the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

DON'T TAX OUR FALLEN PUBLIC SAFETY HEROES ACT

On the request of Ms. AYOTTE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 606) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1314

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate on consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314 be concluded; that the motion to proceed be agreed to; and that Mr. HATCH be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1221) in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute).

Ordered further, That the following amendments be the only other amendments in order on today: an amendment (Numbered 1242) to be proposed by Mr. BROWN, and an amendment (Numbered 1237) to be proposed by Mr. LANKFORD.

Ordered further, That on Monday, May 18, 2015, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1314, the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the managers, or their designees; that, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday next, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 1242 and amendment No. 1237; that no other amendment be in order prior to the vote on the aforementioned amendments; and that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. HATCH to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1221, in the nature of a substitute).

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. HATCH (for Mr. FLAKE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking title II (being amendment No. 1243).

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HATCH for Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. VITTER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 2(a), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1237).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REED, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. LEAHY) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 118, by striking lines 19 through 23, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1242).

Pending debate,

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILLS H.R. 1295 AND H.R. 644

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding passage of bills H.R. 1295 and H.R. 644, amendment No. 1240 to bill H.R. 1295 and amendment No. 1241 to bill H.R. 644 be agreed to.

CLARIFYING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BORDER PATROL AGENT PAY REFORM ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1356) to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions, introduced on today by Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "KIDS TO PARKS DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 179) designating May 16, 2015, as "Kids to Parks Day," submitted today by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LEE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1350) to provide a short-term extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. BOXER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1357) to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 until July 31, 2015, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015.

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 15, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the President of the United States:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURMA-- PM 17

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared on May 20, 1997, is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2015. The Government of Burma has made significant progress across a number of important areas, including the release of over 1,300 political prisoners, continued progress toward a nationwide cease-fire, the discharge of hundreds of child soldiers from the military, steps to improve labor standards, and expanding political space for civil society to have a greater voice in shaping issues critical to Burma's future. In addition, Burma has become a signatory of the International Atomic Energy Agency's Additional Protocol and ratified the Biological Weapons Convention, significant steps towards supporting global nonproliferation. Despite these strides, the situation in the country continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

Concerns persist regarding the ongoing conflict and human rights abuses in the country, particularly in ethnic minority areas and Rakhine State. In addition, Burma's military operates with little oversight from the civilian government and often acts with impunity. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Burma.

Despite this action, the United States remains committed to supporting and strengthening Burma's reform efforts and to continue working both with the Burmese government and people to ensure that the democratic transition is sustained and irreversible.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 15, 2015.*

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 15, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1191) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate on January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 15, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 606. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.

H.R. 1191. An act to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 611. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-47).

S. 653. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act (Rept. No. 114-48).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1360. A bill to amend the limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents under section 28103 of title 49, United States Code, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1361. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1362. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 1363. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a report assessing the capability of the Department of Energy to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at sites owned by the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1364. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require the payment of an additional rebate to the State Medicaid plan in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1365. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1366. A bill to amend the charter of the Gold Star Wives of America to remove the restriction on the federally chartered corporation, and directors and officers of the corporation, attempting to influence legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1367. A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act with respect to membership eligibility of certain institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 389

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 389, a bill to amend section 1111(h)(1)(C)(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 447

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 447, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 688

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the Medicare hospital readmission reduction program to respond to patient disparities, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 851

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the

identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 1006

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1006, a bill to incentivize early adoption of positive train control, and for other purposes.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1126, a bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1142

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1142, a bill to clarify that noncommercial species found entirely within the borders of a single State are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 or any other provision of law enacted as an exercise of the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce.

S. 1193

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1294

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1294, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture to collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 1324

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 87

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 87, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism.

SENATE RESOLUTION 168

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 168, a resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2252. An act to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2297. An act to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, May 18, 2015, he had signed the following bills, which were previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 606. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.

H.R. 1191. An act to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2297. An act to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2048. An act to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for

foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1242, proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. LEAHY), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. HATCH, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That his amendment No. 1237 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1242 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, and Mr. HEINRICH be added as cosponsors of his pending amendment No. 1242.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1242 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 181 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 41

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to; the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1237, as modified, proposed by Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. VITTER), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PAUL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 92, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 182 Leg.]

YEAS --- 92

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1243, proposed by Mr. HATCH (for Mr. FLAKE), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HATCH,

Ordered, That it be in order for the following Senators to propose the following amendments to the pending bill during today's session: Mr. PORTMAN, amendment No. 1299; Mr. BROWN, amendment No. 1251; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 1312, as modified; Ms. WARREN, amendment No. 1327; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 1226; and Mrs. SHAHEEN, amendment No. 1227.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1243 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. HATCH for Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COONS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1312).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1312, as modified, to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was considered laid aside,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. HATCH for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CASEY, Mr. REED, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FLAKE, and Ms. BALDWIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1226).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW for Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BURR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DONNELLY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 102(b) by striking paragraph (11), and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1299).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr.

MENENDEZ, and Mr. CASEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 107, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1251).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. WYDEN for Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 109, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1227).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. WYDEN for Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. HEINRICH) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 106(b), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1327).

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1350) to provide a short-term extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, introduced on Thursday, May 14, 2015 by Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. BOXER), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. LANKFORD objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1357) to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 until July 31, 2015, and for other purposes, introduced on Thursday, May 14, 2015 by Mr. MCCONNELL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. LANKFORD objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, May 14, 2015, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. LANKFORD objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS, THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL, AND EMANCIPATION HALL

On the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 43) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congressional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, April 30, 2015, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, at the conclusion thereof, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. PORTMAN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:57 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the President pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE STABILIZATION OF IRAQ -- PM 18

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2015.

Obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 19, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1606. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-1607. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the percentage of funds that was expended during the preceding fiscal year and is projected to be expended during the current and ensuing fiscal year for the Department's depot maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1608. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary (Terrorism and Financial Intelligence), Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1609. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1610. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the foreign aviation authorities to which the Administration provided services during fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1611. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the foreign aviation authorities to which the Administration provided services during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1612. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Member, IRS Oversight Board, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1613. A communication from the Lead Regulations Writer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Cancer (Malignant Neoplastic Diseases)" (RIN0960-AH43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1614. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-020); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1615. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-007); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1616. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-003); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1617. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-145); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1618. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-144); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1619. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1620. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Triple Drop and Check" (Rev. Rul. 2015-10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1621. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage for Purposes of the Premium Tax Credit" (Notice 2015-37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1622. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Rev. Rul. 78-130" (Rev. Rul. 2015-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1623. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Price Inflation Adjustments for Contribution Limitations Made to a Health Savings Account Pursuant to Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Rev. Proc. 2015-30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1624. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notional Principal Contracts; Swaps with Nonperiodic Payments" ((RIN1545-BM62)(TD 9719)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1625. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) as of December 31, 2014 (DCN OSS 2015-0656); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1626. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1627. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2016 report on the plan for the nuclear weapons stockpile, complex, delivery systems, and command and control systems; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1628. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's plans to adopt continuous evaluation (CE) and Insider Threat capabilities within the Department of Defense (DoD); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1629. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trinexapac-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9926-62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1630. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trichoderma asperelloides strain JM41R; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9926-87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1631. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fragrance Components; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9927-38), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1632. A communication from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Strategic Economic and Community Development" (RIN0570-AA94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1633. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1634. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1635. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1636. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1637. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1638. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integration of National Bank and Federal Savings Association Regulations: Licensing Rules; Final Rule" (RIN1557-AD80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1639. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report concerning military assistance and military exports; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1640. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act relative to countries not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1641. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT 15-004); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1642. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-036); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1643. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of a determination to waive certain restrictions on maintaining a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Office in Washington and on the receipt and expenditure of PLO funds for a period of six months; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1644. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of a determination to waive certain

restrictions on maintaining a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Office in Washington and on the receipt and expenditure of PLO funds for a period of six months; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1645. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operation in the 3550-3650 MHz Band, Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" ((GN Docket No. 12-354)(FCC 15-47)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1646. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; NAAQS Update" (FRL No. 9927-48-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1647. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revision to Control Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Storage Tanks and Transport Vessels" (FRL No. 9927-59-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1648. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Utah County - Trading of Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets for PM10 Transportation Conformity" (FRL No. 9927-68-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1649. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; 2011 Base Year Emissions Inventories for the Washington DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9927-70-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1650. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Justice, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1651. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances; Extension of Temporary Placement of UR-144, XLR11, and AKB48 in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act" (Docket No. DEA-414), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1652. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Rules of Practice for Trials Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board" (RIN0651-AD00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1653. A communication from the Project Manager, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employment Authorization for Certain H-4 Dependent Spouses; Final Rule" (RIN1615-AB92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1654. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the third quarter of fiscal year 2014 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1655. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action Resulting from Audit Reports, Inspection Reports, and Evaluation Reports for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1656. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1657. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "What is Due Process in Federal Civil Service Employment?"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1658. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1659. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act Inventory for fiscal years 2012 and 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1660. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Leasing of Osage Reservation Lands for Oil and Gas Mining" (RIN1076-AF17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 1376. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-49).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1368. A bill to establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1369. A bill to allow funds under title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to be used to provide training to school personnel regarding how to recognize child sexual abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1370. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to adequately fund bridges in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1371. A bill to impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in our families and communities, improve our infrastructure and our environment, strengthen our financial security, expand opportunity and reduce market volatility; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1372. A bill to repeal the crude oil export ban, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1373. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act to improve higher education programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1374. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the United States and Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1375. A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1376. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1377. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1378. A bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1379. A bill to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to require the development of a plan for each sub-Saharan African country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, Mr. KAINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1380. A bill to support early learning; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1381. A bill to require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress; to the Committee on Finance

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1382. A bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PERDUE:

S. 1383. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1384. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1385. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from requiring race or ethnicity to be disclosed in connection with the transfer of a firearm; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 1386. A bill to provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1387. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1388. A bill to require the President to submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relating to property confiscated by the Government of Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade with Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1389. A bill to authorize exportation of consumer communications devices to Cuba and the provision of telecommunications services to Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. Res. 180. A resolution urging additional sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 181. A resolution designating May 19, 2015, as "National Schizencephaly Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 182. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Defense laboratories have been, and continue to be, on the cutting edge of scientific and technological advancement and supporting the designation of May 14, 2015, as the "Department of Defense Laboratory Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 141

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 405

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 405, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 739, a bill to modify the treatment of agreements entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 806

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 806, a bill to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and reset the excise tax on beer, and for other purposes.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 925, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1049

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 1088

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for voter

registration through the Internet, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1123, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations.

S. 1324

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1324, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to amend the limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents under section 28103 of title 49, United States Code, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WICKER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "FAA Reauthorization: Air Traffic Control Modernization and Reform."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 19, 2015, 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "No Place to Grow Up: How to Safely Reduce Reliance on Foster Care Group Homes."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 19, 2015, at 2:45 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Nominations."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: Examining EEOC's Enforcement and Litigation Programs."

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 19, 2015, at 2 p.m., in SR-428A Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "An Examination of Proposed Environment Regulation's Impacts on America's Small Businesses."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 19, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND TERRORISM

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 19, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Body Cameras: Can Technology Increase Protection for Law Enforcement Officers and the Public?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WATER, AND WILDLIFE

The Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "S. 1140, The Federal Water Quality Protection Act."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 91. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.

H.R. 474. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs.

H.R. 1038. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee.

H.R. 1313. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the treatment of

certain small business concerns for purposes of the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences.

H.R. 1382. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans.

H.R. 1816. An act to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance.

H.R. 1987. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

S. Con. Res. 3. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania, Mr. HULTGREN of Illinois, and Mr. BURGESS of Texas.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. PITTENGER of North Carolina, and Mr. HULTGREN of Illinois.

At 3:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2252. An act to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 91. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 474. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1038. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1313. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1382. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1816. An act to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1987. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

RELATIVE TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BORDER PATROL AGENT PAY REFORM ACT

On the request of Ms. COLLINS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2252) to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327, proposed by Mr. WYDEN for Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. HEINRICH), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. HATCH, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That Ms. HIRONO be added as cosponsor to pending amendment No. 1299.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:29 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose amendments Numbered 1233 and 1234.

Ms. CANTWELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 2048

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the pending bill be laid aside; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; that amendments be proposed; and that, upon disposition of said bill, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

After debate,

Mr. COTTON objected.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1387).

Ms. CANTWELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MERKLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1369).

Ms. CANTWELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MERKLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1401).

Ms. CANTWELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MERKLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1409).

Ms. CANTWELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MERKLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1404).

Ms. CANTWELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. HATCH asked unanimous consent that the time until 8 p.m. on today be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that, upon conclusion thereof, the Senate vote in relation to pending amendments Numbered 1312, as modified, 1227, 1327, and 1251; that no amendment to the amendments be in order; and that amendment No. 1312, as modified, receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Mr. HATCH further asked unanimous consent that the following be the only first-degree amendments in order to be proposed on today: an amendment (Numbered 1252), intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. CARDIN), relative to "level playing field;" an amendment (Numbered 1385), intended to be proposed by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. KAINE), relative to currency; an amendment (Numbered 1384), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. INHOFE), relative to immigration; and an amendment (Numbered 1410), intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ, relative to child labor.

After debate,

Ms. CANTWELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1327 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1314:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, ORRIN HATCH, DAN COATS, JOHN BOOZMAN, THOM TILLIS, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, PAT ROBERTS, RICHARD BURR, JOHN BARRASSO, MIKE CRAPO, JEFF FLAKE, TOM COTTON, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, DAVID A. PERDUE, CHUCK GRASSLEY, DAN SULLIVAN.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on pending bill H.R. 1314:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, ORRIN HATCH, DAN COATS, JOHN BOOZMAN, THOM TILLIS, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, PAT ROBERTS, RICHARD BURR, JOHN BARRASSO, MIKE CRAPO, JEFF FLAKE, TOM COTTON, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, DAVID A. PERDUE, CHUCK GRASSLEY, DAN SULLIVAN.

Mr. HATCH called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 1299.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1299, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BURR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HATCH to insert in lieu of the language of amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299, other words (being amendment No. 1411).

Pending debate,

Mr. HATCH modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SCHIZENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. DAINES,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 181) designating May 19, 2015, as "National Schizencephaly Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and MS. HEITKAMP), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF "DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LABORATORY DAY"

On the request of Mr. DAINES,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 182) expressing the sense of the Senate that Defense laboratories have been, and continue to be, on the cutting edge of scientific and technological advancement and supporting the designation of May 14, 2015, as the "Department of Defense Laboratory Day", submitted today by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

At 8:15 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

Mr. RAND PAUL, from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PAUL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 20, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RAND PAUL, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. PAUL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, proposed by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. COATS), to the language of the amendment Numbered 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1390. A bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1391. A bill to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1392. A bill to require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1393. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1394. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency a Columbia River Basin Restoration Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1395. A bill to reinstate certain mining claims in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1396. A bill to establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design in order to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes, enhance

beneficiary satisfaction, and lower health care expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1397. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that ITIN applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1398. A bill to extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1399. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and increase expensing limitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1400. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1401. A bill to provide for the annual designation of cities in the United States as an "American World War II City"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1402. A bill to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1403. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1404. A bill to free States to spend gas taxes on their transportation priorities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1405. A bill to require a coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1406. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to pharmacy compounding; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1407. A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1408. A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HOEVEN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Con. Res. 17. A concurrent resolution establishing a joint select committee to address regulatory reform; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 85

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes.

S. 127

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 127, a bill to prohibit Federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints, and for other purposes.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 389

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 389, a bill to amend section 1111(h)(1)(C)-(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 711

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Service Health Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, supra.

S. 796

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to incentivize State support for postsecondary education and to promote increased access and affordability for higher education for students, including Dreamer students.

S. 802

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 802, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 974

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor.

S. 1004

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1004, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veterans Day.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 1122

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1122, a bill to provide that chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code, relating to the enforcement of arbitration agreements, shall not apply to enrollment agreements made between students and certain institutions of higher education, and to prohibit limitations on the ability of students to pursue claims against certain institutions of higher education.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1126, a bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program.

S. 1130

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1130, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve procedures for legal justice for members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1176

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1176, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations.

S. 1312

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to modernize Federal policies regarding the supply and distribution of energy in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1334

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

S. 1345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1377

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1377, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 143, a resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "Improvements and Innovations in Fishery Management and Data Collection."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "U.S. Cuban Relations—The Way Forward."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on Nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Exploring Institutional Risk-sharing."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Addressing the Needs of Native Communities Through Indian Water Rights Settlements."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Challenging the Status Quo: Solutions to the Hospital Observation Stay Crisis."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Taking Sexual Assault Seriously: The Rape Kit Backlog and Human Rights."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "21st Century Ideas for the 20th Century Federal Civil Service."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND, WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of Scientific Advisory Panels and Processes at the Environmental Protection Agency."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:49 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 178. An act to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2250. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2353. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

At 11:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 874. An act to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1119. An act to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1156. An act to authorize the establishment or designation of a working group under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities.

H.R. 1158. An act to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1162. An act to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

H.R. 1561. An act to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.

At 10:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 47. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 178.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 874. An act to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1119. An act to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1156. To authorize the establishment or designation of a working group under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1158. An act to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate

public-private partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1162. An act to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1561. An act to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2250. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL S. 178

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RUBIO in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 47) to correct the enrollment of S. 178, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2353) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CASSIDY asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CASSIDY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1314; that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, at 10 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1314.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASSIDY,

At 11:57 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2048

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048:

MITCH MCCONNELL, LAMAR ALEXANDER, MICHAEL B. ENZI, DAVID VITTER, JOHN CORNYN, JOHNNY ISAKSON, LISA MURKOWSKI, JOHN BARRASSO, RICHARD BURR, PAT ROBERTS, ROY BLUNT, BOB CORKER, ORRIN HATCH, JERRY MORAN, PAT TOOMEY, MICHAEL LEE, TED CRUZ.

Mr. MCCONNELL thereupon withdrew his motion to proceed.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1357

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1357) to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 until July 31, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1357:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, DAN COATS, THOM TILLIS, MIKE ROUNDS, PAT ROBERTS, RICHARD BURR, JOHN BARRASSO, TOM COTTON, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, DAVID PERDUE, LAMAR ALEXANDER, MICHAEL B. ENZI, DAVID VITTER, JOHNNY ISAKSON, ROY BLUNT.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELLER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2353) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, received from the House

of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, proposed by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. COATS), to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

Mr. HATCH asked unanimous consent that the following amendments be proposed on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: amendment No. 1371, Mrs. BOXER; amendment No. 1387, Mr. WHITEHOUSE; amendment No. 1252, Mr. BROWN; amendment No. 1424, Mrs. FEINSTEIN; amendment No. 1430, Mr. MENENDEZ; amendment No. 1383, Mr. PAUL; amendment No. 1408, Mr. PAUL; amendment No. 1246, Mr. SULLIVAN; amendment No. 1233, Mr. SESSIONS; amendment No. 1384, Mr. CRUZ; and amendment No. 1230, Mr. CRUZ.

After debate,

Mr. BROWN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1314.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 62, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 183 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shaheen, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

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Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1381

Ms. WARREN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1381) to require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. HATCH objected.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MANCHIN,

Ordered, That he be added as cosponsor of amendment No. 1371 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HATCH,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period, until 4 p.m., for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be counted against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, May 21, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 178. A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Legislative Activities of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation During the 113th Congress" (Rept. No. 114-50).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 143. A bill to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-51).

S. 808. A bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-52).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 615. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-53).

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2028. A bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-54).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-55).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 335. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans (Rept. No. 114-56).

By Mr. KIRK, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2029. A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-57).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 87. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 802. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 1417. An original bill to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1409. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan while such individual is an inmate of a public institution; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1410. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve the treatment of substance use disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1411. A bill to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING):

S. 1412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1413. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve compliance in higher education tax benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1414. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 1415. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of large employer for purposes of applying the employer mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEE, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1416. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to limit the authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1417. An original bill to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1418. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1419. A bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1420. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to provide for the collection of information on critical energy supplies, to establish a Working Group on Energy Markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1421. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize a 6-month extension of certain exclusivity periods in the case of approved drugs that are subsequently approved for a new indication to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1422. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a comprehensive program to improve education and training for energy- and manufacturing-related jobs to increase the number of skilled workers trained to work in energy and manufacturing-related fields, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1423. A bill to designate certain Federal lands in California as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1424. A bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic

plastic microbeads; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CAPITO:

S. 1425. A bill to promote new manufacturing in the United States by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in obtaining necessary permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1426. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1427. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to facilitate increased coordination and alignment between the public and private sector with respect to quality and efficiency measures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1428. A bill to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1429. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1430. A bill to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. KING, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1431. A bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1432. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1433. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 1434. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1435. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote awareness of organ donation and the need to increase the pool of available organs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1436. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BURR):

S. 1437. A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize and provide flexibility for the use of the National Guard for support of civilian firefighting activities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. BURR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1438. A bill to allow women greater access to safe and effective contraception; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 1439. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1440. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to exclude a loan secured by a non-owner occupied 1- to 4-family dwelling from the definition of a member business loan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1441. A bill to prevent the militarization of Federal, State, and local law enforcement by Federal excess property transfers and grant programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1442. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strike a provision relating to the budget neutrality of any renegotiated Standard Reinsurance Agreement; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 1443. A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1444. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax regarding the taxation of distilled spirits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1445. A bill to improve the Microloan Program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1446. A bill to establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1447. A bill to provide for the implementation of a Sustainable Chemistry Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1448. A bill to designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1449. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to add certain medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles to the advanced technology vehicles manufacturing incentive program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1450. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1451. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1452. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursements for emergency medical treatment and to require that the Department of Veterans Affairs be treated as a participating provider for the recovery of the costs of certain medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1453. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to apply deemed enrollment to residents of Puerto Rico and to provide a special enrollment period and a reduction in the late enrollment penalties for certain residents of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1454. A bill to enhance interstate commerce by creating a National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. Res. 183. A resolution calling for suspension of construction of artificial land formations on islands, reefs, shoals, and other features of the Spratly Islands and for a peaceful and multilateral resolution to the South China Sea territorial dispute; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 184. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that conversion therapy, including efforts by mental health practitioners to change the sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression of an individual, is dangerous and harmful and should be prohibited from being practiced on minors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HELLER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 185. A resolution recognizing the significance of May 2015 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 186. A resolution designating the week of May 17 through May 23, 2015, as "National Public Works Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 187. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the month of May 2015, as "National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 171

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

S. 197

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 197, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to States to improve delivery of high-quality assessments, and for other purposes.

S. 241

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 241, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 293

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 293, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 423

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to strengthen the position of the United States as the world's leading innovator by amending title 35, United States Code, to protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the country's economy.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 923

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 923, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants on a competitive basis to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1126, a bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to increase the participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in STEM fields, to encourage and support students from all economic backgrounds to pursue STEM career opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to provide for a temporary, emergency authorization of defense articles, defense services, and related training directly to the Kurdistan Regional Government, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1381

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1381, a bill to require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress.

S. 1382

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1389

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1389, a bill to authorize exportation of consumer communications devices to Cuba and the provision of telecommunications services to Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1393

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1393, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule.

S. 1400

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1400, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 17

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, a concurrent resolution establishing a joint select committee to address regulatory reform.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 143, a resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 176

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 176, a resolution designating September 2015 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SULLIVAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room 328A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Financial Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2015, at 9:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Understanding America's Long-Term Fiscal Picture."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., in the President's Room of the Capitol.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 880. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit.

H.R. 1806. An act to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental scientific discovery, and development to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 202(a) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Care: Mr. David P. Blom of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Darin Selnick of Oceanside, California, and Dr. Toby Cosgrove of Cleveland, Ohio.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. POLIS of Colorado, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, and Mrs. TORRES of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4412, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER reappoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: Mr. BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico.

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 178. An act to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 2:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2496. An act to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1806. An act to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental scientific discovery, and development to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Jill N. Parrish, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Mark Scarano, of New Hampshire, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that, following disposition of the nominations, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no other motion be in order; that the President be

immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That the time during executive session be counted against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 6:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1735. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1735. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING THE "JOSEPH F. WEIS JR. UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1690) to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS ON CALENDAR EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills on the calendar, en bloc:

S. 261. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse;

S. 612. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That the bills be read the third time, en bloc, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

NEW MEXICO NAVAJO WATER SETTLEMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 501) to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 168) recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING BRAVE YOUNG MEN FROM HAWAII ENABLING THE UNITED STATES TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN JURISDICTION IN REMOTE EQUATORIAL ISLANDS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 109) acknowledging and honoring brave young men from Hawaii who enabled the United States to establish and maintain jurisdiction in remote equatorial islands as prolonged conflict in the Pacific led to World War II.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. PERDUE (for Mr. SCHATZ) to amend the preamble in various clauses, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1437).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

On the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 185) recognizing the significance of May 2015 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States, submitted today by Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HELLER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 186) designating the week of May 17 through May 23, 2015, as "National Public Works Week," submitted today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL BLADDER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 187) expressing support for the designation of the month of May 2015, as "National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month," submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. SCHATZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101-595, and further amended by Public Law 113-281, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Mr. WICKER, Mr. SULLIVAN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Mrs. ERNST, as designee of the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Mr. GARDNER, as designee of the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: Mr. SULLIVAN, as designee of the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

COMMISSION ON CARE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 113-146, had appointed the following as members of the Commission on Care: The Honorable Tom Coburn, of Oklahoma; Mr. Stuart Hickey, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Thomas Harvey, of New York.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, had appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Chiling Tong, of Maryland.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, the minority leader had appointed the following individual as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PERDUE.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1314; and that time during adjournment count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

At 8:16 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Pastor Leroy Gilbert, of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 253. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (Rept. No. 114-58).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 565. A bill to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-59).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 286. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-60).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1455. A bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1456. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1457. A bill to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1458. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1459. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1460. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1461. A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1462. A bill to improve the safety of oil shipments by rail and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1463. A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the distance requirement for expanded availability of hospital care and medical services for veterans through the use of agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities; considered and passed.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1464. A bill to require all recreational vessels to have and to post passenger capacity limits and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1465. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to stroke telehealth services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BURR, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1466. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1467. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1468. A bill to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 303

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 303, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that individuals having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 802

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 802, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 925, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1193

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program.

S. 1347

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1347, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to allow funds under title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to be used to provide training to school personnel regarding how to recognize child sexual abuse.

S. 1378

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] were added as cosponsors of S. 1378, a bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government.

S. 1434

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1434, a bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 12

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 12, a concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:18 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2262. An act to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes.

At 5:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2496. An act to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2262. An act to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, proposed by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. COATS), to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of

a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That Mr. BLUMENTHAL be recognized to speak for 5 minutes; that, following remarks by him, the Senate recess until 2 p.m.; and that time during recess be counted against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 1:07 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

ACCESS TO COMMUNITY CARE FOR VETERANS ACT

On the request of Mr. MORAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1463) to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the distance requirement for expanded availability of hospital care and medical services for veterans through the use of agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities, introduced on today by Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. HOEVEN), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION AND CHOICE IMPROVEMENT ACT

On the request of Mr. BENNET,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2496) to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

Mr. WYDEN asked unanimous consent that it be in order for only the following first-degree amendments to be proposed on today to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute):

An amendment (Numbered 1384), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), relative to immigration;

An amendment (Numbered 1430), intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ, relative to trafficking;

An amendment (Numbered 1246), intended to be proposed by Mr. SULLIVAN, relative to fish/shellfish;

An amendment (Numbered 1328), intended to be proposed by Ms. WARREN, relative to financial services;

An amendment (Numbered 1418), intended to be proposed by Mr. DAINES, relative to Indian tribes;

An amendment (Numbered 1406), intended to be proposed by Mr. DONNELLY, relative to training programs;

An amendment (Numbered 1233), intended to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, relative to congressional approval;

An amendment (Numbered 1371), intended to be proposed by Mrs. BOXER, relative to minimum wage;

An amendment (Numbered 1383), intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL, relative to bonuses for cost cutters;

An amendment (Numbered 1413), intended to be proposed by Mr. MANCHIN, relative to state effects;

An amendment (Numbered 1408), intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL, relative to auditing the Fed;

An amendment (Numbered 1230), intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN, relative to human rights;

An amendment (Numbered 1252), intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN), relative to level playing field;

An amendment (Numbered 1387), intended to be proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE, relative to unregulated fishing;

An amendment (Numbered 1308), intended to be proposed by Mr. MARKEY, relative to clean water/air;

An amendment (Numbered 1404), intended to be proposed by Mr. MERKLEY, relative to food information;

An amendment (Numbered 1436), intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. MURPHY), relative to Buy American;

An amendment (Numbered 1317), intended to be proposed by Ms. BALDWIN, relative to trade remedy;

An amendment (Numbered 1309), intended to be proposed by Mr. BENNET, relative to poverty/hunger.

Mr. WYDEN further asked unanimous consent that the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendments Numbered 1411, as modified, 1299, 1327, 1243, 1251, 1384, 1430, 1246, 1328, 1418, 1406, 1371, 1413, 1230, 1252, 1387, 1308, 1404, 1436, 1317, 1309.

Mr. WYDEN further asked unanimous consent that no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes in relation thereto; that each amendment following amendment No. 1251 receive a

minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 1309, pending amendments Numbered 1233, 1383, 1408, 1312, 1226, 1227 be withdrawn; that time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be concluded; that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended; that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill is agreed to, time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. HATCH objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Mr. HATCH asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; that he be recognized to propose the following amendments on behalf of the Senators indicated: an amendment Numbered 1384, Mr. CRUZ; an amendment Numbered 1430, Mr. MENENDEZ; an amendment Numbered 1252, Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN); and that no points of order, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be in order to be raised in relation to amendment No. 1252.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

Pending debate,

Time for debate on amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, having concluded,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1411, as modified, to the language of the amendment (Numbered 1221, in the nature of a substitute) to be stricken by amendment No. 1299.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 70, nays... 29

[Rollcall Vote No. 186 Leg.]

YEAS --- 70

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shaheen, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 29

Baldwin, Blunt, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Casey, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1299 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 48, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 187 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Ayotte, Baldwin, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Capito, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 51

Alexander, Barrasso, Bennet, Boozman, Cantwell, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1327, proposed by Mr. WYDEN for Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. HEINRICH), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 39, nays... 60

[Rollcall Vote No. 188 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 60

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1227, proposed by Mr. WYDEN for Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MENENDEZ), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HATCH,

Ordered, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment prior to its vote; and that each vote be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1227 to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. HATCH raised a point of order, viz, that the amendment is not germane to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1251, proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CASEY), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. HATCH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 189 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Paul, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1226, proposed by Mr. HATCH for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CASEY, Mr. REED, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FLAKE, and Ms. BALDWIN), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

Mr. HATCH raised a point of order, viz, that the amendment is not germane to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1312, as modified, proposed by Mr. HATCH for Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COONS), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

Mr. HATCH raised a point of order, viz, that the amendment is not germane to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1243, proposed by Mr. HATCH (for Mr. FLAKE), to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. FLAKE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 35, nays... 63

[Rollcall Vote No. 190 Leg.]

YEAS --- 35

Alexander, Barrasso, Boozman, Cassidy, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 63

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

Mr. HATCH, when his name was called, answered "present."

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That on rollcall Vote No. 190, his vote be changed from "nay" to "yea," thus changing the result to 36 yeas, 62 nays.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1221 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 62, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 191 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shaheen, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Casey, Collins, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HATCH,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill be waived.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ALEXANDER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on May 19, 2015, to bring to a close debate on pending bill H.R. 1314.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 61, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 192 Leg.]

YEAS --- 61

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shaheen, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was considered to have been read the third time.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 62, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 193 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shaheen, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Casey, Collins, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

ORDER FOR RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, following the remarks of Mr. WYDEN, for five minutes, the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

After debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 9:36 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORAN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed subject to the call of the chair.

AT 11:12 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SESSIONS in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2048

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

AUTHORITY FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate stand in recess until 12:01 a.m. on tomorrow.

RECESS

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 11:13 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SESSIONS in the chair) declared the Senate in recess, under its order of today, until 12:01 a.m. on tomorrow.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

(Legislative day of Friday, May 22, 2015)

Mr. JAMES LANKFORD, from the State of Oklahoma, called the Senate to order at 12:01 a.m., Mr. LANKFORD offered a prayer, and Mr. LANKFORD led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 23, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES LANKFORD, a Senator from the State of Oklahoma, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. LANKFORD took the chair.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2048

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDERS RELATIVE TO BILLS H.R. 2048 AND S. 1357

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived relative to the motions to bring to a close debate on the motions to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048 and the bill (S. 1357) to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 until July 31, 2015, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048; and that, if said motion is not agreed, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1357.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2048

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, May 21, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 57, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 194 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson, Kaine, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott,

Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Ernst, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, King, Kirk, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate.

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048 having received over 50 yea votes, the motion to proceed be agreed to; that the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill.

Mr. BURR objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1357

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, May 21, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1357.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 195 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate.

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF BILLS RELATIVE TO EXPIRING FISA PROVISIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider a bill to extend the expiring FISA provisions until June 8; that the bill be read the third time, and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. PAUL objected.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider a bill to extend the expiring FISA provisions until June 5; that the bill be read the third time, and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. WYDEN objected.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider a bill to extend the expiring FISA provisions until June 3; that the bill be read the third time, and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. HEINRICH objected.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider a bill to extend the expiring FISA provisions until June 2; that the bill be read the third time, and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. PAUL objected.

Mr. MCCONNELL questioned the presence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER directed the clerk to call the roll.

Pending ascertainment of a quorum,

Ms. MIKULSKI asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Pending further ascertainment of a quorum.

When

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1469. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2353) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

After debate,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

GIRLS COUNT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 802) to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 156) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2015 as "National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the PRESIDENT of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment, committees be authorized to "file" legislative and executive reports on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2015, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; that the Senate then adjourn until 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2015; that, on Sunday, May 31, 2015, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

At 2 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015

Mr. ROY BLUNT, from the State of Missouri, called the Senate to order at 4:29:55 p.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 26, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROY BLUNT, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. BLUNT took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Saturday, May 23, 2015,

At 4:30:23 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Saturday, May 23, 2015, until 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015

Mr. ROY BLUNT, from the State of Missouri, called the Senate to order at 8:35:55 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 28, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROY BLUNT, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. BLUNT took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Saturday, May 23, 2015,

At 8:36:25 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Saturday, May 23, 2015, until 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2015.

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 4 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, May 23, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, May 23, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, at 5 p.m. the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2048

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, May 23, 2015,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, May 21, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 5:11 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRASSLEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed subject to the call of the chair.

AT 6:14 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WICKER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2048

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF A BILL RELATIVE TO LONE WOLF AND ROVING WIRETAPS

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate a bill, relative to lone wolf and roving wiretaps, introduced on today, and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. PAUL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2048

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to proceed to consider the motion, entered by him on Saturday, May 23, 2015, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, May 21, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2048.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 21, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 77, nays... 17

[Rollcall Vote No. 196 Leg.]

YEAS --- 77

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 17

Barrasso, Blunt, Coats, Collins, Cotton, Crapo, Ernst, Fischer, Grassley, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sessions, Shelby, Thune.

So, upon reconsideration, the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

After debate,

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY FULFILLING RIGHTS AND ENSURING EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE OVER MONITORING ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BURR) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1449, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 110(a), and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1450).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1451).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BURR) to amend (perfect) the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1452).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending (perfecting) amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1453).

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2048:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, RON JOHNSON, DEAN HELLER, STEVE DAINES, CORY GARDNER, JOHNNY ISAKSON, RICHARD BURR, TIM SCOTT, JAMES LANKFORD, JEFF FLAKE, MICHAEL S. LEE, LISA MURKOWSKI, JOHN BARRASSO, THOM TILLIS, CHUCK GRASSLEY, RICHARD SHELBY.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1735

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1735:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN MCCAIN, LINDSEY GRAHAM, KELLY AYOTTE, JEFF SESSIONS, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, JONI K. ERNST, DEB FISCHER, THOM TILLIS, ROGER F. WICKER, TOM COTTON, DAN SULLIVAN, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, JIM INHOFE, JOHN CORNYN, MICHAEL S. LEE, CORY GARDNER.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1470. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 188. A resolution expressing appreciation of the goals of American Craft Beer Week and commending the small and independent craft brewers of the United States; considered and agreed to.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION OF THE GOALS OF AMERICAN CRAFT BEER WEEK

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 188) expressing appreciation of the goals of American Craft Beer Week and commending the small and independent craft brewers of the United States, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. AYOTTE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2048.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 9:44 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1661. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1662. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Past Performance Information Retrieval System - Statistical Reporting (PPIRS-SR)" ((RIN0750-AI40)-(DFARS Case 2014-D015)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1663. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2014 Purchases from Foreign Entities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1664. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Department of the Air Force, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1665. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1666. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Affordability Determination -- Energy Efficiency Standards" (RIN2501-ZA01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1667. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1668. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1669. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wassenaar Arrangement 2014 Plenary Agreements Implementation and Country Policy Amendments." (RIN0694-AG44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1670. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Luxembourg; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1671. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1672. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to South Africa; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1673. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1674. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on Federal Government Energy Management and Conservation Programs, Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1675. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Permits and Regulations, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Removal of Yellow-billed Magpie and Other Revisions to Depredation Order" (RIN1018-AY60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1676. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for Dakota Skipper and Endangered Species Status for Poweshiek Skipperling" (RIN1018-AY01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1677. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal System Pumps" (NRC-2015-0107), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1678. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Policy and Programs, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boating Infrastructure Grant Program" (RIN1018-AW64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1679. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Endangered Species Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Neosho Mucket and Rabbitsfoot" (RIN1018-AZ30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1680. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Program; Revisions to Deeming Authority Survey, Certification, and Enforcement Procedures" ((RIN0938-AQ33)-(CMS-3255-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1681. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, transmitting the Commission's annual report for 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1682. A communication from the Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Law Judges, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure for Administrative Hearings Before the Office of Administrative Law Judges" (RIN1290-AA26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1683. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Report on the Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant and Integrative Medicine Programs"; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1684. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 report on the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1685. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1686. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance to States for the Education of Children With Disabilities" (RIN1820-AB65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1687. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Emission Limit Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO2, and 2010 SO2 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9927-94-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1688. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Determination of Attainment of the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Baltimore, Maryland Serious Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9928-15-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1689. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Removal of General Conformity Regulations" (FRL No. 9927-98-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1690. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revisions to the Attainment Plans for the Commonwealth of Virginia Portion of the Washington, DC-MD-VA 1990 1-Hour and the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas and the Maintenance Plan for the Fredericksburg 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Area to Remove the Stage II Vapor Recovery Program" (FRL No. 9927-90-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1691. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Permits for Construction and Major Modification of Major Stationary Sources Which Cause or Contribute to Nonattainment Areas" (FRL No. 9928-02-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1692. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9928-16-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1693. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio: Cleveland and Delta; Determination of Attainment for the 2008 Lead Standard" (FRL No. 9927-96-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1694. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Designations of the Caribbean Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Sites" (FRL No. 9928-04-Region 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1695. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1696. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and the Management Response; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1697. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Unique Item Identification (UID)" (RIN3090-AJ53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1698. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1699. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Office of General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Rules of Practice" (16 CFR Parts 3 and 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1700. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Bend, Oregon)" (MB Docket No. 15-88, DA 15-584), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1701. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1702. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1703. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1704. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure" (RIN0648-XD916), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1705. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures" (RIN0648-BE91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1706. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Framework Adjustment 53" (RIN0648-BD93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1707. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; 2015 and 2016 Sector Operations Plans and 2015 Contracts and Allocation of Northeast Multispecies Annual Catch Entitlements" (RIN0648-XD461), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1708. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2015; Recreational Management Measures" (RIN0648-BE82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1709. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Fishery by Non-Rockfish Program Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Western and Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD929), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1710. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD909), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1711. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD918), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1712. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD921), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1713. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Trawl Catcher Vessels in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD910), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1714. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Marine Events Held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA08 and RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0125)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1715. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation and Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events Held in the Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA08 and RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0865)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1716. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone, U.S. Open Golf Championship, South Puget Sound; University Place, WA" ((RIN1625-AA87)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-1075)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1717. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Agat Marina, Agat, Guam" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0300)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1718. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Marine Safety Unit Savannah Safety Zone for Heavy Weather and Other Natural Disasters, Savannah Captain of the Port Zone, Savannah, GA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1017)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May

20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1719. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones and Regulated Navigation Area; Shell Arctic Drilling/Exploration Vessels and Associate Voluntary First Amendment Area, Puget Sound, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00 and RIN 1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0295)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1720. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Southern Branch Elizabeth River; Chesapeake, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0117)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1721. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Floating Construction Platform, Chicago River, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0333)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1722. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Apra Outer Harbor and Adjacent Waters, Guam" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0304)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1723. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Monongahela River Mile 68. 0-68.8; Rices Landing, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0284)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1724. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pamlico River; Washington, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0287)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1725. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Portland Dragon Boat Races, Portland, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0492)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1726. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 24 Mile Tampa Bay Marathon Swim, Tampa Bay; Tampa, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0071)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1727. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Manitowoc River, Manitowoc, WI" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0132)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1728. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; St. Marks River, Newport, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0120)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1729. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Authority Citation for Part 71: Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes; and Reporting Points, and Part 73: Special Use Airspace" (RIN2120-AA66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1730. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Area Boundary Descriptions; Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA" (RIN2120-AA66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1731. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Zephyrhills, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0917)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1732. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Cando, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0746)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1733. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Livingston, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0518)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1734. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Alma, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0745)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1735. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Encinal, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0741)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1736. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Cypress, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0743)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1737. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Edgeley, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0537)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1738. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Key Largo, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0729)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1739. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; West Creek, NJ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0662)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1740. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Manchester, NH" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0601)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1741. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Baton Rouge, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1072)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1742. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Baltimore, MD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0793)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1743. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0930)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1744. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0655)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1745. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0528)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1746. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Sonora, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0427)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1747. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0475)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1748. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0497)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1749. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0830)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1750. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Aircraft Equipped With Wing Lift Struts" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1083)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1751. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazmat, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Enhanced Tank Car Standards and Operational Controls for High-Hazard Flammable Trains" (RIN2137-AE91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1758. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an Executive Order that terminates the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012, and revokes Executive Order 13617, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1759. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Community Support Program - Administrative Amendments" (RIN2590-AA38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1760. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1761. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1769. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and

background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0051 - 2015-0058); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1770. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Policy on Exports to the Republic of Fiji" (RIN1400-AD77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1471. A bill to require declassification of certain redacted information from the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001 and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1472. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to reform and modernize the Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 189. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 223

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes.

S. 248

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 289

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 317

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to improve early education.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 683, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to improve the coordination and use of geospatial data.

S. 797

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 797, a bill to amend the Railroad Revitalization and

Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1126, a bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program.

S. 1130

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1130, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve procedures for legal justice for members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1250, a bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes.

S. 1260

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1260, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to revise and update its sponsorship identification rules applicable to commercial and political advertising.

S. 1297

At the request of Mr. UDALL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1297, a bill to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations.

S. 1344

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1344, a bill to clarify that nonprofit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals, and for other purposes.

S. 1364

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1364, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require the payment of an additional rebate to the State Medicaid plan in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation.

S. 1380

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1382

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1393

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1393, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 17

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, a concurrent resolution establishing a joint select committee to address regulatory reform.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 176

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 176, a resolution designating September 2015 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 184

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 184, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that conversion therapy, including efforts by mental health practitioners to change the sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression of an individual, is dangerous and harmful and should be prohibited from being practiced on minors.

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 184, supra.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2048

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BURR,

Ordered, That the period for the transaction of morning business be concluded; and that the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2048.

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY FULFILLING RIGHTS AND ENSURING EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE OVER MONITORING ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JOHNSON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1453, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to (perfecting) amendment No. 1452, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BURR), to the language of

the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN'S SAFETY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HOEVEN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 184) to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ALYCE SPOTTED BEAR AND WALTER SOBOLEFF COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HOEVEN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 246) to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY FULFILLING RIGHTS AND ENSURING EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE OVER MONITORING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2048.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1453 to (perfecting) amendment No. 1452 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, at 6 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2048; that, if the motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the pending amendments, under regular order; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended.

Mr. PAUL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1453 to (perfecting) amendment No. 1452 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2048.

Ordered further, That Senators be permitted to "file" second-degree amendments to bill H.R. 2048 until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:51 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on today.

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY FULFILLING RIGHTS AND ENSURING EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE OVER MONITORING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1453, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to (perfecting) amendment No. 1452, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BURR), to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Sunday, May 31, 2015, to bring to a close debate on pending bill H.R. 2048.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 83, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 197 Leg.]

YEAS --- 83

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein,

Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 14

Barrasso, Cotton, Crapo, Enzi, Ernst, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Udall.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1453 to (perfecting) amendment No. 1452 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 12:59 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY FULFILLING RIGHTS AND ENSURING EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE OVER MONITORING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2048.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1453 to (perfecting) amendment No. 1452 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, being concluded,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1453 to (perfecting) amendment No. 1452 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay (perfecting) amendment No. 1452 on the table.

The motion was agreed to (taking with it amendment No. 1453 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1451, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 1450, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 42, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 198 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, McCain, McConnell, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 56

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1450 to amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1735

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Sunday, May 31, 2015, be withdrawn; that, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that it be in order for Mr. MCCAIN to propose an amendment (Numbered 1463) being identical to the bill (S. 1376) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, as reported by the Committee on Armed Services; that the time until 2:30 p.m. on tomorrow be for debate only; and that said time be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees.

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY FULFILLING RIGHTS AND ENSURING EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE OVER MONITORING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2048.

The question being taken on agreeing to amendment No. 1450 to amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 199 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, McCain, McConnell, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Schatz, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being taken on agreeing to amendment No. 1449 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 200 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Ernst, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, McCain, McConnell, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 56

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was not agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill.

After debate,

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 67, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 201 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Alexander, Ayotte, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coons, Cornyn, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Baldwin, Barrasso, Blunt, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Hatch, Isakson, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5 p.m., Mr. ROUNDS be recognized to speak.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1752. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Approval Threshold for Time-and-Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts" ((RIN0750-AI56)(DFARS Case 2014-D020)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1753. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Nanette M. DeRenzi, United States Navy, and her advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1754. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Steven A. Hummer, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1755. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Appendix F -- Energy Receiving Reports" ((RIN0750-AI46)(DFARS Case 2014-D024)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1756. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9927-11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1757. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9927-75), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1758. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an Executive Order that terminates the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012, and revokes Executive Order 13617, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1759. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Community Support Program - Administrative Amendments" (RIN2590-AA38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1760. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1761. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1762. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Completion of Requirement to Promulgate Standards" ((RIN2060-AS42)-(FRL No. 9928-25-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1763. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alaska" (FRL No. 9928-17-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1764. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Implementation Plans: Response to Petition for Rulemaking; Restatement and Updated of EPA's SSM Policy Applicable to SIPs; Findings of Substantial Inadequacy; and SIP Calls to Amend Provisions Applying to Excess Emissions During Periods of Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction" ((RIN2060-AR68)(FRL No. 9924-05-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1765. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Infrastructure SIP for the 2008 Lead NAAQS" (FRL No. 9928-39-Region 2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1766. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Determination of Attainment of the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Baltimore, Maryland Moderate Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9928-42-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1767. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year (FY) 2014"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1768. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Staff Guidance Emergency Planning Exemption Requests for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants" (NSIR/DPR-ISG-02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1769. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0051 - 2015-0058); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1770. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Policy on Exports to the Republic of Fiji" (RIN1400-AD77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1771. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1772. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Confined Spaces in Construction" (RIN1218-AB47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1773. A communication from the Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1774. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Marine Corps Training Exercises at Brant Island Bombing Target and Piney Island Bombing Range, USMC Cherry Point Range Complex, North Carolina" (RIN0648-BD79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1775. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "Tribal Equal Access to Voting Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1776. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the activities of the Community Relations Service for Fiscal Year 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1484. An original bill to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1473. A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1474. A bill to provide for the development and use of technology for personalized handguns, to require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the United States incorporate such technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1475. A bill to provide for the creation of a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to clinical practice guidelines; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1476. A bill to require States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding shooting incidents involving law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 1477. A bill to require a report on the future mix of aircraft platforms for the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 1478. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1479. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1480. A bill to provide limits on bundling, to reform the lobbying registration process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1481. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on urban flooding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. LEE):

S. 1482. A bill to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1483. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 1484. An original bill to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 1485. A bill to provide for the advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1486. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to Patriot employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 514

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish the Promise Neighborhoods program.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 763

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 763, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 798, a bill to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require States to develop policies on positive school climates and school discipline.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programing.

S. 966

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 966, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 996

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 996, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1178

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1178, a bill to prohibit implementation of a proposed rule relating to the definition of the term "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act, or any substantially similar rule, until a Supplemental Scientific Review Panel and Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams Advisory Committee produce certain reports, and for other purposes.

S. 1182

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1182, a bill to

exempt application of JSA attribution rule in case of existing agreements.

S. 1193

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 1382

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 1412

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1412, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 134

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 134, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Government of Canada does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 143, a resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 2, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Perspectives on the Export-Import Bank of the United States."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 2, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "Lifeline: Improving Accountability and Effectiveness."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 2, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 2, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Internal Revenue Service Data Theft Affecting Taxpayer Information."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 2, 2015, at 5 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Understanding Iran's Nuclear Program."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 2, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The IRS Data Breach: Steps to protect Americans' Personal Information."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 2, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 802. An act to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 336. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.

H.R. 404. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

H.R. 533. An act to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 944. An act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 979. An act to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as "Sky Point".

H.R. 1168. An act to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1335. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1493. An act to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to

political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 336. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 404. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 533. An act to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 944. An act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 979. An act to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as "Sky Point"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1335. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1493. An act to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That Mr. DAINES be authorized to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on today.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m.; that Senators be permitted to speak therein, with the time equally divided and controlled; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. MERKLEY.

Neither Senator having spoken,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, as modified,

At 6:35 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate on January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on yesterday, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 802. An act to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2048. An act to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for

foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Tuesday, June 2, 2015, the enrolled bills were signed on yesterday, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. DAINES).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, June 3, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 802. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1777. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the global defense posture (OSS-2015-0825); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1778. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General James M. Kowalski, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1779. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Offset Costs" ((RIN0750-AI59)(DFARS Case 2015-D028)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1780. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Requirements for Appraisal Management Companies Joint-Agency Rule" (RIN2590-AA61), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1781. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AG62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1782. A communication from the Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's 2014 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1783. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2014 management report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Russian Sanctions: Revisions and Clarifications for Licensing Policy for the Crimea Region of Ukraine" (RIN0694-AG54), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1785. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress on the Profitability of Credit Card Operations on Depository Institutions"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1786. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Communications Reliability Standards" ((RIN1902-AE92)-(Docket No. RM14-13-000)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1787. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Power Balancing Control Performance Reliability Standard" ((RIN1902-AE94)(Docket No. RM14-10-000)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1788. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, seventeen (17) reports relative to vacancies in the Environmental Protection Agency, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1789. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - June 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1790. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Purchase Price Safe Harbors for sections 143 and 25" (Rev. Proc. 2015-31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1791. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Renewable Electricity Production and Refined Coal Production, and Publication of Inflation Adjustment Factor and Reference Prices for Calendar Year 2015" (Notice 2015-32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1792. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Evaluation of For-Profit PACE Programs under Section 4808(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1793. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0828); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1794. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0829); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1795. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0827); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1796. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0826); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1797. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-014); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1798. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1799. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Opportunity to Develop Alternative Fuels and Dual Fuel Technologies for Class 8 Heavy-Duty Long-Haul Trucks"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1800. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Biennial Report to Congress on the Food Safety and Food Defense Research Plan"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1801. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2010 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1802. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Blood and Blood Components Intended for Transfusion or for Further Manufacturing Use" ((RIN0910-AG87)(Docket No. FDA-2006-N-0040; formerly Docket No. 2006N-0221)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1803. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Dow Chemical Company in Pittsburg, California, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1804. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report on FDA Advisory Committee Vacancies and Public Disclosures"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1805. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Hanford site in Richland, Washington, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1806. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Institute of Museum and Library Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1807. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Grand Junction Facilities site in Grand Junction, Colorado, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1808. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ANC 7F Did Not Fully Comply with the ANC Act"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1809. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1810. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1811. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1812. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-67, "Prohibition of Pre-Employment Marijuana Testing Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1813. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-69, "Workforce Job Development Grant-Making Reauthorization Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1814. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-70, "Soccer Stadium Development Technical Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1815. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-71, "Medical Marijuana Supply Shortage Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1816. A communication from the Chairman and Members of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1817. A communication from the Director of the Office of Government Relations, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Report on Final Action for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1818. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1819. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1820. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2015 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 2nd Quarter

of Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1821. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1822. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1823. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1824. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Met Many Requirements of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 but Did Not Fully Comply for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1825. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-68, "Events DC Technical Clarification Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1826. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the sixth annual report relative to the Department of Justice's activities regarding pre-1970 racially motivated homicides, as required by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1827. A communication from the Program Manager of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces" (RIN2900-AP07), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1828. A communication from the National Chairman, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports entitled "2014 Annual Report of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps" and "2014 Financial Statement of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1829. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-72, "Jubilee Maycroft TOPA Notice Exemption Temporary Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1830. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements, Telephone Number Portability, and Numbering Resource Optimization" ((RIN3060-AJ32)(DA 14-842)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1831. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program; Amendment 45; Pacific Cod Sideboard Allocations in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-BD61), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1832. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD902), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1833. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations and Security Standards, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Passenger Civil Aviation Security Service Fee" (RIN1652-AA68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1834. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2015 Management Measures" (RIN0648-XD843), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-29. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the United States Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Energy to immediately enact rules that mandate the stabilization and reduction in volatility of Bakken crude oil to be transported by rail and urging the United States Congress to pass the Crude-By-Rail Safety Act of 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-30. A communication from a citizen of the State of Illinois memorializing a resolution adopted by the Senate of the State's General Assembly urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to review the national tariff policy on steel goods and take action similar to the 2002 actions of President George W. Bush and Congress; and urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to consider all possible trade and economic policies to protect this vital American industry and minimize the financial impact on these hardworking men and women; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-31. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to enact legislation that confirms that state law determines the entire scope of R.S. 2477 right-of-way; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1002

Whereas, in order to promote settlement of the American West in the 1800s and provide access to mining deposits located under federal lands, the United States Congress granted rights-of-way across public lands for the construction of highways by a provision of the Mining Law of 1866, now known as Revised Statute (R.S.) 2477; and

Whereas, the United States Congress repealed R.S. 2477 in 1976 as part of its enactment of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, along with the repeal of other federal statutory rights-of-way, but it expressly preserved R.S. 2477 rights-of-way that already had been established; and

Whereas, in its entirety, R.S. 2477 provided that "the right of way for the construction of

highways over public lands, not reserved for public uses, is hereby granted"; and

Whereas, R.S. 2477 was self-executing and did not require government approval or public recording of title, which resulted in uncertainty regarding whether particular rights-of-way had in fact been established; and

Whereas, in April 2014, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision in San Juan County v. United States in which the court rejected the notion that state law should determine the entire scope of R.S. 2477 rights-of-way, holding that state law has provided "convenient and appropriate principles" for determining the scope and validity of an R.S. 2477 right-of-way, but it can be dismissed when it "contravenes congressional intent"; and

Whereas, in October 2014, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision in County of Shoshone v. United States in which it confirmed that state law controls, or is "borrowed," in determining what constitutes sufficient public use, reflecting a rejection of the approach taken by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Juan County v. United States; and

Whereas, outdoor recreation is an essential industry in Arizona, generating $10.6 billion in consumer spending, 104,000 direct Arizona jobs, $3.3 billion in wages and salaries and $787 million in state and local tax revenue; and

Whereas, the reduction of public roads in this state would diminish access to and enjoyment of outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands, detrimentally impacting Arizona's economy.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the Members of the United States Congress enact legislation that is consistent with the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in County of Shoshone v. United States and that confirms that state law determines the entire scope of R.S. 2477 rights-of-way.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-32. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the of the State of Illinois urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to review the national tariff policy on steel goods and take action similar to the 2002 actions of President George W. Bush and Congress; and urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to consider all possible trade and economic policies to protect this vital American industry and minimize the financial impact on these hardworking men and women; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 0335

Whereas, The Granite City Works steel mill has operated since 1878: it was originally founded by brothers William and Frederick Niedringhaus as the Granite Iron Rolling Mills, and most recently, owned by United States Steel Corporation; and

Whereas, The Granite City Works has been an industry leader in sheet steel products for customers in the construction, container, piping and tubing, service center, and automotive industries; and

Whereas, Granite City Works has an annual raw steelmaking capability of 2.8 million net tons; and

Whereas, Global influences in the market such as reduced steel prices, unfair trade practices, & imports, and fluctuating oil prices, continue to have a dramatic negative impact on the steel production industry: and

Whereas, Domestic steelmakers continue to lose substantial sales to foreign countries, particularly China and South Korea, which have "dumped" their steel products into the United States market at prices below fair market value; and

Whereas, Due to these disruptions in the steel market, on March 25, 2015, United States Steel Corporation announced that it will temporarily idle the Granite City mill and lay off 2,080 steel workers by or after May 28, 2015; and

Whereas, Granite City Works is a vital part of the Metro-East economy, and the loss of this mill would be devastating to thousands of families and the financial well-being of the entire region: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the President of the United States and Congress to review the national tariff policy on steel goods and take action similar to the 2002 actions of President George W. Bush and Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the President of the United States and Congress to consider all possible trade and economic policies to protect this vital American industry and minimize the financial impact on these hardworking men and women; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1487. A bill to require notice and comment for certain interpretative rules; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1488. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow for fair application of the exceptions process for drugs in tiers in formularies in prescription drug plans under Medicare part D; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1489. A bill to strengthen support for the Cuban people and prohibit financial transactions with the Cuban military, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1490. A bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1491. A bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 1492. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1493. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for

the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1494. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and update the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative for grants to address the problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1495. A bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 1496. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1497. A bill to exempt the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and certain other programs for Indians from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1498. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that military working dogs be retired in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1499. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide eligibility under certain highway programs for projects for the installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communication equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1500. A bill to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1501. A bill to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation in American communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 190. A resolution encouraging reunions of Korean Americans who were divided by the Korean War from relatives in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 191. A resolution relative to the death of Joseph Robinette Biden, III; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 48

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 202

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 202, a bill to provide for a technical change to the Medicare long-term care hospital moratorium exception.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 751, a bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1073

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1073, a bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1126, a bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1193

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program.

S. 1211

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1211, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide that payment under the Medicare program to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1270

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1270, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, and for other purposes.

S. 1324

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 1364

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1364, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require the payment of an additional rebate to the State Medicaid plan in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation.

S. 1385

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1385, a bill to prohibit the Federal Government from requiring race or ethnicity to be disclosed in connection with the transfer of a firearm.

SENATE RESOLUTION 87

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 87, a resolution to express the sense of the

Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2015.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Challenges and Implications of EPA's Proposed National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ground-Level Ozone and Legislative Hearing on S. 638, S. 751, and S. 640."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Audit & Appeal Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare Act of 2015."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Implications of the Iran Nuclear Agreement for U.S. Policy in the Middle East."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 3, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Ensuring College Affordability."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Watchdogs Needed: Top Government Investigator Positions Left Unfilled for Years."

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by MCCAIN to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute).

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on today.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 1:21 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2:01 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TOOMEY in the chair) called the Senate to order.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle C of title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1456).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That it be in order for the following Senators to propose the following amendments: Mr. REED, an amendment Numbered 1521; Mr. PORTMAN, an amendment Numbered 1522; an amendment to be proposed by Mr. REED, or his designee; and Mr. CORNYN, an amendment Numbered 1486.

Ordered further, That, at a time to be determined, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendments in the aforementioned order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1456 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. REID, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. WYDEN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle B of title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1521).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. ROUNDS) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the end thereof, by

adding certain words (being amendment No. 1522).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. WARNER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle D of title XII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1486).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REED for Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. RUBIO) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle G of title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1540).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TILLIS,

Ordered, That, following leader remarks on tomorrow, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1735; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the following amendments; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote first in relation to amendment No. 1522, and then, amendment No. 1540.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendment be in order to either amendment prior to its vote.

Ordered further, That Mrs. SHAHEEN and Mr. TILLIS, or their designees, be next recognized to propose first-degree amendments on today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1540 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BURR) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle B of title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1506).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REED for Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COONS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mrs. BOXER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle G of title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1494).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1494 be considered proposed prior to amendment No. 1506.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1506 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. FRANKEN be added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1521.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1506 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 48) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center on July 8, 2015, for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

URGING RELEVANT U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS TO WORK WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION AND EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ANTI-SEMITISM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 87) urging the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and other relevant U.S. government agencies and officials to work with the European Union and European governments to encourage further efforts to address anti-Semitism.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF JOSEPH ROBINETTE BIDEN, III

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 191) declaring that the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the untimely death of Joseph Robinette Biden, III, submitted today by Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1735, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:31 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1506, proposed by Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BURR), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1522, proposed by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. ROUNDS), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 61, nays... 34

[Rollcall Vote No. 202 Leg.]

YEAS --- 61

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 34

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heitkamp, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1540, proposed by Mr. REED for Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. RUBIO), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1506 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. SULLIVAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1473).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MARKEY to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle G of title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1645).

Pending debate,

Mr. MARKEY requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1645 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That, at 1:45 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments: amendment No. 1494, amendment No. 1506.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendment be in order to either amendment prior to its vote; and that amendment No. 1494 receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1645 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1494, proposed by Mr. REED for Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COONS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mrs. BOXER), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 53, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 203 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake,

Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received a minimum of 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1506 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 50, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 204 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COTTON,

Ordered, That, on rollcall Vote No. 204, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay," thus changing the result to yeas 49, nays 43.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BOOZMAN,

Ordered, That, on rollcall Vote No. 204, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay," thus changing the result to yeas 48, nays 44.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1645 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCAIN proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; and each was agreed to: amendment No. 1618, Mrs. SHAHEEN; amendment No. 1539, Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. WICKER); amendment No. 1551, Mrs. SHAHEEN; amendment No. 1571, Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. CORNYN); amendment No. 1484, Mr. HOEVEN; amendment No. 1511, Mr. HELLER.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1645 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN (for Mr. PAUL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XI, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1543).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REED for Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle G of title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1564).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That pending amendment No. 1564 be considered to have been proposed prior to pending amendment No. 1543.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1543 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REED for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MERKLEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle B of title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1559).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That pending amendment No. 1543 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1559 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business for one hour.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 710. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1502. A bill to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. REED, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1503. A bill to provide for enhanced Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1504. A bill to prohibit employers from requiring low-wage employees to enter into covenants not to compete, to require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into a covenant not

to compete, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 1505. A bill to amend part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1506. A bill to provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1507. A bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1508. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign $20 Federal reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COONS, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1509. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1510. A bill to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1511. A bill to promote the recycling of vessels in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1512. A bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1513. A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1514. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the application of Medicare secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified Medicare set-aside provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1515. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the tax treatment for certain build America bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1516. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the energy credit to provide greater incentives for industrial energy efficiency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1517. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit for hiring veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KING, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1518. A bill to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1519. A bill to amend the Labor Relations Management Act, 1947 to address slowdowns, strikes, and lock-outs occurring at ports in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1520. A bill to protect victims of stalking from violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT:

S. 1521. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ENZI:

S. Res. 192. A resolution requiring that legislation considered by the Senate be confined to a single issue; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 193. A resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the historic Griswold v. Connecticut decision of the Supreme Court of the United States and expressing the sense of the Senate that the case was an important step forward in helping ensure that all people of the United States are able to use contraceptives to plan pregnancies and have healthier babies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 202

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 202, a bill to provide for a technical change to the Medicare long-term care hospital moratorium exception.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr.

UDALL] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 751, a bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and to require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to develop water planning instruments consistent with State law.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1127

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1127, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to provide for a temporary, emergency authorization of defense articles, defense services, and related training directly to the Kurdistan Regional Government, and for other purposes.

S. 1218

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1218, a bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 1229

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1229, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions between the Department of Energy and National Laboratories.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 1363

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1363, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a report assessing the capability of the Department of Energy to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at sites owned by the Department of Energy.

S. 1382

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1389

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1389, a bill to authorize exportation of consumer communications devices to Cuba and the provision of telecommunications services to Cuba, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 180

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 180, a resolution urging additional sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., in room S-240 of the Capitol Building.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Export-Import Bank of the United States."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., in room S-216 of the Capitol Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Security Assistance in Africa."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, AGENCY ACTION, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights, and Federal Courts be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Rewriting the Law: Examining the Process That Led to the ObamaCare Subsidy Rule."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 1:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Practical Solutions to Improve the Federal Regulatory Process."

DEFENDING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2146) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. TOOMEY) to amend the pending bill on page 3, by striking lines 9 through 11, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1782).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Ms. COLLINS and Mr. SULLIVAN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:08 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 4, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 4, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 4, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1835. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "n-Butyl benzoate; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9927-65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1836. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aluminum sulfate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9927-66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1837. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alkyl (c8-20) Polyglucoside Esters; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9927-19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1838. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael T. Linnington, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1839. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 101st Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Board covering operations for calendar year 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1840. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of construction and operations of the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility (MOX facility) at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site in South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1841. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9927-67)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1842. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9928-07-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1843. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Water Rule: Definition of 'Waters of the United States'" ((RIN2040-AF30)(FRL No. 9927-20-OW)) and economic analysis of the EPA-Army Clean Water Rule, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1844. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9928-59-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1845. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Missouri, Construction Permits Required" (FRL No. 9928-60-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1846. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; 2011 Lead Base Year Emissions Inventory" (FRL No. 9928-68-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1847. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan; Part 3 Rules" (FRL No. 9928-35-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1848. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Biomass Fuel-Burning Equipment Standards" (FRL No. 9928-65-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1849. A joint communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1850. A communication from the Acting Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1851. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1852. A communication from the Director, Policy and Planning Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program : Subrogation and Reimbursement Recovery" (RIN3206-AN14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1853. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1854. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of the Interior's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1855. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Penalty Relief Program -- Late Annual Reporting for Non-Title I Retirement Plans ('One-Participant Plans' and Certain Foreign Plans)" (Rev. Proc. 2015-32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1856. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Capital Gain Distributions of Regulated Investment Companies" (Notice 2015-41), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1857. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Request for Comments Regarding New Financial Accounting Standards Board and International Accounting Standards" (Notice 2015-40), received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1858. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Method Change Guidance" (Rev. Proc. 2015-33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1859. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Sunset Date for Attorney Advisor Program" (RIN0960-AH83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1860. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Effective Date for Temporary Pilot Program Setting the Time and Place for a Hearing Before an Administrative Law Judge" (RIN0960-AH67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1861. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet (18.3 meters) Length Overall Using Jig or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bogoslof Pacific Cod Exemption Area in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD886), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1862. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2015 Gulf of Alaska Pollock Seasonal Adjustments" (RIN0648-XD845), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1863. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD876), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1864. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Trawl Rationalization Program; Catch Monitor Program; Observer Program" (RIN0648-BD30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1865. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Trawl Rationalization Program; Midwater Trawl Fishery Season Date Change" (RIN0648-BE72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1866. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Management Reference Point Updates for Three Stocks of Pacific Salmon" (RIN0648-BE79), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1867. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-XD869), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-33. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington urging the United States Congress to support the conversion of the 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team of the Washington National Guard into a Stryker Brigade Combat Team with brigade units stationed in Washington, Oregon, and California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8008

Whereas, The opportunity exists to add a second Stryker Brigade Combat Team to the Army National Guard's force structure, and to locate this Brigade on the west coast; and

Whereas, There are a variety of practical and strategic reasons which make the 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team a logical candidate for conversion; and

Whereas, A Stryker Brigade Combat Team stationed on the west coast will strengthen our nation's defense by maintaining Stryker capacity focused on the Asia-Pacific Region, enhance Regular Army/Army National Guard partnership, and provide a key domestic response capability; and

Whereas, Transitioning the 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team strategically places Strykers in Washington, Oregon, and California, and will save taxpayers thirty million dollars over the course of an army force generation cycle; and

Whereas, The 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team is headquartered at Camp Murray, Washington, located just across the street from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, which is the United States Army's Stryker Center of Excellence and is within convoy range of the Yakima Training Center; and

Whereas, The extensive Stryker infrastructure available at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the Yakima Training Center represents a great advantage in leveraging shared resources; and

Whereas, Furthermore, this places the Stryker Brigade Combat Team equipment sets brought back from overseas contingencies into mission-ready use, and available for overseas and domestic contingency response; and

Whereas, Strykers will also give the governors of Washington, Oregon, and California a fast, durable, and effective asset to save lives, protect property, maintain peace, and ensure the continuity of government in times of emergency;

Now, therefore, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that as you consider force structure balance in this era of constrained resources, coupled with the tactical, strategic, and domestic needs of our nation, you will support the conversion of the 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team of the Washington National Guard into a Stryker Brigade Combat Team with brigade units stationed in Washington, Oregon, and California.

Be it resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each

member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-34. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington urging the United States Congress to expedite appropriation of funds, for Columbia River Basin dreissenid efforts, to significantly enhance monitoring and prevention efforts and to implement the intent of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8013

Whereas, Maintaining a healthy suite of economic, environmental, and social ecosystem services in aquatic systems is integral to the quality of life in the State of Washington; and

Whereas, Healthy aquatic habitats provide clean drinking water, flood control, transportation, recreation, purification of human and industrial wastes, power generation, habitat for native plants and animals, production of fish and other foods, marketable goods, and cultural benefits; and

Whereas, Aquatic invasive species, including Dreissenids (quagga mussels (Dreissena rostriformis bugensis) and zebra mussels (Dreissena polymorpha)), are invasive species that cause irreparable ecological damage to many waters in the United States; and

Whereas, Dreissenids have not yet been detected in the Pacific Northwest. The estimated annual cost to address established populations of dreissenids in the Pacific Northwest economic region is almost five hundred million dollars annually; and

Whereas, The Water Resources Reform and Development Act was signed in June 2014. It authorizes twenty million dollars for Columbia River Basin dreissenid efforts through the Secretary of the Army;

Now, therefore, Your Memorialists respectfully request that Congress expedite appropriation of these funds to significantly enhance monitoring and prevention efforts and to implement the intent of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

Be it resolved; That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-35. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging the United States Congress to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act or take any other appropriate action to ensure that the common raven is not a protected species under the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, The greater sage grouse (Centrocercus urophasianus) is a species of bird that inhabits much of the sagebrush habitat in Nevada as well as other western states; and

Whereas, The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that the greater sage grouse is warranted for listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§1531 et seq.; and

Whereas, Through the enactment of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15, File Number 48, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 3022, the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature found that the listing of the greater sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species would have a devastatingly negative impact on Nevada's land development, land use, water use, mining, recreational activities and local economies; and

Whereas, The desert tortoise (Gopherus agassizii) is a species of tortoise that inhabits the desert habitat of the southwestern United States, including the Mojave desert region of southern Nevada; and

Whereas, The desert tortoise is listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§1531 et seq.; and

Whereas, The common raven (Corvus corax) is a species of bird that inhabits Nevada and much of the western United States, Mexico, Canada, Europe and Asia; and

Whereas, The International Union for Conservation of Nature estimates the global population of the common raven as greater than 16 million and trending upwards, thus classifying it as a species of least concern; and

Whereas, A known cause of decline in the sage grouse population is egg depredation by the common raven, and research conducted at Idaho State University has suggested that reductions in the raven population significantly increase sage grouse nest success; and

Whereas, The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has identified the common raven as the most highly visible predator of hatchling and juvenile desert tortoises, and research published by the Western Ecological Research Center of the United States Geological Survey recommends controlling certain raven populations to assist in the recovery of desert tortoise populations; and

Whereas, The common raven is a protected species under regulations adopted pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, 16 U.S.C. §§1703 et seq., which drastically curtails the ability of this State to manage the population of the common raven in order to protect sage grouse nests and desert tortoises: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge the United States Congress to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act or take any other appropriate action to ensure that the common raven is not a protected species under that Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to:

1. Work with the Nevada Department of Wildlife to decrease common raven populations in this State; and

2. Adopt regulations allowing the State of Nevada to manage the common raven population and reduce the number of common ravens in this State; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the President of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, the President of the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation, the Chair of the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council and the Executive Director of the Western Governors' Association; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-36. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the President of the United States to allow an additional 25,000 refugee visas for certain displaced individuals, with preference for placement in Michigan; to the Committee on the Judiciary

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, The United States has long been a safe harbor for persecuted foreign nationals. Through the U.S. refugee visa program, individuals and their families who are harassed, oppressed, or have faced harassment or oppression at home because of their race, religion, nationality, public opinion, or social association can find relief in the U.S. When a humanitarian crisis occurs, the U.S. may also grant eligible individuals refugee visas. Once in the country, federal resettlement agencies help match refugees with local communities that can help support their needs; and

Whereas, The number of refugee visas available is determined and set by the President of the United States. In consultation with the cabinet and the House and Senate committees on the judiciary, the President assesses all concerns of humanitarian and national interest to determine the number of visas that will be available for the upcoming fiscal year; and

Whereas, The recent crisis in Syria and Iraq has forced hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, largely from religious minorities in the region—many of which are Assyrians, Chaldeans, Syriacs, and Yazidis—from their hometowns that have been ransacked by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Those displaced persons are unable to return to their homes, and most do not have access to resources needed to fulfill basic needs, including food, water, and shelter. Moreover, these refugees face constant fear of persecution due to nothing more than the faith they claim, and their pronouncement of faith has led to violence as explicit as crucifixions, beheadings, and slavery. Minimal support has been offered to many of the more than three million Iraqis refugees, two million of which were displaced last year alone, and those fortunate to remain in temporary shelters are overburdening and overcrowding neighboring nations and communities who stand on constant guard for fear that they will be the next target of ISIL. As this regional conflict endures, the displacement and imminent migration and persecution of refugees will continue; and

Whereas, Displaced Iraqi refugees must be offered relief from this regional instability and granted entry into the United States. Iraqi refugees have complemented our American society with a proven history of contributing to the economic and social well-being of this nation. In the Chaldean or Catholic Iraqi community of Metro Detroit, which is the largest concentration of Chaldeans outside of Iraq, 61 percent of households founded their own business, and this network of businesses is indispensable to the local economy. Moreover, organizations like the Chaldean Community Foundation offer resources to bind and strengthen the community as well as welcome and support refugees, in part by using community businesses to invest in new members and encourage the advancement of the community; and

Whereas, The current allotment of refugee visas may not be adequate to accommodate these individuals. When an unforeseen emergency arises, the President has the flexibility to issue emergency refugee visas for an affected group if the remaining annual allotment is insufficient to assist these displaced individuals, and

Whereas, The Chaldean Church and its bishop have garnered support for this request and driven a body of people able and willing to sustain and support the incoming refugees. The community stands ready to assist persecuted Iraqis and victims of war rebuild their lives in the U.S.: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the President of the United States to allow an additional 25,000 refugee visas for displaced Iraqis, being the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Syriacs, and Yazidis displaced because of their faith; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge that these refugees be given preference for placement in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1522. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1523. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BURR):

S. 1524. A bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1525. A bill to block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1526. A bill to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, to amend title 31 and 41, United States Code, to improve the payment protections available to construction contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers for work performed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1527. A bill to enable more responsible and efficient spending on Department of State activities and foreign operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 194. A resolution welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 134

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 134, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 270

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 270, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, and for other purposes.

S. 640

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 640, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone.

S. 677

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 711

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Service Health Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 861

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 861, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 925, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, supra.

S. 1049

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1378

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 1378, a bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government.

S. 1382

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1504, a bill to prohibit employers from requiring low-wage employees to enter into covenants not to compete, to require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into a covenant not to compete, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

SENATE RESOLUTION 193

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 193, a resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the historic Griswold v. Connecticut decision of the Supreme Court of the United States and expressing the sense of the Senate that the case was an important step forward in helping ensure that all people of the United States are able to use contraceptives to plan pregnancies and have healthier babies.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2578. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 299. A resolution relative to the death of Joseph Robinette "Beau" Biden, III.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2578. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 4, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1559, proposed by Mr. REED for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MERKLEY), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That pending amendment No. 1559 be modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1559, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN for Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MCCAIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle F of title V, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1569).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1735 on tomorrow, the time until 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to pending amendment No. 1521; and that no amendment be in order thereto prior to the vote thereon.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks by Mr. BLUMENTHAL for 15 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:44 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Rabbi Harold Kravitz, Senior Rabbi at Adath Jeshurum Congregation, of Minnetonka, Minnesota, offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1528. A bill to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1529. A bill to promote the tracing of firearms used in crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1530. A bill to renew certain Moving to Work agreements for a period of 10 years; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COATS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1531. A bill to reform the provision of health insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives to coverage under the Affordable Care Act, and price transparency, in order to promote a more market-based health care system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REID, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1532. A bill to ensure timely access to affordable birth control for women; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1533. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1534. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Harlingen, Texas, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility, to redesignate such medical center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 195. A resolution designating the Ulysses S. Grant Association as the organization to implement the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War General and 2-term President of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 196. A resolution designating July 10, 2015, as Collector Car Appreciation Day and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 197. A resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 145

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, supra.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 546

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to

establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 705

At the request of Mr. UDALL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 705, a bill to amend section 213 of title 23, United States Code, relating to the Transportation Alternatives Program.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 763

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 763, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

S. 797

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 797, a bill to amend the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1083

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1083, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to provide drug rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1316

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to provide for the retention and future use of certain land in Point Spencer, Alaska, to support the mission of the Coast Guard, to convey certain land in Point Spencer to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, to convey certain land in Point Spencer to the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 1380

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 1421

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize a 6-month extension of certain exclusivity periods in the case of approved drugs that are subsequently approved for a new indication to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition, and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 17

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, a concurrent resolution establishing a joint select committee to address regulatory reform.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 9, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 9, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 9, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Transportation Security Administration: First-Hand and Government Watchdog Accounts of Agency Challenges."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 9, 2015.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 9, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569, proposed by Mr. MCCAIN for Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MCCAIN), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. PETERS be added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1521.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:41 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1521, proposed by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. REID, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 205 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 51

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1569 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for the following amendments to be proposed by the following Senators: amendment No. 1889, Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for Mr. MCCAIN); and amendment No. 1825, Mrs. FISCHER.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. KING, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. BROWN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) at subtitle D of title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1889).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. BOOKER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1825).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCAIN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: amendment No. 1485, Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. ENZI); amendment No. 1510, Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. CASEY); amendment No. 1520, Mr. ROUNDS; amendment No. 1538, Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HATCH, and Ms. HIRONO); amendment No. 1579, Mrs. ERNST; amendment No. 1622, Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND); amendment No. 1791, Mr. RUBIO; amendment No. 1677, Mr. UDALL; amendment No. 1701, Mr. WYDEN; amendment No. 1733, Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. CASSIDY); amendment No. 1739, Mrs. MCCASKILL; amendment No. 1744, Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER); amendment No. 1781, Ms. HEITKAMP; amendment No. 1796, Mr. CARDIN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1825 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. BURR called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 1569.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) to amend the pending amendment by striking all beginning with line 2, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1921).

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

On the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 196) designating July 10, 2015, as Collector Car Appreciation Day and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States, submitted today by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TESTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO IMPROVE PHYSICAL ACCESS TO MANY FEDERALLY FUNDED FACILITIES FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 197) recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities, submitted today by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SCHATZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GRASSROOTS RURAL AND SMALL COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ASSISTANCE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 611) to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH AMENDMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 653) to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

At 6:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO BELARUS -- PM 19

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2015.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions, to commit human rights abuses related to political repression, and to engage in public corruption continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 10, 2015.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-61).

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment:

S. 552. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 957. A bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 958. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts.

S. 966. A bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 967. A bill to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, and for other purposes.

S. 999. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers.

S. 1000. A bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 1001. A bill to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

S. 1292. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas, and for other purposes.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1470. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1535. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to passenger motor vehicle crash avoidance information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 1536. A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1537. A bill to establish grant programs to improve the health of border area residents and for all hazards preparedness in the border area including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1538. A bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1539. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1540. A bill to improve the enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1541. A bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1542. A bill to establish a program that promotes reforms in workforce education and skill training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 1543. A bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 1544. A bill to rescind unused earmarks provided for the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1545. A bill to require a quarterly report by the Federal Communications Commission on the Lifeline program funded by the Universal Service Fund; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1546. A bill to establish an export credit insurance program in the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1547. A bill to provide high-skilled visas for nationals of the Republic of Korea, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1548. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce the rate of the corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, deliver additional benefits to retired and disabled Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1549. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for advanced illness care coordination services for Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1550. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 198. A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, often referred to as the "Second Founding" of the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 751, a bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes.

S. 786

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 786, a bill to provide paid and family medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1054

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1054, a bill to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1193

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1256

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1312

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to modernize Federal policies regarding the supply and distribution of energy in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1324

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1385

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1385, a bill to prohibit the Federal Government from requiring race or ethnicity to be disclosed in connection with the transfer of a firearm.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1466

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1466, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to provide for enhanced Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 194

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 194, a resolution welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Passenger Rail Safety: Accident Prevention and On-Going Efforts to Implement Train Control Technology."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Finance Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015, at 5 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Verification and Assessment: How do you create a successful Inspections Regime?"

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Health Information Exchange: A Path Towards Improving the Quality and Value of Health Care for Patients."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Addressing the Need for Victim Services in Indian Country."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Federal Regulatory System to Improve Accountability, Transparency and Integrity."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on June 10, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on Nominations.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL SPENDING OVERSIGHT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Wasteful Spending in the Federal Government: An Outside Perspective."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Ringing Off the Hook: Examining the Proliferation of Unwanted Calls."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 235. An act to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

H.R. 889. An act to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title.

H.R. 2051. An act to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2088. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to improve inspection services performed at export elevators at export port locations, to reauthorize certain authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2289. An act to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2394. An act to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2577. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 235. An act to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2051. An act to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

H.R. 2088. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to improve inspection services performed at export elevators at export port locations, to reauthorize certain authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 2289. An act to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 2394. An act to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 2577. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1735) authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1921, proposed by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), to amendment No. 1569, proposed by Mr. MCCAIN for Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MCCAIN), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCAIN modified his pending amendment No. 1569 by incorporating as a modification thereof the amendment No. 1921 thereto.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN questioned the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

Mr. COTTON asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be dispensed with.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

Pending further ascertainment of a quorum.

When,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COTTON,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. COTTON asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1605).

After debate,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. AYOTTE (for Mr. KIRK) to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1986).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---yeas... 31, nays... 65

[Rollcall Vote No. 206 Leg.]

YEAS --- 31

Barrasso, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Sanders, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Vitter.

NAYS --- 65

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1986 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute).

Ms. AYOTTE (for Mr. KIRK) withdrew the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 1569, as modified; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1569, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill:

MITCH MCCONNELL, LAMAR ALEXANDER, JOHN CORNYN, ORRIN HATCH, DAVID PERDUE, BOB CORKER, MICHAEL B. ENZI, SUSAN COLLINS, JEFF FLAKE, MIKE ROUNDS, RICHARD BURR, DAVID VITTER, JIM INHOFE, DAN COATS, JOHN MCCAIN, DEB FISCHER, TOM COTTON.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FLAKE,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FLAKE,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION CONSOLIDATED REPORTING ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FLAKE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 253) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARIES OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 13TH, 14TH, AND 15TH AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. FLAKE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 198) commemorating the 150th anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, often referred to as the "Second Founding" of the United States, submitted today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. LEE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FLAKE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FLAKE,

At 6:16 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 23. A bill to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-62).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1558. An original bill making appropriations for Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-63).

By Mrs. CAPITO, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2250. A bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-64).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 756. A bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1551. A bill to provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 1552. A bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. COATS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. LEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CORKER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1553. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1554. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study with respect to stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. REID, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1555. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1556. A bill to amend section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1557. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1558. An original bill making appropriations for Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1559. A bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1560. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to provide end-users with a reasonable amount of time to meet their margin requirements and to repeal certain indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1561. A bill to clarify the definition of nonadmitted insurer under the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1562. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1563. A bill to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to extend, enhance, and revise the provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, to establish certain other protections for personal information of children and minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1564. A bill to require that employers provide not less than 10 days of paid vacation time to eligible employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KAINE, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1565. A bill to allow the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to provide greater protection to servicemembers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1566. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to provide for coverage of oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the coverage provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1567. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge from the Armed Forces of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1568. A bill to extend the authorization to carry out the replacement of the existing medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver, Colorado, to authorize transfers of amounts to carry out the

replacement of such medical center, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1569. A bill to require a review of the adequacy of existing procedures to ensure at least one employee of the personal office of each Senator serving on a committee that requires access to top secret and sensitive compartmented information may obtain the security clearances necessary for the employee to have access to such information; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 1570. A bill to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce to establish public-private partnerships under the Market Development Cooperator Program of the International Trade Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 199. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding establishing a National Strategic Agenda; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 200. A resolution wishing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama a happy 80th birthday on July 6, 2015, and recognizing the outstanding contributions His Holiness has made to the promotion of nonviolence, human rights, interfaith dialogue, environmental awareness, and democracy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 146

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, supra.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments under the Medicare program to hospitals for the costs of such programs.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 1049

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 1099

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1115

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1115, a bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, supra.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1178

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1178, a bill to prohibit implementation of a proposed rule relating to the definition of the term "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act, or any substantially similar rule, until a Supplemental Scientific Review Panel and Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams Advisory Committee produce certain reports, and for other purposes.

S. 1182

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1182, a bill to exempt application of JSA attribution rule in case of existing agreements.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1476

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to require States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding shooting incidents involving law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. VITTER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Blowing the Whistle on Retaliation: Accounts of Current and Former Federal Agency Whistleblowers."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:31 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2393. An act to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements with respect to beef, pork, and chicken, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 54. Concurrent resolution authorizing the reprinting of the 25th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1569, as modified, proposed by Mr. MCCAIN for Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment No. 1473.

Mr. REED called for regular order with respect to amendment No. 1564.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1564, proposed by Mr. REED for Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. MURRAY), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REED, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1564, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. LEE called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 1473.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1473, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. BARRASSO) to amend the pending amendment, as modified, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1687).

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCAIN asked unanimous consent that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 3 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1569; that it be in order for the following amendments to be proposed: amendment No. 1549, intended to be proposed by Mrs. ERNST, amendment No. 1578, intended to be proposed by Mrs. GILLIBRAND, amendment No. 1693, intended to be proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

amendment No. 1825, Mrs. FISCHER, amendment No. 1660, intended to be proposed by Ms. COLLINS, amendment No. 1468, intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. MCCAIN further asked unanimous consent that, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 1825, amendment No. 1660, amendment No. 1468, amendment No. 1578, amendment No. 1549, amendment No. 1693, amendment No. 1559, as modified, amendment No. 1543; that no amendment be in order to the amendments; that amendments Numbered 1578, 1549, 1693, 1559, as modified, receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Mr. MCCAIN further asked unanimous consent that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1687 to amendment No. 1473, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 3 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1569, as modified; and that the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1687 to amendment No. 1473, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill H.R. 1735:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN MCCAIN, RICHARD SHELBY, JEFF FLAKE, JOHN BARRASSO, JOHN CORNYN, MIKE ROUNDS, JEFF SESSIONS, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, LAMAR ALEXANDER, LINDSEY GRAHAM, JONI K. ERNST, JOHN HOEVEN, ROGER WICKER, KELLY AYOTTE, RICHARD BURR, THOM TILLIS.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1735:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN MCCAIN, RICHARD SHELBY, JEFF FLAKE, JOHN BARRASSO, JOHN CORNYN, MIKE ROUNDS, JEFF SESSIONS, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, LAMAR ALEXANDER, LINDSEY GRAHAM, JONI K. ERNST, JOHN HOEVEN, ROGER WICKER, KELLY AYOTTE, RICHARD BURR, THOM TILLIS.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1687 to amendment No. 1473, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1569, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 3 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 56, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 207 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 40

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, Lee, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1687 to amendment No. 1473, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1569, as modified, be withdrawn; that the following be the next first-degree amendments in order to be proposed: amendment Numbered 1578, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, amendment Numbered 1549, Mrs. ERNST; and that the aforementioned amendments receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN for Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. GARDNER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 1229, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1549).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REED for Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COONS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. PETERS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title V, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1578).

EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN DENVER, COLORADO

On the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1568) to extend the authorization to carry out the replacement of the existing medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs

in Denver, Colorado, to authorize transfers of amounts to carry out the replacement of such medical center, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BENNET), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE HOMELAND SECURITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 615) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE REPRINTING OF THE 25TH EDITION OF THE POCKET VERSION OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

On the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 54) authorizing the reprinting of the 25th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That Mr. PERDUE be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, en bloc: Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nominations, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

Ordered further, That Senators be permitted to "file" first degree amendments to bill H.R. 1735 and to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) thereto until 4 p.m. on Monday next.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

At 6:19 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2685. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1295) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate, and that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2685. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 12, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1568. An act to extend the authorization to carry out the replacement of the existing medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver, Colorado, to authorize transfers of amounts to carry out the replacement of such medical center, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore on today.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 15, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1568. An act to extend the authorization to carry out the replacement of the existing medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver, Colorado, to authorize transfers of amounts to carry out the replacement of such medical center, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1868. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2015-2016 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0096; FV15-985-1 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1869. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0106; FV15-925-2 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1870. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Descriptive Designation for Needle- or Blade-Tenderized (Mechanically Tenderized) Beef Products" (RIN0583-AD45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1871. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2014-15 Crop Year for Tart Cherries" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0077; FV14-930-2 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1872. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0087; FV14-985-1B FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1873. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Relaxation of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 3" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0092; FV15-948-1 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1874. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the current and future military strategy of Iran (OSS-2015-0852); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1875. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral John W. Miller, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1876. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1877. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Requirements for Appraisal Management Companies" (RIN3170-AA44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1878. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1879. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Person to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG55), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1880. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Clarification for Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts" ((RIN1904-AB99)(Docket No. EERE-2009-BT-TP-0016)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to

the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1881. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1882. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning operations at the Naval Petroleum Reserves for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1883. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Butte County Air Quality Management District, Feather River Air Quality Management District, and San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution District" (FRL No. 9928-09-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1884. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9928-78-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1885. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of New Mexico; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard and Repeal of Cement Kilns Rule" (FRL No. 9928-80-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1886. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Decommissioning of Stage II Vapor Recovery Systems and Amending Stage I Vapor Recovery Requirements" (FRL No. 9928-86-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1887. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Transportation Conformity and Conformity of General Federal Actions" (FRL No. 9928-79-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1888. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Iowa; Grain Vacuuming Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Rescission Rules" (FRL No. 9928-90-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1889. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Section 503 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act: Prospective Payment System for Federally-Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics Transition Grants"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1890. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Visa Waiver Program to Implement the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) Program and the Fee for Use of the System." ((RIN1651-AA72 and RIN1651-AA83)(CBP Dec. 15-08)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1891. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Shared Savings Program: Accountable Care Organizations" ((RIN0938-AS06)(CMS-1461-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1892. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0895); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1893. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0894); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1894. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0892); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1895. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0893); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1896. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-016); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1897. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0059 - 2015-0066); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1898. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Synthetic Iron Oxide; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket Np. FDA-2013-C-1008), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1899. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Postmarking Safety Reports for Human Drug and Biological Products; Electronic Submission Requirements; Delay of Compliance Date; Safety Reporting Portal of Electronic Submission of Postmarking Safety Reports for Human Drugs and Nonvaccine Biological Products" ((RIN0910-AF96)(Docket No.

FDA-2008-N-0334)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1900. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterinary Feed Directive" ((RIN0910-AG95)(Docket No. FDA-2010-N-0155)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1901. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criterion--First in the World Program" (Docket No, ED-2015-OPE-0001), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1902. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Banned Devices; General Provisions; Technical Amendment" (Docket Np. FDA-2015-N-0011), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1903. A communication from the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1904. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1905. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Management's Response for the period from October 1, 2014, through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1906. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1907. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Effects of the District's Sick and Safe Leave Act"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1908. A communication from the Inspector General, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1909. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1910. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education's Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1911. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1912. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Report to Congress on the Disclosure of Financial Interest and Recusal Requirements for Regional Fishery Management Councils and Scientific and Statistical Committees and on Apportionment of Membership of the Regional Fishery Management Councils"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1913. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North and South Atlantic 2015 Commercial Swordfish Quotas" (RIN0648-XD726), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1914. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures for the 2015 Tribal and Non-Tribal Fisheries for Pacific Whiting" (RIN0648-BE74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1915. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 1 and No. 2" (RIN0648-XD868), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1916. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Blacktip Sharks, Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks, and Hammerhead Sharks in the Gulf of Mexico Region" (RIN0648-XD911), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1917. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD908), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1918. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, transmitting proposed legislation to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1919. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-

1278)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1920. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0589)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1921. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0074)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1922. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Zodiac Aerotechnics (formerly Intertechnique Aircraft Systems) Oxygen Mask Regulators" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1107)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1923. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0766)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1924. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0491)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1925. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Enstrom Helicopter Corporation" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1537)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1926. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0636)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1927. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GROB-WERKE Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0415)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1928. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0429)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1929. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1130)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1930. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type Certificate Previously Held by Eurocopter France)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0038)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1931. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0936)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1932. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0286)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1933. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (12); Amdt. No. 3639" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1934. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (131); Amdt. No. 3640" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1935. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Baghdad (ORBB) Flight Information Region (FIR)" ((RIN2120-AK60)(Docket No. FAA-2003-14766)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1936. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Portland Rose Festival on Willamette River, Portland, OR" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0484)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1937. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lakeside July 4th Fireworks, Lake Erie; Lakeside, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0388)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1938. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones, Captain of the Port New Orleans Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-1069)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1939. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Great Lakes Pilotage Rates - 2015 Annual Review and Adjustment" ((RIN1625-AC22)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0481)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1940. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Loading and Outbound Transit of TUG THOMAS and BARGE OCEANUS, Savannah River; Savannah, GA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0280)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1941. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation, Annual Dragon Boat Races, Portland, Oregon." ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0453)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1942. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Biscayne Bay, Miami Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0719)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1943. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Fireworks Displays in the Sector Columbia River Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0300)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1944. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, Detroit River; Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0389)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1945. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale New River Raft Race, New River; Fort Lauderdale, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0024)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1946. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Fixed-Wing Special Visual Flight Rules Operations at Washington-Dulles International Airport; Withdrawal" ((RIN2120-AK69)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0190)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1947. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Pasco, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0279)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1948. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cypress, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0743)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1949. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Jupiter, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0796)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1950. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Providence, Rhode Island)" (MB Docket No. 15-98, DA 15-621), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1951. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 15, 25, 27, 74, 78, 80, 87, 90, 97, and 101 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Implementation of the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2007), Other Allocation Issues, and Related Rule Updates" (ET Docket No. 12-338; ET Docket No. 15-99; and IB Docket No. 06-123, FCC 15-50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 558. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-65).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1571. A bill to preserve the constitutional authority of Congress and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1572. A bill to end the practice of including more than one subject in a single bill by requiring that each bill enacted by Congress be limited to only one subject, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1573. A bill to establish regional weather forecast offices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1574. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a community care wrap-around support demonstration program, a pilot project on services for recipients of federally assisted housing, and a national campaign to raise awareness of the aging network and to promote advance integrated long-term care planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1575. A bill to end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power which was exclusively vested in the Senate and House of Representatives by article I, section 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to issue a report to Congress detailing the extent of the problem of unconstitutional delegation to the end that such delegations can be phased out, thereby restoring the constitutional principle of separation of powers set forth in the first sections of the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1576. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1577. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REID, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 201. A resolution designating June 19, 2015, as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 202. A resolution designating June 15, 2015, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 248

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 355

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 355, a bill to support the provision of safe relationship behavior education and training.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1424

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1424, a bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1483

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1483, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1532

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to ensure timely access to affordable birth control for women.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1547, a bill to provide high-skilled visas for nationals of the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1565

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1565, a bill to allow the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to provide greater protection to servicemembers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 193

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 193, a resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the historic Griswold v. Connecticut decision of the Supreme Court of the United States and expressing the sense of the Senate that the case was an important step forward in helping ensure that all people of the United States are able to use contraceptives to plan pregnancies and have healthier babies.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 15, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 15, 2015, at 5 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Lifting Sanctions on Iran: Practical Implications."

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1735

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That, at 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1889 to the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of

Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and that no amendment be in order to the amendment.

Ordered further, That, at 2:15 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1549 and amendment No. 1578, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015; that no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendments; and that, upon disposition of the amendments, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

FEDERAL VEHICLE REPAIR COST SAVINGS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 565) to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 201) designating June 19, 2015, as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States, submitted today by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REID, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WICKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 202) designating June 15, 2015, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day," submitted today by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. MURPHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1735; and that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon.

Ordered further, That Senators be permitted to "file" second-degree amendments to bill H.R. 1735, and to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, until 12:15 p.m. on tomorrow.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2685

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2685) to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, JAMES LANKFORD, ROGER F. WICKER, JOHN BARRASSO, THOM TILLIS, STEVE DAINES, TOM COTTON, KELLY AYOTTE, LINDSEY GRAHAM, JOHN MCCAIN, JOHN THUNE, JERRY MORAN, RICHARD SHELBY, DAN COATS, JEFF FLAKE, ROB PORTMAN.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1578, proposed by Mr. REED for Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COONS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. BROWN), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Ms. KLOBUCHAR asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that she be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1555).

Mr. MCCAIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1578 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. GRASSLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1786).

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1578 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the following be recognized to speak for the times indicated: Mrs. FEINSTEIN for 15 minutes, and Mr. MCCAIN for 10 minutes; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1889, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1578 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1889, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. KING, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. BROWN), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 78, nays... 21

[Rollcall Vote No. 209 Leg.]

YEAS --- 78

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 21

Barrasso, Blunt, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Ernst, Fischer, Graham, Hatch, Inhofe, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Risch, Roberts, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Vitter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1578 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1728).

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1578 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside.

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1578 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be waived.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote at 2:15 p.m. on today, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:37 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1549, proposed by Mr. MCCAIN for Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. CRUZ), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. ERNST,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 210 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Peters, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Scott, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer,

Sessions, Shaheen, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to; the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1578 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 50, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 211 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Peters, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Thune, Udall, Vitter, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to; the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1687, proposed by Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. CORNYN), to amendment No. 1473, as modified, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. SULLIVAN), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, June 11, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1735.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 83, nays... 15

[Rollcall Vote No. 212 Leg.]

YEAS --- 83

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 15

Baldwin, Brown, Casey, Cruz, Franken, Gillibrand, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Merkley, Paul, Reid, Sanders, Warren, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1687 to amendment No. 1473, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCAIN called for regular order with respect to his amendment No. 1456.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1456, proposed by Mr. MCCAIN, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1911).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1473 be further modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1911 to amendment No. 1456 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1473, as further modified; that the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to the vote.

Ordered further, That Mr. LEE, or his designee, be recognized to withdraw amendment No. 1687 prior to the vote on amendment No. 1473.\ The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1911 to amendment No. 1456 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1687 be withdrawn (as pursuant to the foregoing order).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1911 to amendment No. 1456 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1473, as modified, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 26, nays... 73

[Rollcall Vote No. 213 Leg.]

YEAS --- 26

Alexander, Blunt, Capito, Cassidy, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Gardner, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Scott, Sullivan, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter.

NAYS --- 73

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Inhofe, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1911 to amendment No. 1456 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries:

PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONCERNING PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY -- PM 20

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with accompanying papers; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the "Agreement"). I am also pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the proposed Agreement, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) concerning the proposed Agreement. (In accordance with section 123 of the Act, as amended by Title XII of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-277), two classified annexes to the NPAS, prepared by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately.) The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretaries of State and Energy and a letter from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed. An addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of the export control system of the Republic of Korea (ROK) with respect to nuclear-related matters, including interactions with other countries of proliferation concern and the actual or suspected nuclear, dual-use, or missile-related transfers to such countries, pursuant to section 102A(w) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(w)), is being submitted separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

The proposed Agreement has been negotiated in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. In my judgment, it meets all applicable statutory requirements and will advance the nonproliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States.

The proposed Agreement contains all of the requirements established by section 123 a. of the Act. It provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation with the ROK based on a mutual commitment to nuclear nonproliferation. It would permit the transfer of material, equipment (including reactors), components, information, and technology for nuclear research and nuclear power production. It would not permit the transfer of Restricted Data, and sensitive nuclear technology or technology or information that is not in the public domain concerning fabrication of nuclear fuel containing plutonium could only be transferred if specifically provided by an amendment to the proposed Agreement or a separate agreement. Any special fissionable material transferred could only be in the form of low enriched uranium, with two exceptions: small quantities of material for use as samples; or for other specified applications such as use in loading and operation of fast reactors or the conduct of fast reactor experiments. The proposed Agreement would also obligate the United States to endeavor to take such actions as may be necessary and feasible to ensure a reliable supply of low enriched uranium fuel to the ROK, similar to terms contained in other recent civil nuclear cooperation agreements.

The proposed Agreement would also establish a new standing High-Level Bilateral Commission (HLBC) to be led by the Deputy Secretary of Energy for the Government of the United States of America and the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Government of the ROK. The purpose of the HLBC is to facilitate peaceful nuclear and strategic cooperation between the parties and ongoing dialogue regarding areas of mutual interest in civil nuclear energy, including the civil nuclear fuel cycle.

The proposed Agreement will have an initial term of 20 years and would renew for one additional period of 5 years unless either party gives written notice at least 2 years prior to its expiration that it does not want to renew the proposed Agreement. The proposed Agreement also requires the parties to consult as soon as possible after the seventeenth anniversary of its entry into force to decide whether to pursue an extension of the proposed Agreement. In the event of termination of the proposed Agreement, key nonproliferation conditions and controls will continue in effect as long as any nuclear material, moderator material, byproduct material, equipment, or component subject to the proposed Agreement remains in the territory of the party concerned or under its jurisdiction or control anywhere, or until such time as the parties agree that, in the case of nuclear material or moderator material, such items are no longer usable for any nuclear activity relevant from the point of view of international safeguards or have become practically irrecoverable, or in the case of equipment, components, or byproduct material, such items are no longer usable for nuclear purposes.

The ROK has a strong track record on nonproliferation and its government has consistently reiterated its commitment to nonproliferation. The ROK is a party to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, has an International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards agreement and Additional Protocol in force, is a member of the four multilateral nonproliferation export control regimes (Missile Technology Control Regime, Wassenaar Arrangement, Australia Group, and Nuclear Suppliers Group, for which it served as Chair in 2003-2004 and is scheduled to do so again in 2015-2016), and is an active participant in the Proliferation Security Initiative. A more detailed discussion of the ROK's civil nuclear program and its nuclear nonproliferation policies and practices, including its nuclear export policies and practices, is provided in the NPAS and in two classified annexes to the NPAS submitted to you separately. As noted above, the Director of National Intelligence will provide an addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of the export control system of the ROK with respect to nuclear-related matters.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested departments and agencies in reviewing the proposed Agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the proposed Agreement and authorized its execution and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediately the consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided in section 123 b. Upon completion of the 30 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 b., the 60 days of continuous

session review provided for in section 123 d. shall commence.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 16, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1952. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Iran-Related Multilateral Sanctions Regime Efforts" covering the period August 7, 2014 to February 6, 2015; to the Committees on Foreign Relations; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and Finance.

EC-1953. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proceedings Before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Rules Relating to Suspension or Disbarment from Appearance and Practice" (RIN3038-AE21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1954. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Bruce E. Grooms, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1955. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Reserve Forces Policy Board for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1956. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-001); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1957. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Requirements for Appraisal Management Companies" (RIN1557-AD64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1958. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuban Assets Control Regulations; Terrorism List Governments Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 515 and 596), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1959. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, transmitting, pursuant to law, Bank's 2014 Management Report and statement on system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1960. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2014 management report and statement on the system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1961. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2014 management report and statement on system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1962. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement; Capital Adequacy of Board-Regulated Institutions; Bank Holding Companies; Savings and Loan Holding Companies." (RIN1700-AE30)(FRB Docket No. R-1509)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1963. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substantial Business Activities" ((RIN1545-BM85)(TD 9720)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1964. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Pre-Approved Plan Revenue Procedure" (Rev. Proc. 2015-36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1965. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Segregation Rule Effective Date" ((RIN1545-BM17)(TD 9721)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1966. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for fiscal years 2011-2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1967. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1968. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1969. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1970. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Requirements for Collective Trademarks and Service Marks, Collective Membership Marks, and Certification Marks" (RIN0651-AC89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1971. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1972. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-37. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the President of the United States and Congress of the United States to require expansion of fish hatchery operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Whereas, the Atlantic salmon, Salmo salar, is a salmon found in the north Atlantic Ocean and in rivers that flow into the north Atlantic Ocean, and the fish has historically been an important economic asset to the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the major rivers of the State once ran thick with salmon traveling upstream to spawn; and

Whereas, salmon populations have been reduced to nearly undetectable numbers in most rivers in Maine; and

Whereas, the Federal Government has designated the Atlantic salmon as an endangered species; and

Whereas, the Federal Government spends millions of dollars annually to restore the species with no significant success; and

Whereas, there are specific hatchery operations that can improve upon the current results; and

Whereas, a significant number of salmon originating in Maine are being harvested in a commercial fishery off the west coast of Greenland; and

Whereas, this fishery is a major obstacle to the restoration of salmon in Maine rivers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully request that the President and the United States Congress direct the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to expand hatchery operations to rivers in Maine by partnering with the State and with the many non-government organizations that are focused on restoring Atlantic salmon to their historic natal rivers; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, urge that additional resources be made available to the United States State Department that would assist its efforts through the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization convention to help with the curtailment or suspension of the wild Atlantic salmon fishery off the west coast of Greenland; and be it further

Resolved, that suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-38. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan calling on the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to direct the Army Corps of Engineers to fully support efforts to determine the best long-term solution for preventing Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes and to move decisively to implement a solution; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Whereas, The Great Lakes are one of our nation's great natural wonders. Bordering Michigan and seven other states, these inland seas contain nearly one-fifth of the world's surface fresh water. They support jobs in manufacturing, tourism, recreation, shipping, agriculture, science, engineering, energy, and mining throughout the region. The protection of the Great Lakes is essential to Michigan's state identity and economy as well as national economic growth; and

Whereas, Asian carp pose an imminent threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem and economy. Asian carp have successfully invaded the Mississippi River basin and now stand only 50 miles downstream from the Great Lakes. Asian carp can reproduce rapidly, consume large quantities of food, disrupt local ecosystems, out-compete native fish, and devastate recreational fishing and boating opportunities. There is general scientific consensus that Asian carp will be able to establish populations and thrive in areas of the Great Lakes. Once established, they will be difficult, if not impossible, to control or eradicate. Thus, the federal government has recognized Asian carp as "the most acute [aquatic invasive species] threat facing the Great Lakes today"; and

Whereas, A permanent, long-term solution must be identified and implemented to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes. While the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study identified a number of solutions, it stopped short of determining the best option. Regional efforts to reach consensus on a solution, such as those of the Chicago Area Waterway System Advisory Committee, must be supported and recommendations seriously considered; and

Whereas, The best long-term solution will prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes while preserving as much as possible the current uses of the Chicago area waterways. Although effective Asian carp prevention is paramount and should not be compromised, the value, impacts, and costs to the barge industry must also be taken into account; and

Whereas, Regardless of the means, immediate and decisive action is required to protect the Great Lakes. The status quo will not prevent irreparable harm. Asian carp could cause billions of dollars in lost revenues and thousands of lost jobs in the $7 billion sports and commercial fishing industry and the $9 billion recreational boating industry. In addition, damage done to the Great Lakes, rivers, and inland lakes by Asian carp would greatly harm our state's viability as an attractive vacation destination, thereby leading to decreased tourism revenue and jobs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we call on the Obama Administration and the Congress of the United States to direct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fully support efforts to determine the best long-term solution for preventing Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Obama Administration and Congress to provide sufficient funding that will ensure the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers moves decisively to implement a solution; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-39. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that authorizes the Army Corps of Engineers to implement measures at the Brandon Road lock and dam to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, Asian carp are an imminent and serious threat to the health and economy of Michigan and the entire Great Lakes region. Only 50 miles downstream from Lake Michigan, this aquatic invasive species' voracious appetite would disrupt food webs, leaving inadequate food for more desirable species within the Great Lakes, and threatening the $7-billion Great Lakes recreational and commercial fishing industry; and

Whereas, Current controls in the Chicago area are inadequate to prevent the movement of Asian carp and potential future aquatic invasive species (AIS) between the Great Lakes system and the Mississippi River system. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineer and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service study has demonstrated that the electrical barriers that provide the front line of protection against

carp do not prevent the movement of all fish; and

Whereas, Control measures implemented at the Brandon Road lock and dam in Joliet, Illinois, would reduce the risk of an Asian carp invasion while maintaining efficient navigation. Composed of representatives from government, industry, business, anglers, and conservation groups, the Chicago Area Waterway System Advisory Committee has recommended the deployment of innovative technologies and the reconfiguration of the locks in a newly-engineered channel at this key location. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun the scoping process for this project; and

Whereas, Moving forward with design, engineering, and construction of these measures would be a worthwhile short-term and longterm investment in the Great Lakes region. While negotiations continue on a permanent long-term solution, these measures would provide additional protection and be consistent with an eventual long-term solution. In addition, this project would serve as a valuable demonstration for technologies that could be implemented in other areas of the country; and

Whereas, There is a window of opportunity now to protect the Great Lakes, avoid irreparable harm to the system, and prevent decade upon decade of future management costs. Once established, Asian carp would be nearly impossible to eradicate and would join zebra mussels, sea lamprey, and other AIS that Great Lakes governments and businesses spend millions of dollars per year to control. The Brandon Road lock and dam project would be a solid first step in creating greater structural protections for the Great Lakes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to implement measures at the Brandon Road lock and dam to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-40. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to pass legislation that establishes a national, uniform, and scientifically-based label program for genetically modified food; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 89

Whereas, Genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, have become increasingly prominent in today's grocery marketplace. In recent years, scientists have used genetic engineering techniques to modify the DNA of plants to make them resistant to certain pests, diseases, environmental conditions, and chemical treatments. GMOs help increase crop yields, constrain food prices, and vitally support Michigan's agriculture, food processing, and other industries. Commonly found in crops like corn, soybeans, cotton, and canola, 70 to 80 percent of the foods Americans eat today contain GMOs. In 2014, 100 percent of all sugar, 93 percent of all corn, and 91 percent of all soybeans grown in Michigan were produced using GMOs; and

Whereas, Despite the widespread use of GMOs, there is no federal GMO labeling standard. Absent these rules, some states and localities have developed their own proposals, leading to a patchwork of regulation that can be confusing and possibly misleading to consumers. Moreover, a maze of GMO labeling regulations increases agriculture and food production costs, requiring food companies operating in Michigan to create separate supply chains in each state. Ultimately, this could significantly increase the average price consumers spend at grocery stores, which could average an extra $500 per year according to a Cornell University study; and

Whereas, Federal legislation must be passed to avoid this patchwork of regulations and the costly ramifications it creates. Legislation like the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act H.R. 1599, sponsored by congressmen Pompeo and Butterfield, is a bipartisan solution needed to allow consumers to have access to accurate and consistent information on the products that contain GMOs. A USDA-administered certification and labeling program modeled after the USDA organic labeling program for non-GMO foods would ensure that labeling is nationwide, uniform, and scientifically-based: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that establishes a national, uniform, and scientifically-based label program for genetically modified food; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-41. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizing the month of May 2015 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the upper and lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horn of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, The initial symptom of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, As ALS progresses, the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, Patients with ALS typically remain alert and aware of their loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, ALS affects military veterans at twice the rate of the general population; and

Whereas, ALS occurs in adulthood, most commonly between 40 and 70 years of age, peaking at about 55 years of age, and affects both men and women without bias; and

Whereas, Annually, more than 5,000 new ALS patients are diagnosed throughout the nation; and

Whereas, In Pennsylvania, there are currently more than 1,000 individuals who have been formally diagnosed with ALS; and

Whereas, The $350,000 in State funding the General Assembly appropriated for ALS support services in the General Appropriation Act of 2014 provided services to more than 900 constituents and substantial savings to the State budget and taxpayers; and

Whereas, The ALS Association reports that on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, ALS has no known cause, prevention or cure; and

Whereas, "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" increases the public's awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on patients but on their families as well and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this horrible disease: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Pennsylvania designate the month of May 2015 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-42. A communication from a citizen of the State of Florida memorializing a resolution adopted by the City Council of Tampa supporting the re-establishment of a

secure Cuban consulate being located in the City of Tampa, Florida, when relations between the United States and Cuba are appropriately normalized; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-43. A communication from a citizen of the State of Florida memorializing a resolution adopted by the City Council of Tampa supporting the President of the United States's actions to normalize cultural, humanitarian, economic, and diplomatic relations with Cuba; and urging that when relations between the United States and Cuba are appropriately normalized, the City of Tampa serve as the location for formalizing the re-establishment of diplomatic ties, which may then be referred to as "The Tampa Accord" between the United States and Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2578. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-66).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1578. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 1579. A bill to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1580. A bill to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1581. A bill to foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1582. A bill to establish pilot programs to encourage the use of shared equity mortgage modifications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1583. A bill to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 1584. A bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1585. A bill to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1586. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 1587. A bill to authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1588. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1589. A bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new, long-term job creation through the establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 298

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to improve the coordination and use of geospatial data.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to

streamline the permit process for rail and transit infrastructure.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 786

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 786, a bill to provide paid and family medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 827

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 827, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 877, a bill to establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes.

S. 1046

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to accelerate the adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies.

S. 1099

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1190

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1438

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to allow women greater access to safe and effective contraception.

S. 1443

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1443, a bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes.

S. 1444

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1444, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax regarding the taxation of distilled spirits.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1476

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1476, a bill to require States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding shooting incidents involving law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1536, a bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.

S. 1546

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1546, a bill to establish an export credit insurance program in the Small Business Administration.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1551, a bill to provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 200

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 200, a resolution wishing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama a happy 80th birthday on July 6, 2015, and recognizing the outstanding contributions His Holiness has made to the promotion of nonviolence,

human rights, interfaith dialogue, environmental awareness, and democracy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 201

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 201, a resolution designating June 19, 2015, as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Achieving the Promise of Health Information Technology: What Can Providers and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Do To Improve the Electronic Health Record User Experience?"

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Federal Real Property Reform: How Cutting Red Tape and Better Management Could Achieve Billions in Savings."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 16, 2015, at 2:45 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBER SECURITY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cyber Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 16, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Strategic Implications of Trade Promotion and Capacity-Building in the Asia-Pacific Region."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 728. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the "Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 891. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the "Floresville Veterans Post Office Building".

H.R. 1326. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office".

H.R. 1350. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building".

H.R. 2131. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "J. Waties Waring Judicial Center".

H.R. 2559. An act to designate the "PFC Milton A. Lee Medal of Honor Memorial Highway" in the State of Texas.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 728. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the "Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 891. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the "Floresville Veterans Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1326. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1350. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2131. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "J. Waties Waring Judicial Center"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2559. An act to designate the "PFC Milton A. Lee Medal of Honor Memorial Highway" in the State of Texas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that the time during morning business and adjournment be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1735.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. DURBIN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:15 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 697. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1590. A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1591. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1592. A bill to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 1593. A bill to eliminate the offsetting accounts that are currently available for use by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1594. A bill to improve the Federal flight deck officers program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1595. A bill to describe the authority under which Federal entities may use mobile aerial-view devices to surveil, protect individual and collective privacy against warrantless governmental intrusion through the use of mobile aerial-view devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1596. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1597. A bill to enhance patient engagement in the medical product development process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. SASSE):

S. 1598. A bill to prevent discriminatory treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1599. A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1600. A bill to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1601. A bill to establish an integrated national approach to respond to ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, managing, and conserving the fish, wildlife, and plants of the United States, and to maximize Government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1602. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR Technology under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1603. A bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Res. 203. A resolution designating June 20, 2015, as "American Eagle Day" and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 134

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 676

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 959

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 959, a bill to establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1434

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1434, a bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, and for other purposes.

S. 1519

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1519, a bill to amend the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to address slowdowns, strikes, and lock-outs occurring at ports in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1580, a bill to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates.

S. 1588

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1588, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WICKER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a subcommittee hearing entitled "Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency's Final Rule to Regulate Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Evaluating Accreditation's Role in Ensuring Quality."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Governing Through Goal Setting: Enhancing the Economic and National Security of America."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2015, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Accessing Capital in Indian Country."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2596. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2596. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1911, proposed by Mr. MCCAIN for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 1456, proposed by Mr. MCCAIN, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it be in order for him to modify pending amendment No. 1911.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mr. INHOFE modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1911, as modified, to amendment No. 1456 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the managers, or their designees; that, at 4 p.m., time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1735 is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered commenced at 10 p.m. on today; and that the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1911, as modified, to amendment No. 1456 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. INHOFE further modified the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1911, as modified, to amendment No. 1456 to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1456, as amended, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the yeas and nays ordered relative to the pending amendment, be vitiated.

The question being agreeing to amendment No. 1456, as amended, to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1564, as modified, proposed by Mr. REED for Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. MURRAY), to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That it be in order for an en bloc point of order to be made against all pending non-germane amendments.

Whereupon,

Mr. MCCAIN raised a point of order, viz, that pending amendments Numbered 1564, as modified, 1825, 1559, as modified, 1543, as modified, 1645, and 1486 are non-germane, and therefore not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendments not in order.

The question being agreeing to amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The hour of 4 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, June 11, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 84, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 214 Leg.]

YEAS --- 84

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

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Baldwin, Brown, Casey, Cruz, Franken, Gillibrand, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Merkley, Reid, Sanders, Warren, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

DESIGNATING "AMERICAN EAGLE DAY"

On the request of Mr. MORAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 203) designating June 20, 2015, as "American Eagle Day" and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, submitted today by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. SESSIONS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MORAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 1519) to amend the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to address slowdowns, strikes, and lock-outs occurring at ports in the United States, and for other purposes; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MORAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that the time during morning business, and adjournment, be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on bill H.R. 1735.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MORAN,

At 5:05 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 697, A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-67).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1619. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-68).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1635. An original bill to authorize the Department of State for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1604. A bill to establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COONS, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1605. A bill to amend the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border

collaborations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1606. A bill to support the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative strategies and methods to increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students in order to increase student and educator engagement and disseminate evidence-based strategies to relevant stakeholders and the public; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1607. A bill to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1608. A bill to protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1609. A bill to provide support for the development of middle school career exploration programs linked to career and technical education programs of study; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1610. A bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement officers, promote accountability for State and local law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 1611. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1612. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1613. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the ten dollar bill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1614. A bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1615. A bill to reform and modernize domestic refugee resettlement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1616. A bill to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1617. A bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1618. A bill to reallocate Federal Government-held spectrum for commercial use, to promote wireless innovation and enhance wireless communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. 1619. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1620. A bill to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1621. A bill to prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service and Internet access service through the Lifeline program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1622. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1623. A bill to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1624. A bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 1625. A bill to require a report on the location of C-130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1626. A bill to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, streamline rail project delivery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1627. A bill to ensure the Secretary of State complies fully with reporting requirements in section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 1628. A bill to preserve the current amount of basic allowance for housing for certain married members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1629. A bill to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 1630. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to deter labor slowdowns at ports of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1631. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to multiemployer pensions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1632. A bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 1633. A bill to require that the face of Federal Reserve Notes bear the likeness of Jeannette Rankin before the likeness of any other woman appears on a Federal Reserve Note, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1634. A bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORKER:

S. 1635. An original bill to authorize the Department of State for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 1636. A bill to streamline the collection and distribution of Government information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1637. A bill to promote permanent families for children, privacy and safety for unwed mothers, responsible fatherhood, and security for adoptive parents by establishing a National Responsible Father Registry and encouraging States to enter into agreements to contribute the information contained in the State's Responsible Father Registry to the National Responsible Father Registry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1638. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress information on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1639. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to assure educational stability for children in foster care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KING, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 204. A resolution recognizing June 20, 2015 as "World Refugee Day"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 205. A resolution congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2015 Stanley Cup; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 206. A resolution congratulating the Golden State Warriors for winning the 2015 National Basketball Association Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 349

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts.

S. 389

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 389, a bill to amend section 1111(h)(1)(C)-(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population.

S. 477

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 477, a bill to terminate Operation Choke Point.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 600

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 600, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency retrofit pilot program.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify

the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 688

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the Medicare hospital readmission reduction program to respond to patient disparities, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 845, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1347

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1347, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals.

S. 1362

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1362, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs).

S. 1434

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1434, a bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, and for other purposes.

S. 1461

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1461, a bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015.

S. 1516

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1516, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the energy credit to provide greater incentives for industrial energy efficiency.

S. 1528

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1528, a bill to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 1543

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1543, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1552

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

S. 1588

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1588, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROBERTS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Water and Power be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Dead End, No Turn Around, Danger Ahead: Challenges to the Future of Highway Funding."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2015, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Re-examining EPA's Management of the Renewable Fuel Standard Program."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:51 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2505. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans.

H.R. 2507. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish an annual rulemaking schedule for payment rates under Medicare Advantage.

H.R. 2570. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2582. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings, to make improvements to the Medicare Adjustment risk adjustment system, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2505. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2507. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish an annual rulemaking schedule for payment rates under Medicare Advantage; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2570. To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2582. To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings, to make improvements to the Medicare Adjustment risk adjustment system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1735 having been agreed to on yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and amendment No. 1463 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, having been agreed to, it be in order for certain amendments to be proposed thereto, and agreed to.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mr. MCCAIN proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: amendment No. 1974, as modified, Mr. MCCAIN; amendment No. 2030, Ms. MURKOWSKI; amendment No. 1472, as modified, Mr. VITTER; amendment No. 1890, Mr. DAINES; amendment No.1705, Mr. COATS; amendment No. 1720, Mr. FLAKE; amendment No. 1708, Mr. GARDNER; amendment No. 1908, Mr. ENZI; amendment No. 1678, Mr. PAUL; amendment No. 1811, Mr. HATCH; amendment No. 1825, Mrs. FISCHER; amendment No. 2020, Mr. KING; amendment No. 2050, as modified, Mr. MENENDEZ; amendment No. 1474, Mr. COONS; amendment No. 1901, Mr. MURPHY; amendment No. 1902, Ms. WARREN; amendment No. 1563, Mr. BLUMENTHAL; amendment No. 1703, Mr. DURBIN; amendment No. 1944, as modified, Mr. TESTER; amendment No. 1747, Mr. CASEY; amendment No. 2006, Mr. SCHATZ; amendment No. 1931, Mr. LEAHY; amendment No. 2011, Ms. AYOTTE; amendment No. 1916, Mr. BENNET.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on bill H.R. 1735 be considered concluded at 1:45 p.m. on today; and that the time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the managers, or their designees, for debate only.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2685

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2685) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1735.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2146) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

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The hour of 1:45 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate was concluded.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 71, nays... 25

[Rollcall Vote No. 215 Leg.]

YEAS --- 71

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Schatz, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 25

Baldwin, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Cruz, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hirono, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Nelson, Paul, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the passage of bill H.R. 1735, and amendment No. 1474 thereto having been agreed to, the amendment be modified; and that the bill be printed as passed.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2685

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2685) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 50, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 216 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 2146

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2146) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment (Numbered 2060).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2061).

On motion by MCCONNELL to refer the pending bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2062).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2062) contained in the motion to refer by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 2063).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "4 days," and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 2064).

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 2146:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHNNY ISAKSON, DAVID A. PERDUE, CHUCK GRASSLEY, THOM TILLIS, MARCO RUBIO, DAN COATS, JOHN CORNYN, MICHAEL B. ENZI, KELLY AYOTTE, ORRIN HATCH, ROGER F. WICKER, DEB FISCHER, ROB PORTMAN, CORY GARDNER, RICHARD BURR, ROY BLUNT.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2064 to amendment No. 2063 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2062) contained in the motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 1295

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1295) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code with an amendment; and that it had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment (Numbered 2065).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2066).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to refer the pending bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2067).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion to Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2067) contained in the motion to refer by striking "2 days," and inserting "3 days" (being amendment No. 2068).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 2069).

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur with an amendment; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 1295, with an amendment (Numbered 2065):

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHNNY ISAKSON, DAVID A. PERDUE, CHUCK GRASSLEY, THOM TILLIS, MARCO RUBIO, DAN COATS, JOHN CORNYN, MICHAEL B. ENZI, KELLY AYOTTE, ORRIN HATCH, ROGER F. WICKER, DEB FISCHER, ROB PORTMAN, CORY GARDNER, RICHARD BURR, ROY BLUNT.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2069 to amendment No. 2068 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2067) contained in the motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, en bloc: Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations, in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of the nominations, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no other motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 808) to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS ON WINNING THE STANLEY CUP

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 205) congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2015 Stanley Cup, submitted today by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS FOR WINNING THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 206) congratulating the Golden State Warriors for winning the 2015 National Basketball Association Championship, submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY TO FILE FIRST-DEGREE AMENDMENTS TO BILLS H.R. 2146 AND H.R. 1295

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That Senators be permitted to "file" first-degree amendments to bills H.R. 2146 and H.R. 1295 until 4 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 18, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 18, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 18, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1973. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9928-20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1974. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Di-n-butyl carbonate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9928-63-OCSPP), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1975. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reserve Account" (RIN0575-AC99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1976. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Michael J. Connor, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1977. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1978. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1979. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of ten (10) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral or rear admiral (lower half), as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1980. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1981. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Charlotte-Rock Hill; Base Year Emissions Inventory and Emissions Statements Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9928-88-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1982. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revision to the New York State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide" (FRL No. 9929-11-Region 2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1983. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets and General Conformity Budgets for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 9929-07-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1984. A communication from the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1985. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-017); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1986. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-024); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1987. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-026); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1988. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-047); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1989. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-056); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1990. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-030); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1991. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-038); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1992. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-037); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1993. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-042); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1994. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-149); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1995. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-033); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1996. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1997. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting proposed legislation entitled "Modernization of Military Retirement System"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1998. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integrated Mortgage Disclosures Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X) and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" (RIN3170-AA19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1999. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Australia Group (AG) November 2013 Intersessional Decisions" (RIN0694-AG45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2000. A communication from the Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Appraisal Subcommittee's 2014 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2001. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the feasibility study that was undertaken to document the development of a project for navigation of Portsmouth Harbor and Piscataqua River, Maine and New Hampshire; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2002. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sixty-Month Period of Employment Requirement for Government Pension Offset Exemption" (RIN0960-AG50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2003. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Documents and Regulatory Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Provisions" (45 CFR Part 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2004. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary" ((RIN0938-AS54)(CMS-9938-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2005. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary" (RIN1210-AB69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2006. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification; Mica-Based Pearlescent Pigments" (Docket Nos. FDA-2014-C-1616 and FDA-2015-C-0245), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2007. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Progress Report on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and National Cord Blood Inventory Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2008. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Progress Report on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and National Cord Blood Inventory Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2009. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and the Semi-Annual Report of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2010. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local, and Tribal Entities"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2011. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and a report entitled "Compendium of Unimplemented Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2012. A communication from the Director, Policy and Planning Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; Rate Setting for Community-Rated Plans" (RIN3206-AN00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2013. A communication from the Director, Recruitment and Hiring, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of National Security Positions in the Competitive Service, and Related Matters" (RIN3206-AM73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2014. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2015. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Herbicide Exposure and Presumption of Disability During Service For Reservists Presumed Exposed to Herbicide" (RIN2900-AP43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2016. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegations of Authority: Office of Regulation Policy and Management (ORPM)" (RIN2900-AP47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2017. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2018. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-BE83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2019. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Specifications" (RIN0648-BE87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2020. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Special Management Zones for Delaware Artificial Reefs" (RIN0648-BD42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2021. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD973), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2022. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2023. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules" (CS Docket No. 98-120, FCC 15-65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2024. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish" (RIN0648-XD901), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2025. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Commission's Rules Concerning Effective Competition" (MB Docket No. 15-53, FCC 15-62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-44. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging the United States Congress to enact legislation allowing individual states to establish daylight saving time as the standard time in their respective states throughout the calendar year; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, When Congress enacted The Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. No. 93-182, 87 Stat. 707), it included in its findings and declarations of policy that "various studies of governmental and nongovernmental agencies indicate that year-round daylight saving time would produce an energy saving in electrical power consumption"; and

Whereas, Congress also found and declared that "the use of year-round daylight saving time could have other beneficial effects on the public interest, including the reduction of crime, improved traffic safety, more daylight outdoor playtime for children and youth of our Nation, [and] greater utilization of parks and recreation areas"; and

Whereas, Congress also found and declared that the use of year-round daylight saving time could result in "expanded economic opportunity through extension of daylight hours to peak shopping hours and through extension of domestic office hours to periods of greater overlap with the European Economic Community"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the Nevada Legislature urges the members of Congress to enact appropriate legislation to give individual states the option of establishing daylight saving time as the standard time in their respective states throughout the calendar year; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 544. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (Rept. No. 114-69).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1640. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve immigration law enforcement within the interior of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1641. A bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1642. A bill to reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to millions of people in the United States residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective alternative systems, including well water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 207. A resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Con. Res. 18. A concurrent resolution recongizing the daisy as the flower for military caregivers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 800

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 800, a bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1347

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1347, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes.

S. 1362

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1362, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs).

S. 1427

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1427, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to facilitate increased coordination and alignment between the public and private sector with respect to quality and efficiency measures.

S. 1509

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1509, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1544

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1544, a bill to rescind unused earmarks provided for the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 200

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 200, a resolution wishing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama a happy 80th birthday on July 6, 2015, and recognizing the outstanding contributions His Holiness has made to the promotion of nonviolence, human rights, interfaith dialogue, environmental awareness, and democracy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 204

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 204, a resolution recognizing June 20, 2015 as "World Refugee Day".

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 160. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 18, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 18, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

VETERANS I.D. CARD ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 91) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BLUMENTHAL) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2076, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 160) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; and that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and that the times for the two leaders be reserved.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:38 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 160) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 644

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing that it had agreed to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 644) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), and that it had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate insist on its amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to insist upon the Senate amendment to the bill, agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate thereto:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHNNY ISAKSON, DAVID PERDUE, CHUCK GRASSLEY, THOM TILLIS, MARCO RUBIO, DAN COATS, JOHN CORNYN, MIKE CRAPO, MICHAEL B. ENZI, KELLY AYOTTE, ORRIN HATCH, ROGER WICKER, DEB FISCHER, ROB PORTMAN, LINDSEY GRAHAM, RICHARD BURR.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the language of his motion on today relative to a House message on bill H.R. 644, and related motion to bring to a close debate thereon, be amended such that the Senate ask a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill.

AUTHORITY TO FILE SECOND-DEGREE AMENDMENTS TO BILLS H.R. 2146 AND H.R. 1295

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, following the leader remarks, the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that Senators be permitted to "file" second-degree amendments to bills H.R. 2146 and H.R. 1295 until 10:30 a.m. on today.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 2146

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, June 18, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, that the Senate concur in the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2146) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 18, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 60, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 218 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shaheen, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

THE PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2146) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes.

The pending motion to refer bill H.R. 2146 to the Committee on Finance, with instructions (designated amendment No. 2062), and amendments Numbered 2064 and 2063 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2061, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2060 contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, that the Senate concur, with an amendment, in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESSES ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., and from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. on today.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 2146

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 2146.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2061 to amendment No. 2060 contained in the motion that the Senate concur, with amendment, in the amendment

of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 2146

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 2146.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2061 to amendment No. 2060 contained in the motion that the Senate concur, with amendment, in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 4 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 5 p.m.

AT 5 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. AYOTTE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 2146

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 2146.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2061 to amendment No. 2060 contained in the motion that the Senate concur, with amendment, in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The following occurred as if in a period of morning business.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2026. A communication from the Regulatory Liaison, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Oil Valuation Amendments" (RIN1012-AA15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2027. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary" ((RIN1545 -BM53)(TD 9724)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1645. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-70).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. 1643. A bill to require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty, Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1644. A bill to permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1645. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1646. A bill to amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to make a technical correction relating to the amendments made by Public Law 113-243; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1647. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 1648. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to create a sustainable future for rural healthcare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 1649. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of the Tucson International Airport, as a future part of the Interstate System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1650. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make changes to the Medicare home health face-to-face encounter requirements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1651. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1652. A bill to designate an existing Federal officer to coordinate efforts to secure the release of United States persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 1653. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1654. A bill to prevent deaths occurring from drug overdoses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. Res. 208. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal Ovidio Ricardo Palmera Pineda, also known as "Simon Trinidad", from prison in the United States as a part of the Colombian peace process; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 209. A resolution designating the Ulysses S. Grant Association as the organization to implement the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War General and 2-term President of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 210. A resolution celebrating the 125th anniversary of the State of Wyoming; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 71

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 163

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 163, a bill to establish a grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to authorize the transfer of certain items under the control of the Omar Bradley Foundation to the descendants of General Omar Bradley.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, supra.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 370

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 684

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 684, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 704

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 704, a bill to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 786

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 786, a bill to provide paid and family medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 827

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 827, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable

discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 891

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 891, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate the administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, supra.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1143

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1324

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 1362

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1362, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs).

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1461

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1461, a bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1507

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1524

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1524, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 1611

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1611, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes.

S. 1617

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1617, supra.

S. 1618

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to reallocate Federal Government-held spectrum for commercial use, to promote wireless innovation and enhance wireless communications, and for other purposes.

S. 1640

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1640, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve immigration law enforcement within the interior of the United States, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 200

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 200, a resolution wishing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama a happy 80th birthday on July 6, 2015, and recognizing the outstanding contributions His Holiness has made to the promotion of nonviolence, human rights, interfaith dialogue, environmental awareness, and democracy.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during

the session of the Senate on June 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight Review of the National Flood Insurance Program."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Update on the Recalls of Defective Takata Air Bags and NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Efforts."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 23, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a joint hearing with the Committee on the Budget entitled "Accounting for the True Cost of Regulation: Exploring the Possibility of a Regulatory Budget."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 23, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 23, 2015, at 1 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Impacts of EPA's proposed Carbon Regulations on Energy Costs for American Businesses, Rural Communities and Families, and a legislative hearing on S. 1324."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy and Environmental Policy be authorized to meet during the sessions of the Senate on June 23, 2015, at 2:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "American Energy Exports: Opportunities for U.S. Allies and U.S. National Security."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 644) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate, and agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING THE ULYSSES S. GRANT ASSOCIATION AS THE ORGANIZATION TO IMPLEMENT THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF ULYSSES S. GRANT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 209) designating the Ulysses S. Grant Association as the organization to implement the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War General and 2-term President of the United States, submitted today by Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF WYOMING

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 210) celebrating the 125th anniversary of the State of Wyoming, submitted today by Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Mrs. GILLIBRAND, designee of the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, and Mr. MURPHY, from the Committee on Appropriations.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 2146.

Ordered further, That time during adjournment count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the pending House message.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:10 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 2146

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PAUL in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2146) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2061, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2060 contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, that the Senate concur, with an amendment, in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 4 p.m. on today, time for debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 2146 be considered concluded; that the pending motion to concur with an amendment be withdrawn; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the aforementioned pending motion to concur.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1295) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code, with an amendment (Numbered 2065), is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; that all relative motions and amendments, except for the motion to concur with an amendment, be withdrawn; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur with an amendment.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the motion to concur with an amendment relative to bill H.R. 1295, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to bring to a close debate on the compound motion relative to the bill (H.R. 644) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory (that the Senate insist on its amendment to the bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate) be considered concluded; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said "compound" motion; and that the quorum under the rule be waived.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 2146

The Senate resumed consideration of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 2146.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2061 to amendment No. 2060 contained in the motion that the Senate concur, with an amendment, in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 4 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the bill was concluded.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending motion to concur with an amendment (Numbered 2060) was withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 2061 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HATCH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 60, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 219 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Shaheen, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse.

So the motion was agreed to.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON EMANUEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

On the request of Mr. SCOTT,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 212) condemning the attack on Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and expressing encouragement and prayers for all affected by this evil assault, submitted today by Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER RELATIVE TO VOTES ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRAHAM,

Ordered, That each vote following the first on today be 10 minutes in duration.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE RELATIVE TO HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 1295

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, June 18, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 1295 with an amendment (Numbered 2065).

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 18, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 76, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 220 Leg.]

YEAS --- 76

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 22

Barrasso, Cassidy, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Fischer, Gardner, Hoeven, Inhofe, Lankford, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 644

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the "compound" motion relative to bill H.R. 644 be withdrawn; that, upon disposition of bill H.R. 1295, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said compound motion.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the aforementioned compound motion relative to bill H.R. 644, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, en bloc: Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Sudan, Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia, Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kosovo, Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Georgia, Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Croatia, and Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury; that the Senate then vote, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1295

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1295) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2069, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2068, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2067) contained in the motion to refer the pending bill to the Committee on Finance.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was considered concluded.

The pending motion to refer with instructions, and amendments thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2066 to amendment No. 2065 (in the nature of a substitute) contained in the pending motion to concur, with an amendment, to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendment was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 2065 (in the nature of a substitute).

The motion was agreed to.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 644

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 644) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2028. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiram; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9928-82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2029. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program" (RIN0570-AA73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2030. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral or rear admiral (lower half), as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2031. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John M. Bednarek, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2032. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a delay in submission of a report relative to the inventory of contracts for services for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2033. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2034. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Ronnie D. Hawkins, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2035. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Office of the General Counsel, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Guidance Regarding the Definition of the Terms ‘Spouse’ and ‘Marriage’ Following the Supreme Court’s Decision in United States v. Windsor" (17 CFR Parts 231, 241, 271, and 276), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2036. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the 2013 Integrated Mortgage Disclosures Rule Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X) and the Truth In Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the 2013 Loan Originator Rule Under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" (RIN3170-AA48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2037. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, with respect to North Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2038. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2039. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People’s Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2040. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the acceptance of gifted land in Tulare County, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2041. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Edits" (RIN1024-AE25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2042. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2043. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on External Quality Control Review"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2044. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Housing and Urban Development Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014, through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2045. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Care and Development Fund Report to Congress for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2046. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partnership Transactions Equity Interests of a Partner" ((RIN1545-BM35)(TD 9722)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2047. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Benefits Under the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014" ((RIN1545-BM73)(TD 9723)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2048. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - July 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2049. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Probability of a Deceased Spousal Unused Exclusion Amount" ((RIN1545-BK74)(TD 9725)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2050. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Carbon Dioxide Sequestration 2015 Section 45Q Inflation Adjustment Factor" (Notice 2015-44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2051. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 2015-37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2052. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Welfare Outcomes 2010-2013: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2053. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-050); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2054. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0067 - 2015-0072); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2055. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; TBHQ" (Docket No. FDA-2014-F-0364), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2056. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Gamma-Linolenic Acid Safflower Meal" (Docket No. FDA-2010-F-0537), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2057. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A and B Supplemental Funds for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2058. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012-2013 Report to Congress on Organ Donation and the Recovery, Preservation, and Transportation of Organs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2059. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report for fiscal year 2014 for the Generic Drug User Fee Amendments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2060. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance by the United States courts of appeals and district courts with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2061. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ferroalloys Production" ((RIN2060-AQ11)(FRL No. 9928-66-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2062. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Adoption of Control Technique Guidelines for Offset Lithographic Printing and Letterpress Printing; Flexible Package Printing; and Adhesives, Sealants, Primers, and Solvents" (FRL No. 9929-39-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2063. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of New Mexico; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone and 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter Air Pollution Affecting Visibility" (FRL No. 9929-38-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2064. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9925-88-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2065. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revision to Allegheny County Regulations for Esablishing Permit Fees" (FRL No. 9929-40-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2066. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Ohio PM2.5 NSR" (FRL No. 9928-57-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2067. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; North Dakota; Alternative Monitoring Plan for Milton R. Young Station" (FRL No. 9928-81-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2068. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Permits for Construction and Major Modification of Major Stationary Sources for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9929-34-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2069. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments" (RIN2120-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2070. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Jupiter, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0794)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2071. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Lexington, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0969)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2072. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airways; Northeastern United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1650)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2073. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Forrest City, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0879)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2074. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Eufaula, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0970)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2075. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Clark, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0724)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2076. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Restricted Areas R-4501A, R-4501B, R-4501C, R-4501D, R-4501F, and R-4501H; Fort Leonard Wood, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0640)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2077. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Clarksburg, WV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2078. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (23); Amdt. No. 3641" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2079. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (47); Amdt. No. 3643" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2080. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (110); Amdt. No. 3644" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2081. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (169); Amdt. No. 3646" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2082. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (3645)" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2083. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (254); Amdt. No. 3642" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2084. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exclusion of Tethered Launches From Licensing Requirements" (RIN2120-AJ90), received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2085. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Services Surveys: BE-I80, Benchmark Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons" (RIN0691-AA84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2086. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lease and Interchange of Vehicles; Motor Carriers of Passengers" (RIN2126-AB44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2087. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procurement, Management, and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Services" (RIN2125-AF44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2088. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Examiner's Certification Integration" (RIN2126-AB40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2089. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Closure of Purse Seine Fishery in the ELAPS in 2015" (RIN0648-XD972), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2090. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2015-2016 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BF08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2091. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 29" (RIN0648-BE55), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2092. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; the Highly Migratory Species Fishery; Closure" (RIN0648-XD945), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2093. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2014-15 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures; Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 Bottomfish" (RIN0648-XD082), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2094. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Blueline Tilefish Fishery; Secretarial Emergency Action" (RIN0648-BE97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2095. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Fishing Effort Limits in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2015" (RIN0648-BF03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2096. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0584)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2097. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type Certificate Previously Held by Eurocopter France)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0464)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2098. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type Certificate Previously Held by Eurocopter France)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1570)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2099. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type Certificate Previously Held by Eurocopter France)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0646)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2100. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR -- GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0568)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2101. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1937)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2102. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1936)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2103. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0489)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2104. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0756)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2105. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0575)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2106. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0342)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2107. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0754)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2108. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0227)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2109. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Model Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0493)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2110. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Type Certificate Previously Held by Schweizer Aircraft Corporation) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1020)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2111. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2112. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lycoming Engines Reciprocating Engines (Type Certificate Previously Held by Textron Lycoming Division, AVCO Corporation)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0940)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2113. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Slingsby Aviation Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1737)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2114. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0386)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2115. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Zodiac Seats France (formerly Sicma Aero Seat) Passenger Seat Assemblies" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1282)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 282. A bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-71).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-72).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 728. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the "Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 891. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the "Floresville Veterans Post Office Building".

H.R. 1326. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office".

H.R. 1350. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PERDUE:

S. 1655. A bill to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under that Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. KING):

S. 1656. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1657. A bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1658. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1659. A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1660. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1661. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1662. A bill to include Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1663. A bill to better protect, serve, and advance the rights of victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation by encouraging States and other qualified entities to hold offenders accountable, enhance the capacity of the justice system to investigate, pursue, and prosecute elder abuse cases, identify existing resources to leverage to the extent possible, and assure data collection, research, and evaluation to promote the efficacy and efficiency of the activities described in this Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1664. A bill to count revenues from military and veteran education programs toward the limit on Federal revenues that certain proprietary institutions of higher education are allowed to receive for purposes of section 487 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. HELLER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1665. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1666. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the election to accelerate the AMT credit in lieu of bonus depreciation for 2015 and 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1667. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COATS, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1668. A bill to restore long-standing United States policy that the Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 1669. A bill to reform the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1670. A bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1671. A bill to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 1672. A bill to authorize States to enter into interstate compacts regarding Class A commercial driver's licenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1673. A bill to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1674. A bill to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MURPHY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1675. A bill to amend certain appropriations Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, to provide for a report on the potential transfer of Plum Island, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1676. A bill to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. Res. 211. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Srebrenica; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 212. A resolution condemning the attack on Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and expressing encouragement and prayers for all affected by this evil assault; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. REID, Mr. UDALL, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 213. A resolution designating October 30, 2015, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Con. Res. 19. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 310

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 310, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 574

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 574, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 711

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Service Health Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 861

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 861, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring

American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 891

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 891, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate the administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1203

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1387, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to improve the Microloan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1455, a bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1524

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1524, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees.

S. 1578

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1578, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer rights, and for other purposes.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1598, a bill to prevent discriminatory treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1631

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to multiemployer pensions, and for other purposes.

S. 1634

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1634, a bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1651, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1652

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1652, a bill to designate an existing Federal officer to coordinate efforts to secure the release of United States persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 200

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 200, a resolution wishing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama a happy 80th birthday on July 6, 2015, and recognizing the outstanding contributions His Holiness has made to the promotion of nonviolence, human rights, interfaith dialogue, environmental awareness, and democracy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 204

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 204, a resolution recognizing June 20, 2015 as "World Refugee Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Lessons Learned from Past WMD Negotiations."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Demanding Results to End Native Youth Suicides."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Work in Retirement: Career Reinventions and the New Retirement Workscape."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 615) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 805. An act to provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition.

H.R. 893. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1190. An act to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

H.R. 1626. An act to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1633. An act to provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1637. An act to require annual reports on the activities and accomplishments of federally funded research and development centers within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1640. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1646. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how certain commercially available small and medium sized unmanned aircraft systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the risk of such an attack, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1698. An act to amend design and content requirements for certain gold and silver coins, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2390. An act to require a review of university-based centers for homeland security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2576. An act to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2620. An act to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act.

At 5:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 615. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2146. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1190. An act to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1626. An act to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1633. An act to provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of

Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1637. An act to require annual reports on the activities and accomplishments of federally funded research and development centers within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1640. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1646. To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how certain commercially available small and medium sized unmanned aircraft systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the risk of such an attack, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1698. An act to amend design and content requirements for certain gold and silver coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2390. An act to require a review of university-based centers for homeland security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1177

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

REVOKING THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 533) to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 19) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

Under the authority of the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER appointed the following as conferees to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 644: Mr. HATCH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:50 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:50 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first hour therein be equally divided and controlled; and that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. MARKEY and Mrs. SHAHEEN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:53 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:50 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:50 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 1735

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate receives the papers on the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes from the House of Representatives, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to re-engross the bill, in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate thereto, by striking section 636.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1180. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-73).

By Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1695. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-74).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2577. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-75).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 204. A resolution recognizing June 20, 2015 as "World Refugee Day".

S. Res. 207. A resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and an amendment to the title and with a preamble:

S. Res. 211. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Srebrenica.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment:

S. 1643. A bill to require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty, Iraq.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1677. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN:

S. 1678. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as "Harold George Bennett Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1679. A bill to amend the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 to require that certain buildings and personal property be covered by flood insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1680. A bill to improve the condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1681. A bill to criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without the prior express written consent of the recipient, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1682. A bill to extend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report on the use by Iran of funds made available through sanctions relief; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1683. A bill to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1684. A bill to amend the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 to provide for liability protection for organizations and entities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1685. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1686. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1687. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restrict the insurance business exception to passive foreign investment company rules; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REID, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1688. A bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1689. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reduce the funding available for a State under the national highway performance program and the surface transportation program if the State issues a license plate that contains an image of a flag of the Confederate States of America, including the Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1690. A bill to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1691. A bill to expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1692. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1693. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1694. A bill to amend Public Law 103-434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. 1695. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 1696. A bill to redesignate the Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia, to revise the boundary of that monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1697. A bill to provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual health insurance market, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BURR, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1698. A bill to exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, Federal public benefits; read the first time.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1699. A bill to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1700. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in real property that are acquired pursuant to mitigation projects required under certain Federal Water Pollution Control Act permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1701. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify a provision relating to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1702. A bill to require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters and producers are involved in the investigation or review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 1703. A bill to direct the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ENZI:

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 214. A resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope, a preeminent international women's association and an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 215. A resolution designating the month of June 2015 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month" and June 27, 2015, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 216. A resolution recognizing the month of June 2015 as "Immigrant Heritage Month", a celebration of the accomplishments and contributions immigrants and their children have made in shaping the history, strengthening the economy, and enriching the culture of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 957

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 957, a bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow deductions and credits relating to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law.

S. 1016

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1016, a bill to preserve freedom and choice in health care.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1250, a bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes.

S. 1403

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1403, a bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes.

S. 1438

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to allow women greater access to safe and effective contraception.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1580, a bill to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates.

S. 1591

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1591, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

S. 1632

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1632, a bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

S. 1641

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1641, a bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes.

S. 1643

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1643, a bill to require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty, Iraq.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1676

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1676, a bill to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 207

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 207, a resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

SENATE RESOLUTION 211

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 211, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Srebrenica.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the

session of the Senate on June 25, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Country of Origin Labeling and Trade Retaliation: What's at stake for America's Farmers, Ranchers, Businesses, and Consumers."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Unlocking the Private Sector: State Innovations in Financing Infrastructure."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Evaluating Key Components of a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Under Attack: Federal Cybersecurity and the OPM Data Breach."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2015, at 9:45 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in SR-428A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Opening Doors to Economic Opportunity for Our Veterans and Their Families Through Entrepreneurship."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Economic Crisis: The Global Impact of a Greek Default."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:18 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the resolution (H. Res. 340) returning to the Senate the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and, in the opinion of this House, contravenes the first clause of the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States and is an infringement of the privileges of this House and that such bill, with the Senate amendment thereto, shall be respectfully returned to the Senate with a message communicating this resolution.

At 1:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2042. An act to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units before requiring compliance with such rule, and to allow States to protect households and businesses from significant adverse effects on electricity ratepayers or reliability.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and asks for a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Armed Services: Messrs. THORNBERRY, FORBES, MILLER of Florida, WILSON of South Carolina, LOBIONDO, BISHOP of Utah, TURNER, KLINE, ROGERS of Alabama, SHUSTER, CONAWAY, LAMBORN, WITTMAN, HUNTER, Mrs. HARTZLER, Messrs. HECK of Nevada, WENSTRUP, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. LANGEVIN, LARSEN of Washington, COOPER, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. TSONGAS, Messrs. GARAMENDI, JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Ms. DUCKWORTH.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1295) to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes, without amendment.

BOYS TOWN CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 893) require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 230) to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. MURKOWSKI) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2077, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 215) designating the month of June 2015 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Awareness Month" and June 27, 2015, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day," submitted today by Ms. HEITKAMP, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1698) to exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, Federal public benefits, introduced today by Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BURR, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WARNER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That Mr. COTTON be authorized to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions during the forthcoming adjournment of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, AND FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2015, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; that the Senate then adjourn until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2015; that, on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that the House has agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 19, the Senate adjourn, as pursuant to the provisions of said concurrent resolution, until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate subsequently (on today) having received a message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 19,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 2:51 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2:30 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 25, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 25, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1698) to exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, Federal public benefits, introduced on Thursday, June 25, 2015 by Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BURR, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WARNER), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 25, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2089, in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the following five amendments be proposed by the two bill managers, or their designees, in the following order: amendment No. 2079, amendment No. 2095, amendment No. 2078, amendment No. 2085, amendment No. 2086.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. TESTER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 800, after line 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2079).

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. PETERS) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 172, line 25, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2095).

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. UDALL) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 723, line 23, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2078).

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 25, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2085).

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. WARNER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 772, after line 23, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2086).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That it be in order for Mr. TOOMEY to propose amendment No. 2094 on today; that amendments in "side-by-side" fashion be in order to be proposed by each manager; and that no second-degree amendment be in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2086 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. VITTER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title IX, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2094).

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, June 24, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, June 24, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FISCHER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2116. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004, relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2117. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the U.S. Congress on Global Export Credit Competition"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2118. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Barriers to Industrial Energy Efficiency"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2119. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Administration, Cost and Impact of Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program for Medicare Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2120. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures for Approval of Benefit Suspensions for Certain Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans under Section 432(e)(9)" (Rev. Proc. 2015-34), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2121. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Program and Evaluation Portfolio Interim Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2122. A communication from the Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Commission's commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2123. A communication from the Regulatory Coordinator, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change to Existing Regulation Concerning the Interest Rate Paid on Cash Deposited to Secure Immigration Bonds" (RIN1653-AA66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1109. A bill to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-76).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1359. A bill to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for

consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-77).

By Mr. BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 1705. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1704. A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Justice Act to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1705. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1706. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. COTTON):

S. 1707. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1708. A bill to improve certain provisions relating to charter schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KING, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1709. A bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1710. A bill to authorize a grant-matching program that strengthens and accelerates interventions in the lowest-performing elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KING, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. DAINES, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1711. A bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1712. A bill to amend the Small Tract Act of 1983 to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, resolve minor encroachments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1713. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1714. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 71

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.8 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 389

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 389, a bill to amend section 1111(h)(1)(C)-(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid

sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 564

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 564, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 628

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to exempt certain class A CDL drivers from the requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement while operating a service vehicle with a fuel tank containing 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less of diesel fuel.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 696

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 696, a bill to increase the number and percentage of students who graduate from high school college and career ready with the ability to use knowledge to solve complex problems, think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate with others, and develop academic mindsets, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Asbestos Information Act of 1988 to establish a public database of asbestos-containing products, to require public disclosure of information pertaining to the manufacture, processing, distribution, and use of asbestos-containing products in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 976

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to promote the development of a United States commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and to increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 1203

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to

improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1250, a bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 1347

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1347, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes.

S. 1362

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1362, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs).

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1387, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes.

S. 1389

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1389, a bill to authorize exportation of consumer communications devices to Cuba and the provision of telecommunications services to Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1454

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1454, a bill to enhance interstate commerce by creating a National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1536, a bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], and the Senator from Colorado [Mr.GARDNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1598, a bill to prevent discriminatory treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1617

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1636

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1636, a bill to streamline the collection and distribution of Government information.

S. 1654

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1654, a bill to prevent deaths occurring from drug overdoses.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 200

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 200, a resolution wishing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama a happy

80th birthday on July 6, 2015, and recognizing the outstanding contributions His Holiness has made to the promotion of nonviolence, human rights, interfaith dialogue, environmental awareness, and democracy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 216

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 216, a resolution recognizing the month of June 2015 as "Immigrant Heritage Month", a celebration of the accomplishments and contributions immigrants and their children have made in shaping the history, strengthening the economy, and enriching the culture of the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 7, 2015, at 3 p.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: The Impact on the U.S. Poultry Sector and Protecting U.S. Poultry Flocks."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 7, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 7, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Technologies Transforming Transportation: Is the Government Keeping Up?"

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 7, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 7, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Small Business Health Care Challenges and Opportunities."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 7, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The 2014 Humanitarian Crisis at Our Border: A Review of the Government's Response to Unaccompanied Minors One Year Later."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 7, 2015, at 3 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1615. An act to direct the Chief FOIA Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in the implementation of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

H.R. 2200. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1615. An act to direct the Chief FOIA Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in the implementation of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2200. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 286) to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BARRASSO) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1471, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1177.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. COTTON.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:54 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2094, proposed by Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. VITTER), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the time until 12 noon on today be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees; that, at 12 noon, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the following amendments: amendment No. 2085, amendment No. 2086, amendment No. 2078; and that no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendments.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2094 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2085, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 12 noon having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 222 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2086, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. WARNER), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2078, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. UDALL), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2094 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:48 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1177.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2094 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the time until 4:30 p.m. on today be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees; and that it be in order for the following amendments to be proposed: amendment No. 2109, amendment No. 2107, amendment No. 2139, amendment No. 2124, and amendment No. 2115.

Ordered further, That, at 4:30 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the aforementioned amendments in the aforementioned order; that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to the votes; that amendment No. 2139 receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2094 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 185, after line 18, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2139).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mrs. MURRAY proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: amendment No. 2109, Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. REID, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. BALDWIN); amendment No. 2107, Mr. TESTER; amendment No. 2124, Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mrs. BOXER); and amendment No. 2115, Mr. BENNET.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2115 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2109 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 4:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 47, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 223 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2107 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the remaining votes, as pursuant to the order of today, each be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2107 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CORKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 56, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 224 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Risch, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Ayotte, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Cruz, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McConnell, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2139 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 45, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 225 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 52

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2124 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2115 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2094 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2124. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohexadione calcium; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9927-25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2125. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuprous oxide; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9929-51), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2126. A communication from the Program Manager of the BioPreferred Program, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement" (RIN0599-AA23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2127. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defining Larger Participants of the Automobile Financing Market and Defining Certain Automobile Leasing Activity as a Financial Product or Service" (RIN3170-AA46), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2128. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2129. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2130. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD920), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2131. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-114); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2132. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2133. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2134. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2015 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2135. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Twenty-Sixth Actuarial Valuation of the Assets and Liabilities Under the Railroad Retirement Acts as of December 31, 2013"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2136. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revising Underground Storage Tank Regulations - Revisions to Existing Requirements and New Requirements for Secondary Containment and Operator Training" ((RIN2050-AG46)(FRL No. 9913-64-OSWER)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2137. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance Specification 18 -- Performance Specifications and Test Procedures for Hydrogen Chloride Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems and Stationary Sources" ((RIN2060-AR81)-(FRL No. 9929-25-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2138. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Alabama's Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Gasoline Volatility Standard for Birmingham, Alabama" ((RIN2060-AS58)-(FRL No. 9929-91-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2139. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Alabama's Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Gasoline Volatility Standard for Birmingham, Alabama" ((RIN2060-AS58)-(FRL No. 9929-90-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2140. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to the Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities -- Correction of the Effective Date" ((RIN2050-AE81)-(FRL No. 9928-44-OSWER)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2141. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Sheboygan County, Wisconsin 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Reasonable Further Progress Plan" (FRL No. 9929-73-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2142. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revision to Control Organic Compound Emissions From Storage Tanks and Transport Vessels" (FRL No. 9929-69-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2143. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Mississippi; Memphis TN-MS-AR Emissions Inventory for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9929-84-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2144. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Plantwide Applicability Limit Permitting Revisions" (FRL No. 9929-81-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2145. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Minor New Source Review Requirements" (FRL No. 9930-08-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2146. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9928-93)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2147. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Plan for Expanding Data in the Annual Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) Report"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2148. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Effective Date for Temporary Pilot Program Setting the Time and Place for a Hearing Before an Administrative Law Judge" (RIN0960-AH75), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2149. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2150. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Elder Justice Coordinating Council 2012-2014 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2151. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on Federal agencies' use of the Physicians' Comparability Allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2152. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of District of Columbia's Compliance with the Recommendations of the Task Force on Emergency Medical Services (The Rosenbaum Task Force)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2153. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ANC 8D Financial Operations Were Not Fully Compliant with Law"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2154. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report to Congress concerning intercepted wire, oral, or electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2155. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2156. A communication from the Staff Director of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States Commission on Civil Rights renewing the charter of its federal advisory committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2157. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-78).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 1715. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1716. A bill to provide access to higher education for the students of the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 1717. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1718. A bill to provide for the repeal of certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that have the effect of rationing health care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1719. A bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1720. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign $10 Federal reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1721. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a joint uniform formulary with respect to systemic pain and psychotropic drugs that are critical for the transition of an individual from receiving health care services furnished by the Secretary of Defense to health care services furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 1722. A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain additional disclosure requirements, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 217. A resolution designating October 8, 2015, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 218. A resolution congratulating the United States Women's National Team for winning the 2015 FIFA World Cup; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 198

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 358

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 436

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 436, a bill to promote youth athletic safety and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 677

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

S. 757

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 757, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 766

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, and for other purposes.

S. 786

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 786, a bill to provide paid and family medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 861

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 861, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1246

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1246, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to revise the definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations.

S. 1324

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1519

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1519, a bill to amend the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to address slowdowns, strikes, and lock-outs occurring at ports in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1526

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1526, a bill to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, to amend title 31 and 41, United States Code, to improve the payment protections available to construction contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers for work performed, and for other purposes.

S. 1554

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1554, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study with respect to stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1567, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge from the Armed Forces of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1598, a bill to prevent discriminatory treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1603, a bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

S. 1632

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1632, a bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

S. 1660

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1660, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation.

S. 1682

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1682, a bill to extend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report on the use by Iran of funds made available through sanctions relief.

S. 1704

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1704, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Justice Act to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 211

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 211, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Srebrenica.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Role of the Financial Stability Board in the U.S. Regulatory Framework."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Road to Paris: Examining the President's International Climate Agenda and Implications for Domestic Environmental Policy."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on July 8, 2015, at 5 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Department of Defense Maritime Activities and Engagement in the South China Sea."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Stopping an Avian Influenza Threat to Animal and Public Health."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "A Path Forward: Trust Modernization and Reform for Indian Lands."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Going Dark: Encryption, Technology, and the Balance Between Public Safety and Privacy."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND TERRORISM

The Committee on the Judiciary; Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Cyber Crime: Modernizing our Legal Framework for the Information Age."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 907. An act to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

H.R. 1531. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 91) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.

At 2:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 91. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 907. An act to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1531. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2576. An act to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

DESIGNATING THE "SERGEANT FIRST CLASS WILLIAM B. WOODS, JR. POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 728) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the "Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "FLORESVILLE VETERANS POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 891) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the "Floresville Veterans Post Office Building."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DANIEL M. FERGUSON POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1326) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "HERMAN BADILLO POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1350) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

WISHING HIS HOLINESS THE 14TH DALAI LAMA A HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further

consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 200) wishing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama a happy 80th birthday on July 6, 2015, and recognizing the outstanding contributions His Holiness has made to the promotion of nonviolence, human rights, interfaith dialogue, environmental awareness, and democracy.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM FOR WINNING THE FIFA WORLD CUP

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 218) congratulating the United States Women's National Team for winning the 2015 FIFA World Cup, submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1177.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. BLUMENTHAL.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:18 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015

Mr. MITCH MCCONNELL, from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MCCONNELL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 9, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MITCH MCCONNELL, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MCCONNELL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2094, proposed by Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. WICKER), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the time until 11:30 a.m. on today be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees; and that it be in order for the following amendments to be proposed: amendment No. 2110, amendment No. 2120, amendment No. 2099, amendment No. 2147, amendment No. 2103, amendment No. 2096, amendment No. 2121, amendment No. 2087.

Ordered further, That pending amendment No. 2094 be modified; that, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to the aforementioned amendments in the foregoing order; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 2099, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2094, as modified; that amendment No. 2110 receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes thereon; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that, upon disposition of amendment No. 2087, the Senate vote in relation to pending amendment No. 2079.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2094, as modified, to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr.

BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. SASSE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title X, after part B, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2110).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 422, line 22, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2147).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 800, after line 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2121).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. GARDNER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all beginning on page 75, line 1, through line 4, page 76, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2120).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. CAPITO) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 447, between lines 16 and 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2099).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 444, by striking line 2, and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2103).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. WARNER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 759, line 3, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2096).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 813, line 8, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2087).

Pending debate,

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2110 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2110 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 226 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2120 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the order of today relative to a vote on amendment No. 2120 be vitiated; and that the amendment remain pending.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2099 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 227 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2094, as modified, to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 228 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2147 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2103 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2096 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2121 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2087 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2079 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2120 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 1735

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER) laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing that it had disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and asking a conference with the Senate thereon.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate insist on its amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the House thereon; and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending "compound" motion (that the Senate insist on its amendment to the bill, agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to insist upon the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 1735, and agree to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN MCCAIN, RICHARD SHELBY, JEFF FLAKE, JOHN BARRASSO, JOHN CORNYN, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, JEFF SESSIONS, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, LAMAR ALEXANDER, LINDSEY GRAHAM, JONI K. ERNST, JOHN HOEVEN, RF WICKER, KELLY AYOTTE, RICHARD BURR, THOM TILLIS.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the managers, or their designees; that, at 1:45 p.m., all time for debate, pursuant to rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to bring to a close debate on the "compound" motion be considered concluded; that, if the "compound" motion is agreed to, Mr. REED, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to instruct the conferees; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to a vote on the motion to instruct; and that, upon disposition of the motion to instruct, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1177.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to insist.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived relative to the pending motion to bring to a close debate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to insist.

Pending debate,

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on today, to bring to a close debate on the motion to insist on the Senate amendment to the bill, agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 81, nays... 15

[Rollcall Vote No. 229 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 15

Booker, Brown, Cruz, Franken, Gillibrand, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Paul, Reid, Sanders, Warren, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the "compound" motion to insist upon the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 1735, agree to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REED that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on H.R. 1735 be instructed to insist that the final

conference report fully fund the President's budget request for the Department of Defense, including $534.3 billion in base budget funding and $50.9 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations budget funding thereby supporting the bipartisan view that the funding caps imposed by the Budget Control Act of 2011 should be eliminated or increased in proportionally equal amounts for the revised security and non-security spending categories.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to instruct.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 44, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 230 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Whereupon,

The chair, as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate: Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WICKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KAINE.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1177.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2120 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. ALEXANDER proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; and each was agreed to: amendment No. 2083, Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. ISAKSON); amendment No. 2092, Mrs. MCCASKILL; amendment No. 2108, Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE); amendment No. 2119, Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. CORNYN); amendment No. 2131, Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. WARREN); amendment No. 2138, Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2120 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. REED, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BROWN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, between lines 16 and 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2161).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. VITTER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), after section 1010, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2132).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2080).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, AND Mr. REID) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in part B of title X, at the end thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2093).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. BALDWIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 56, by striking lines 9 through 12, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2118).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to pending amendments Numbered 2080 and 2118; and that no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes thereon.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2118 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That Mr. BOOKER be added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2152.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2118 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the adoption of amendment No. 2119, the amendment be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2118 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2158. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Beef From a Region in Argentina" ((RIN0579-AD92)(Docket No. APHIS-2014-0032)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2159. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Beef From a Region in Brazil" ((RIN0579-AD41)(Docket No. APHIS-2009-0017)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2160. A communication from the Program Manager of the BioPreferred Program, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Voluntary Labeling Program for Biobased Products" (RIN0599-AA22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2161. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Corrosion Policy and Oversight Budget Materials for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2162. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2163. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2164. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clauses With Alternates--Prescriptions and Clause Prefaces" ((RIN0750-AI57)(DFARS Case 2015-D016)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2165. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Defense Contractors Outside the United States--Subpart Relocation" ((RIN0750-AI55)(DFARS Case 2015-D015)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2166. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Allowability of Legal Costs for Whistleblower Proceedings" ((RIN0750-AI04)(DFARS Case 2013-D022)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2167. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition-Related Thresholds" ((RIN0750-AI43)(DFARS Case 2014-D025)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2168. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2169. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2170. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Venezuela Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 591), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2171. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's management report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2172. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Conventional Ovens" ((RIN1904-AC71)-(Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-TP-0013)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2173. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2174. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps" ((RIN1904-AD19)(Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-TP-0032)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2175. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Medicare Secondary Payer Commercial Repayment Center in Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2176. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Part D Plans Generally Include Drugs Commonly Used by Dual Eligibles: 2015"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2177. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarifications to the Requirement in the Treasury Regulations

Under Section 501(r)(4) that a Hospital Facility's Financial Assistance Policy Include a List of Providers" (Notice 2015-46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2178. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2179. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0073 - 2015-0076); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2180. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2181. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2182. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Infant Formula: The Addition of Minimum and Maximum Levels of Selenium to Infant Formula and Related Labeling Requirements" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0067), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2183. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Federal Drug Regulations with Regard to Medical Gases"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2184. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of General Safety Test Regulations that are Duplicative of Requirements in Biologics License Applications" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-1110), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2185. A joint communication from the Executive Director and the Chair of the Board of Governors, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Institute's 2014 Annual Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2186. A communication from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial condition of The American Legion as of December 31, 2014 and 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2187. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Policy, Planning, and Liaison, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Microloan Program Expanded Eligibility and Other Program Changes" (RIN3245-AG53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2188. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-83), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2189. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-83; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-83), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2190. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Clarification on Justification for Urgent Noncompetitive Awards Exceeding One Year" ((RIN9000-AM86)(FAC 2005-83)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2191. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations" ((RIN9000-AM70)(FAC 2005-83)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2192. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Permanent Authority for Use of Simplified Acquisition Procedures for Certain Commercial Items" ((RIN9000-AN06)(FAC 2005-83)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2193. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Update to Product and Service Codes" ((RIN9000-AN08)(FAC 2005-83)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2194. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations--Representation and Notification" ((RIN9000-AM85)(FAC 2005-83)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2195. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition-Related Thresholds" ((RIN9000-AM80)(FAC 2005-83)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July

1, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2196. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-83; Introduction" (FAC 2005-83), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2197. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2198. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-92, "Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center Exception Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2199. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-93, "Youth Employment and Work Readiness Training Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2200. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-94, "Fiscal Year 2015 Second Revised Budget Request Temporary Adjustment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2201. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-90, "Healthy Hearts of Babies Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2202. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-91, "Access to Contraceptives Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2203. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA FAR Regulatory Review No. 3" (RIN2700-AE19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2204. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Recreational Management Measures for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Fishing Year 2015" (RIN0648-BE89), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2205. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD973), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2206. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for the South Atlantic Lesser Amberjack, Almaco Jack, and Banded Rudderfish Complex" (RIN0648-XD988), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2207. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of the Emergency Alert System" ((FCC 15-60)(EB Docket No. 04-296)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2208. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lifeline and Link Up Reform" ((RIN3060-AF85)(DA 15-398)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRAHAM, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1725. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-79).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1300. A bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations.

S. 1482. A bill to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 1723. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1724. A bill to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 1725. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. PAUL, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1726. A bill to create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1727. A bill to rename the National Florence Crittenton Mission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COATS:

S. 1728. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equal access to declaratory judgments for

organizations seeking tax-exempt status; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1729. A bill to amend the State report card provisions of section 1111(h) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the disaggregation of the educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1730. A bill to enhance civil penalties under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1731. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of certain benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish such benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces with other than dishonorable conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1732. A bill to authorize elements of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1733. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1734. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to waive the state of good repair certification requirement for participants in the pilot program for expedited project delivery; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1735. A bill to modernize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. KING, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. REED):

S. 1736. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. UDALL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1737. A bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1738. A bill to protect individuals by strengthening the Nation's mental health infrastructure, improving the understanding of violence, strengthening firearm prohibitions and protections for at-risk individuals, and improving and expanding the reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 1739. A bill to increase the minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. NELSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. REID, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Mr. KAINE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. KING, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1740. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that all provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1741. A bill to establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, help consumers identify recalled tires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1742. A bill to improve the provision of postal services to rural areas of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1743. A bill to provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1744. A bill to authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land in the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1745. A bill to provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1746. A bill to require the Office of Personnel Management to provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1747. A bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1748. A bill to provide for improved investment in national transportation infrastructure; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. Res. 219. A resolution designating July 25, 2015, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. Res. 220. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Medora Musical; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 221. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for State accountability in the provision of access to the core resources for learning, and for other purposes.

S. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1085, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 1090

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1182

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1182, a bill to exempt application of JSA attribution rule in case of existing agreements.

S. 1190

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to

amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa feeds in certain situations.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1461

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1461, a bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1509

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1509, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 1540

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1540, a bill to improve the enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls.

S. 1544

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1544, a bill to rescind unused earmarks provided for the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 1584

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1584, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1598, a bill to prevent discriminatory treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1670

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1670, a bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

S. 1672

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1672, a bill to authorize States to enter into interstate compacts regarding Class A commercial driver's licenses.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1714, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1716

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1716, a bill to provide access to higher education for the students of the United States.

S. 1717

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1717, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials.

SENATE RESOLUTION 211

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 211, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Srebrenica.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Tthe Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Understanding America's Long-Term Fiscal Picture."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 728. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the "Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 891. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as

the "Floresville Veterans Post Office Building".

H.R. 1326. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office".

H.R. 1350. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and he announced that on today, July 9, 2015, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 91. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.

AMENDING THE UNITED STATES COTTON FUTURES ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2620) to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY IMPROVEMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 143) to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM MODERNIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1180) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, and for other purposes..

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

E-WARRANTY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1359) to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. NELSON) to amend the pending bill, on various pages and lines, by striking certain words, and inserting other words (being amendment No 2214).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 219) designating July 25, 2015, as "National Day of the American Cowboy," submitted today by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. HOEVEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEDORA MUSICAL

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 220) commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Medora Musical, submitted today by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 221) recognizing the 100th anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park, submitted today by Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. CANTWELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1177.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 9, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 9, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 9, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2209. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "S-metolachlor; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9927-85), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2210. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Larry O. Spencer, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2211. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Section 45K(d)(2)(C) Reference Price" (Notice 2015-45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2212. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period February 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2213. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit Program Revision; Pennsylvania" (FRL No. 9930-30-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2214. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Determination of Attainment of the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Standard for the Liberty-Clairton Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9930-23-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2215. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Kansas; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9926-48-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2216. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9929-58-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2217. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California SIP, Ventura and Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control Districts; Permit Exemptions" (FRL No. 9929-64-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2218. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9929-60-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2219. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Preconstruction Requirements - Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 9930-31-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2220. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Johnstown Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9930-24-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2221. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Findings of Failure to Submit a Section 110 State Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport for the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone" (FRL No. 9930-25-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2222. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Low Emissions Vehicle Program Revisions"

(FRL No. 9930-35-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2223. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry and Standards of Performance for Portland Cement Plants" (FRL No. 9927-62-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2224. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Revisions to the Particulate Matter Less than 2.5 Micrometers (PM2.5) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permitting Program State Implementation Plan (SIP)" (FRL No. 9930-27-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2225. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Arizona; Infrastructure Requirements for Lead and Ozone" (FRL No. 9930-28-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2226. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Feather River Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9927-76-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2227. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Butte County Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9928-50-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2228. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Revisions to Manifesting Regulations; Item Number" (FRL No. 9929-92-OSWER), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2229. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Mineral Wool Production and Wool Fiberglass Manufacturing" ((RIN2060-AQ90)(FRL No. 9928-71-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2230. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9928-93)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2231. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Kansas; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9926-48-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2232. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nebraska; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9926-49-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2233. A communication from the Deputy Director, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Addition of Intussusception as Injury for Rotavirus Vaccines to the Vaccine Injury Table" (RIN0906-AB00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2234. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partitions of Eligible Multiemployer Plans" (RIN1212-AB29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2235. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0485)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2236. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's 2015 Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2237. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certification of Fiscal Year 2015 Total Local Source General Fund Revenue Estimate (Net of Dedicated Taxes) in Support of the District's Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Series 2015A and 2015B)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2238. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2014 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2239. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accessible Emergency Information, and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description" (MB Docket No. 12-107, FCC 15-56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2240. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, United States Anti-Doping Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's 2014 annual report and Independent Auditor's reports and financial statements for 2014 and 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2241. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0249)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2242. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Avidyne Corporation Integrated Flight Displays" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2191)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2243. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0618)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2244. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0585)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2245. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2119)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2246. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tribune, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0744)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2247. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tucumari, NM" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0902)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2248. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Titles of Restricted Areas R-5301, R-5302A, R-5302B, and R-5302C; North Carolina" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1862)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2249. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Pilot Pairing Requirement" ((RIN2120-AK68)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-2129)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2250. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Applications for Licenses, Permits, and Safety Approvals" ((RIN2120-AK58)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1745)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-45. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to designate Grambling State University as a United States Department of Agriculture 1890 land-grant institution; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

Whereas, a land-grant college or university is a postsecondary education institution that has been designated to receive the benefits of the federal Morrill Acts of 1862 or 1890; and

Whereas, there is at least one land-grant institution in every state and territory of the United States, as well as the District of Columbia, and over the years, land-grant status has been associated with several types of federal support; and

Whereas, two universities in this state, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) and Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (SU), are designated as land-grant institutions; LSU received this designation in 1862, and in 1890, what is known as the Second Morrill Act conferred land-grant status to several historically black colleges and universities, commonly referred to as "1890 land-grant institutions", and SU is among this group; and

Whereas, Grambling State University, located in Grambling, Louisiana, is seeking designation as an 1890 land-grant institution under the banner of the Second Morrill Act; and

Whereas, Grambling State University was founded in 1901 by the North Louisiana Colored Agriculture Relief Association; in 1905, it moved to its present location and was renamed the North Louisiana Agricultural and Industrial School; in 1946, it became Grambling College; and in 1949, it earned its first accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

Whereas, in 1974, the school began to offer graduate programs in early childhood and elementary education and acquired the name Grambling State University; over the years, several new academic programs have been incorporated and new facilities added to the 384-acre campus; and

Whereas, Grambling now offers more than eight hundred courses and forty-seven degree programs in five colleges, including an honors college, two professional schools, a graduate school, and a Division of Continuing Education; and

Whereas, Grambling combines the academic strengths of a major university with the benefits of a small college, and its students grow and learn in a serene and positive environment; and

Whereas, in addition to being one of the country's top producers of African-American graduates, Grambling is home to the internationally renowned Tiger Marching Band and remains proud of the legacy of the late Eddie Robinson, Sr., a truly legendary football coach; and

Whereas, Grambling places an emphasis on the value and importance of each student, which is exemplified by its motto, "Where Everybody is Somebody"; and

Whereas, after more than a decade since its founding, Grambling remains an important influence in the quality of lives and communities of generations of North Louisiana residents; and

Whereas, the designation of Ohio's Central State University as an 1890 land-grant institution in the 2014 Farm Bill set a very recent precedent for the addition of a university to the land-grant system; and

Whereas, the nation's system of land-grant institutions would be strengthened by the inclusion of Grambling State University; and

Whereas, as a historically black university with a strong record of academics, research, and service, Grambling, with its rich history and traditions, would bring a unique perspective to the land-grant system; and

Whereas, for one hundred twenty-five years, the 1890 land-grant institutions have played a vital role in ensuring access to higher education and opportunity for underserved communities, and as such an institution, Grambling would have access to increased resources that it could direct to serving such communities and to providing research, extension, and public services in North Louisiana, an area where these services are not currently being provided sufficiently; and

Whereas, such designation would be consistent with Grambling's agricultural origins and its mission and history of service to African-American students and the people of Louisiana and would strengthen Grambling's research and teaching in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs and enhance existing programs and facilitate the development of new programs in agricultural business, biotechnology, economics, environment and natural resources, family and consumer science, and engineering technology; and

Whereas, Grambling State University has made the same extraordinary contributions to the education of African Americans in the state of Louisiana as other 1890 land-grant universities have made in their respective states; and

Whereas, as the only Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the University of Louisiana System, the role that Grambling plays in the state is critical; and

Whereas, a land-grant designation would enhance greatly Grambling's service to the people of Louisiana, and it is appropriate that Congress take all necessary measures to grant such designation to Grambling State University: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to designate Grambling State University as a United States Department of Agriculture 1890 land-grant institution; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-46. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take action against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing in Louisiana's sovereign waters by passing H.R. 774, the Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

Whereas, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing is a global problem with serious economic, environmental, and security implications; and

Whereas, illegal fishing accounts for economic losses of up to billions of dollars per year nationally and such activity is largely conducted by foreign fleets at the expense of United States fishermen, coastal communities, and the sustainability of global fish stocks; and

Whereas, illegal fishing is of particular consequence in Louisiana, where the Gulf Coast waters supply seafood for the citizens of the United States and support the hospitality industry, tourism-related businesses, and the vibrant recreational and commercial fishing industry; and

Whereas, not only does illegal fishing result in economic losses to the Louisiana fishing industry and other coastal businesses, but it also is a threat to the sustainability of our fisheries and to the Louisiana Gulf Coast ecosystem; and

Whereas, the United States Coast Guard is to be commended for apprehending and investigating foreign vessels engaged in illegal activity along the U.S.-Mexico border, often patrolling the Gulf of Mexico in a cat-and-mouse game specifically with Mexican fishermen who are fishing illegally; and

Whereas, illegal fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico compete for local fish stock and disregard state and federal laws on catch limits, or of marine species including marine mammals and sea turtles that are indiscriminately killed by the use of illegal long-line netting, and where some of the illegally caught fish is exported back into the U.S. and flood the market; and

Whereas, vessels involved with illegal fishing are also associated with other crimes, including drug trafficking, human trafficking, and illegal immigration, and the incursion by these foreign fishing vessels into U.S. waters constitutes a violation of our sovereignty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to take action against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing in our sovereign waters by passing H.R. 774, the Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby expresses its commitment to the elimination of illegal fishing, to the long-term conservation of Louisiana marine resources, and to the protection of the Louisiana Gulf Coast fishing and coastal communities; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-47. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana commending the United States Congress on the passage of bipartisan legislation to permanently set the payment amounts that Medicare pays for physician services, known as the doc fix; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

Whereas, the term "doc fix" refers to the formula the federal government uses to pay physicians who treat patients covered by Medicare, who pay less than they would otherwise to see a physician and the federal government makes up the difference and pays the physician an amount determined by Congress; and

Whereas, in 1997, Congress cut payments to physicians who treat patients enrolled in Medicare in order to help balance the federal budget; and

Whereas, while Congress had considered cutting the dollars to physicians treating Medicare patients, but did not have the collective will to carry it through, being concerned that some physicians might not continue to treat Medicare patients at a reduced rate, and the cut was postponed until a future date; and

Whereas, over the last eighteen years Congress has postponed the cut seventeen times and the cut has become a possible twenty percent reduction in payments if the attempt to postpone the cuts failed during this Congress; and

Whereas, with the current doc fix extension set to expire on March 31, 2015, Congress may consider the need for structural reforms to Medicare generally, not merely a postponement of the cut for another year; and

Whereas, with the unconscionable cut of more than twenty percent looming without the annual doc fix extension in April, Congress agreed to begin broader structural changes to Medicare, ending the doc fix shell game permanently;

Whereas, despite the reality that healthcare is expensive and that the annual revisiting of the doc fix formula of paying physicians was, at least, a bad way to govern, a bipartisan solution proved attainable even in a time when merely entertaining an idea from the other side of the aisle is often unthinkable; and

Whereas, with the reality that one political party leads both houses of Congress and the other holds the presidency, true bipartisanship is the only path to successfully

attacking any of the country's issues, yet that bipartisanship is noticeably absent in the discussion of most of those issues; and

Whereas, while partisan differences have been more likely to win the day, the ability to craft a bipartisan doc fix solution requires the leadership of both political parties in both houses to focus on solutions rather than differences, and for that both the leadership and the members of Congress as a whole should be heartily congratulated; and

Whereas, in reaching agreement on the end to the doc fix extensions, Congress has begun the daunting task of reforming and restructuring America's entitlement programs, a beginning worthy of note and of acclaim: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the United States Congress on the passage of bipartisan legislation to permanently set the payment amounts that Medicare pays for physician services, known as the doc fix; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-48. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to restore trade relations between the United States and Cuba in order to open the market to Louisiana rice; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

Whereas, in 2014, Louisiana produced over three billion pounds of rice amounting to fifteen percent of the United States' rice production; and

Whereas, the rice industry provides over nine thousand jobs to the Louisiana economy; and

Whereas, increased rice exports to Cuba would lead to greater export opportunities for Louisiana farmers and the potential for increased acreage; and

Whereas, resumed rice exports to Cuba would also benefit those affiliated with rice production, milling, and exporting; and

Whereas, rice farming and milling has a large impact on Louisiana's secondary economy in that for every dollar that Louisiana rice produces, approximately thirty-five cents is added indirectly to the economy through seed and fertilizer sales, farm equipment, crop services, and transportation; and

Whereas, resuming the trade of rice with Cuba would be a huge economic gain for Louisiana's port system; and

Whereas, prior to the creation of the trade embargo in 1962, the Port of New Orleans handled over sixty-five percent of all traded goods to Cuba; and

Whereas, the fifty-plus-year trade embargo between the United States and Cuba remains the longest-standing embargo in modern history; and

Whereas, Louisiana is the top state of origination for Cuban-bound exports, representing nearly thirty percent of the export market share; and

Whereas, it is time to end an outdated policy that continues to deny valuable business opportunities to Louisiana rice farmers, millers, and allied businesses, such as transportation, storage, and shipping; and

Whereas, Cuba imports more than one billion dollars worth of food every year, including approximately five hundred thousand tons of rice; and

Whereas, the rice industry in Louisiana is positioned to benefit from the market opportunities that normalized trade with Cuba would provide due to our healthy supply, port infrastructure, and proximity to Cuba; and

Whereas, the USA Rice Federation and its affiliate members along with the Louisiana Rice Growers Association, the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board, and the Louisiana Rice Council are in support of restoring trade relations between the United States and Cuba in order to open the market to Louisiana rice: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to restore trade relations between the United States and Cuba in order to open the market to Louisiana rice; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-49. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Whereas, a new 2.3% federal excise tax on the sale of taxable medical devices by manufacturers, producers, and importers of such devices took effect on January 1, 2013; and

Whereas, the United States Congress Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that the tax will generate $29 billion in revenue in its first ten years; and

Whereas, the United States is a net exporter in medical devices, exporting $5.4 billion more than it imports, and accounts for 40% of the global medical technology market; and

Whereas, a study completed by the Manhattan Institute found that the medical device tax will almost double the medical device industry's total tax bill and could result in the loss of up to 43,000 jobs in the medical technology industry; and

Whereas, the medical device tax will harm the United States' global competitiveness, stunt medical innovation, and restrict the ability of patients to receive the life-saving medical devices and care they need; and

Whereas, the medical device tax is imposed on United States sales, rather than profits, of medical device manufacturers, so it will be particularly damaging to innovative start-up companies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 1749. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow allocation of certain renewable energy tax credits to Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1750. A bill to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, disposing, and improving the efficiency of Federal buildings and other civilian real property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1751. A bill to provide for a grant program for handgun licensing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 1752. A bill to enhance communication between Federal, State, tribal, and local jurisdictions and to ensure the rapid and

effective deportation of certain criminal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1753. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and permanently extend qualified zone academy bonds, and to treat such bonds as specified tax credit bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. Res. 222. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federation Internationale de Football Association should immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 318

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 318, a bill to prioritize funding for the National Institutes of Health to discover treatments and cures, to maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and to restore the purchasing power the NIH had after the historic doubling campaign that ended in fiscal year 2003.

S. 326

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 806

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 806, a bill to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1049

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1119, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations.

S. 1314

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1314, a bill to establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for

commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system.

S. 1330

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1330, a bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1429

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1429, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 1434

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1434, a bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, and for other purposes.

S. 1490

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1490, a bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1554

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1554, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study with respect to stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1579

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1579, a bill to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States.

S. 1584

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1584, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1598, a bill to prevent discriminatory treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1641

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1641, a bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes.

S. 1716

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1716, a bill to provide access to higher education for the students of the United States.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1748

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1748, a bill to provide for improved investment in national transportation infrastructure.

SENATE RESOLUTION 213

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 213, a resolution designating October 30, 2015, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5. An act to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6. An act to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2647. An act to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the SPEAKER appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction within that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Messrs. NUNES, KING of New York, and SCHIFF.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 571 and 573 of the House bill and secs. 561-63 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROKITA, BISHOP of Michigan, and SCOTT of Virginia.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 314, 632, 634, 3111-13, 3119, 3133, and 3141 of the House bill and secs. 601, 632, 3118, and 3119 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. UPTON, BARTON, and PALLONE.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 1011, 1059, 1090, 1092, 1201, 1203-5, 1215, 1221, 1223, 1226, 1234-36, 1247-49, 1253, 1257, 1263, 1264, 1267, 1270, 1301, 1532, 1541, 1542, 1663, 1668-70, 2802, 3118, and 3119 of the House bill and secs. 1011, 1012, 1082, 1201-05, 1207, 1209, 1223, 1225, 1228, 1251, 1252, 1261, 1264, 1265, 1272, 1301, 1302, 1531-33, 1631, 1654, and 1655 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to

conference: Messrs. ROYCE, MARINO, and ENGEL.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of secs. 589 and 1041 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. MCCAUL, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 1040, 1052, 1085, 1216, 1641, and 2862, of the House bill and secs. 1032, 1034, 1090, and 1227 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, ISSA, and CONYERS.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 312, 632, 634, 2841, 2842, 2851-53, and 2862 of the House bill and secs. 313, 601, and 632 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. COOK, HARDY, and GRIJALVA.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 602, 631, 634, 838, 854, 855, 866, 871, 1069, and 1101-05 of the House bill and secs. 592, 593, 631, 806, 830, 861, 1090, 1101, 1102, 1104, 1105, 1107-09, 1111, 1112, 1114, and 1115 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HURD of Texas, RUSSELL, and CUMMINGS.

From the Committee on Rules, for consideration of sec. 1032 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SESSIONS, BYRNE, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sec. 3136 of the House bill and sec. 1613 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. LUCAS, KNIGHT, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 831-34, 839, 840, 842-46, 854, and 871 of the House bill and secs. 828, 831, 882, 883, and 885 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CHABOT, HANNA, and Ms. VELAZQUEZ.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 302, 562, 569, 570a, 591, 1060a, 1073, 2811, and 3501 of the House bill and secs. 601, 642, 1613, 3504, and 3505, of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GRAVES of Louisiana, CURBELO of Florida, and Ms. EDWARDS.

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 565, 566, 592, 652, 701, 721, 722, 1105, and 1431 of the House bill and secs. 539, 605, 633, 719, 1083, 1084, 1089, 1091, and 1411 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROE of Tennessee, BILIRAKIS, and Ms. BROWN of Florida.

At 5:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2620. An act to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 6. An act to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2647. To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5. An act to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 9, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2118, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. BALDWIN), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 9, 2015,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2080, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. MARKEY), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 9, 2015, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 89, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 231 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2118 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2093, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. REID), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill S. 1177:

MITCH MCCONNELL, ORRIN HATCH, LAMAR ALEXANDER, CORY GARDNER, STEVE DAINES, PAT ROBERTS, JOHNNY ISAKSON, SUSAN COLLINS, MICHAEL B. ENZI, KELLY AYOTTE, JOHN CORNYN, PATTY MURRAY, TIM SCOTT, RICHARD BURR, THOM TILLIS, LINDSEY GRAHAM, JOHN HOEVEN.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 1177; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1177:

MITCH MCCONNELL, PATTY MURRAY, PAT ROBERTS, LAMAR ALEXANDER, CORY GARDNER, STEVE DAINES, JOHNNY ISAKSON, SUSAN COLLINS, MICHAEL B. ENZI, KELLY AYOTTE, JOHN CORNYN, ORRIN HATCH, RICHARD BURR, THOM TILLIS, LINDSEY GRAHAM, JOHN HOEVEN, BILL CASSIDY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1177.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That Senators be permitted to "file" first-degree amendments until 2:30 p.m. on tomorrow.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. REID.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:08 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2093, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. REID), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. CASEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2152).

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That Mr. TESTER, Mr. REED, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MERKLEY be added as cosponsors to amendment No. 2152.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2093 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, at 12:10 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments: pending amendment No. 2132; amendment No. 2169, intended to be proposed by Mr. BOOKER; amendment No. 2137, intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN; and amendment No. 2159, intended to be proposed by Mr. BENNET; that, at 4 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments: amendment No. 2194, intended to be proposed by Mr. ISAKSON; amendment No. 2210, intended to be proposed by Mr. BENNET; amendment No. 2162, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE; and pending amendment No. 2093.

Ordered further, That no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes thereon; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that there be four minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate, prior to the vote in relation to amendment No. 2093; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that amendments Numbered 2132 and 2093 each receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; and that it be in order to propose the aforementioned amendments not currently pending.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. BENNET proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: amendment No. 2169, Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms.

AYOTTE); amendment No. 2159, Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. NELSON); and amendment No. 2210, Mr. BENNET.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2210 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. COONS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2137).

The hour of 12:10 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2132, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. VITTER), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 232 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 51

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2169 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 233 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Inhofe, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2137 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2159, proposed by Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. NELSON), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2210 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 1:05 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1177.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2110 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LEE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 52, by striking all beginning on line 3, through line 9, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2162).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEE,

Ordered, That Mr. PAUL be added as cosponsor to his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2162 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 110, by striking all beginning on line 7, through line 17, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2194).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today, the vote ordered to begin at 4 p.m. on today, instead begin immediately.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2194 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 97, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 234 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines,

Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2210 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2162 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 32, nays... 64

[Rollcall Vote No. 235 Leg.]

YEAS --- 32

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Cassidy, Coats, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 64

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Isakson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2093 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. RISCH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 52, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 236 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2161, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. REED, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BROWN), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

OBJECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. COONS asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Armando Omar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; that the Senate vote on the confirmations thereof, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

After debate,

Mr. COTTON objected.

Mr. COONS asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider any of the aforementioned nominations.

Mr. COTTON objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 22

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 22:

MITCH MCCONNELL, ROGER F. WICKER, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ROB PORTMAN, JOHN CORNYN, JIM INHOFE, DAN COATS, JOHN BOOZMAN, JOHNNY ISAKSON, PAT ROBERTS, JOHN BARRASSO, M. MIKE ROUNDS, ROY BLUNT, THOM TILLIS, DEB FISCHER, RICHARD BURR.

Mr. MCCONNELL thereupon withdrew his motion to proceed.

ADOPTIVE FAMILY RELIEF ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1300) to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1177.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2161 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, July 14, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 179. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1754. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges presiding over the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1755. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a 5-year extension of the tax credit for residential energy efficient property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1756. A bill to help small businesses take advantage of energy efficiency; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1757. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COATS:

S. 1758. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to make certain revisions to provisions limiting payment of benefits to fugitive felons under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. DONNELLY)):

S. 1759. A bill to prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1760. A bill to prevent gun trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1761. A bill to take certain Federal land located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 1762. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase the penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the United States after being removed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1763. A bill to require a study on the public health and environmental impacts of the production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1764. A bill to prohibit certain Federal funds from being made available to sanctuary cities and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1765. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide equal treatment of LGBT older individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. Res. 223. A resolution designating September 2015 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing the efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Asbestos Information Act of 1988 to establish a public database of asbestos-containing products, to require public disclosure of information pertaining to the manufacture, processing, distribution, and use of asbestos-containing products in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 704

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 704, a bill to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to provide certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1021

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1021, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1300

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations.

S. 1392

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1392, a bill to require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education.

S. 1409

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan while such individual is an inmate of a public institution.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1498

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1498, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that military working dogs be retired in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1533

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1533, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1617

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1654

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1654, a bill to prevent deaths occurring from drug overdoses.

S. 1746

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1746, a bill to require the Office of Personnel Management to provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 222, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federation Internationale de Football Association should immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 14, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 14, 2015 at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a subcommittee hearing entitled "Unlocking the Cures for America's Most Deadly Diseases."

COMMERCE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 14, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 14, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Challenges and Opportunities for Small Businesses Engaged in Energy Development and Energy Intensive Manufacturing."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 14, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 179. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 208. An act to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration.

H.R. 387. An act to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1023. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control.

H.R. 2499. An act to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2670. An act to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes.

At 12:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 179. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building".

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 208. To improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 387. An act to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2670. An act to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1023. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control.

H.R. 2499. An act to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

SYRIAN WAR CRIMES ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 756) to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NEED-BASED EDUCATIONAL AID ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1482) to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING "WORLD REFUGEE DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 204) recognizing June 20, 2015 as "World Refugee Day".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHILD AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 223) designating September 2015 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing the efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1177; that the time until the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that Senators be permitted to "file" second-degree amendments to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) and to bill S. 1177 until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

At 7:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PAUL in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2161, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. REED, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BROWN), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to a vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2161 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. ALEXANDER proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; and each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: amendment No. 2111, Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. REID); amendment No. 2141, Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE); amendment No. 2145, Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL); amendment No. 2149, Mr. UDALL; amendment No. 2150, Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. GARDNER); amendment No. 2151, as modified, Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE); amendment No. 2154, Mr. KING (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO); amendment No. 2155, Mr. THUNE; amendment No. 2157, Mr. FLAKE; amendment No. 2234, Mr. LEE; amendment No. 2170, Mr. BOOKER; amendment No. 2178, Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. REED); amendment No. 2181, Mr. MCCAIN; amendment No. 2185, Mr. WHITEHOUSE; amendment No. 2195, Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. COLLINS); amendment No. 2216, Mrs. GILLIBRAND; amendment No. 2199, Mr. GRAHAM; amendment No. 2201, Mr. ALEXANDER; amendment No. 2225, Mr. BENNET; amendment No. 2224, Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. BENNET); and amendment No. 2227, Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. WARNER).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, if the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute) is agreed to, the following amendments be proposed for the Senators indicated, and made pending, en bloc: amendment No. 2243, Mr. COONS; amendment No. 2180, Mr. CRUZ; amendment No. 2171, Ms. HEITKAMP; amendment No. 2082, Mr. HATCH; amendment No. 2106, Ms. WARREN; amendment No. 2247, Mr. BURR; amendment No. 2186, Mr. MURPHY; amendment No. 2100, Mr. BROWN; amendment No. 2144, Mr. WICKER; amendment No. 2176, Mr. MARKEY; amendment No. 2241, Mr. MURPHY; amendment No. 2177, Mr. SANDERS; amendment No. 2242, Mr. CASEY; amendment No. 2130, Mr. SCHATZ; amendment No. 2215, Mr. NELSON; amendment No. 2222, Mr. MANCHIN; amendment No. 2231, Mr. BOOZMAN; amendment No. 2188, Ms. BALDWIN; amendment No. 2156, Mrs. CAPITO; amendment No. 2232, Mr. THUNE; amendment No. 2256, Mr. KING; amendment No. 2240, Mr. SCHATZ; amendment No. 2249, Ms. WARREN.

Ordered further, That amendments Numbered 2247 and 2215 be modified.

Ordered further, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, on today or tomorrow, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment Nos. 2100, 2171, 2243, 2161, 2247, as modified, 2082, 2106, 2144, 2176, 2241, 2177, 2242, 2180, 2130, 2186, 2215, as modified, 2222, 2231, 2188, 2156, 2232, 2256, 2240, 2249; and that amendments Nos. 2243, 2171, 2161, 2144, 2176, 2241, 2177, and 2242 each receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that amendment No. 2120 be withdrawn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Monday, July 13, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill S. 1177.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, July 13, 2015

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 86, nays... 12

[Rollcall Vote No. 237 Leg.]

YEAS --- 86

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 12

Blunt, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Shelby, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. ALEXANDER proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: amendment No. 2243, Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND); amendment No. 2180, Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. VITTER); amendment No. 2171, Ms. HEITKAMP; amendment No. 2082, Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNET); amendment No. 2106, Ms. WARREN; amendment No. 2247, Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BENNET); amendment No. 2186, Mr. MURPHY; amendment No. 2100, Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN); amendment No. 2144, Mr. WICKER; amendment No. 2176, Mr. MARKEY; amendment No. 2241, Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN); amendment No. 2177, Mr. SANDERS; amendment No. 2242, Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COONS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. REED, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MERKLEY); amendment No. 2130, Mr. SCHATZ; amendment No. 2215, Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. PETERS); amendment No. 2222, Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE); amendment No. 2231, Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND); amendment No. 2188, Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN); amendment No. 2156, Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. DURBIN); amendment No. 2232, Mr. THUNE; amendment No. 2256, Mr. KING (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO); amendment No. 2240, Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. SULLIVAN); amendment No. 2249, Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. GARDNER, and Ms. HIRONO).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Amendments Numbered 2247 and 2215 were modified.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Amendment No. 2120 was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2249 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, at 3:15 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the following amendments in the following order: amendments Nos. 2176, 2171, 2161, 2241; and that each receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Ordered further, That amendment No. 2144 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2249 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The hour of 3:15 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2176 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Pending debate,

Mr. MARKEY requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to his pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2176 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MARKEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 238 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2171 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 58, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 239 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Collins, Coons, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 39

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2161 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---yeas... 46, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 240 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2241 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---yeas... 43, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 241 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2249 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, at 10:45 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the following amendments in the following order: amendments Numbered 2180, 2177, 2243, 2247, as modified, 2100, 2242, 2082, 2106, 2130, 2186, 2215, as modified, 2222, 2231, 2188, 2156, 2232, 2256, 2240, and 2249.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2249 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The following occurred as if in a period of morning business.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2251. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Single Label Claim for Veterinary Biological Products" ((RIN0579-AD64)-(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0049)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2252. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Rear Admiral Michael H. Miller, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2253. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2254. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of twenty-two (22) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2255. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Notification to Congress on the Permanent Reduction of Sizable Numbers of Members of the Armed Forces"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2256. A communication from the Secretary, Office of FOIA Services, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act Regulations: Fee Schedule, Addition of Appeals Time Frame, and Miscellaneous Administrative Changes" (RIN3235-AL58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2257. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Change of Listing Status for Certain Substitutes under the Significant New Alternatives Policy Program" ((RIN2060-AS18)(FRL No. 9926-55-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2258. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard for the Libby, Montana Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9930-47-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2259. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Lead Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9930-41-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2260. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to the New Source Review State Implementation Plan; Flexible Permit Program" (FRL No. 9930-44-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2261. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Quality Planning Purposes; Tennessee; Redesignation of the Knoxville 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9930-49-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2262. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Actuarial Report on the Financial Outlook for Medicaid"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2263. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report for fiscal year 2014 relative to the Biosimilar User Fee Act of 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2264. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN1210-AB67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2265. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permanent Discontinuance or Interruption in Manufacturing of Certain Drug or Biological Products" ((RIN0910-AG88)(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0898)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2266. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2015 Update"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2267. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2268. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-97, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2269. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-98, "TOPA Bona Fide Offer of Sale Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2270. A communication from the Director, Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: FEHB Plan Performance Assessment System" (RIN3206-AN13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2271. A communication from the Director, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees" (RIN3206-AN16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2272. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission for the period from October 1, 2014, through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2273. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the Department's activities during calendar year 2013 relative to prison rape abatement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2274. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Baltimore, Martin State Airport, MD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0793)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2275. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Cloverdale, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0457)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2276. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Highmore, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0723)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2277. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (Previously Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH) (Airbus Helicopters)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0577)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2278. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0426)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2279. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0492)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2280. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2006-23706)), received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2281. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Division Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0266)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2282. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference; North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria; Hazardous Materials Safety Permits" (RIN2126-AB78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2283. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulemaking Procedures -- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Treatment of Confidential Business Information" (RIN2126-AB79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2284. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015; and Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules" ((MD Docket No. 15-121; MD Docket No. 14-92)-(FCC 15-59)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2285. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Oil Exploration Staging Area in Dutch Harbor, AK" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0246)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2286. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0438)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2287. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 520 Bridge Construction, Lake Washington; Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0570)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2288. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Underwater Vessel Testing, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0422)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2289. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Manasquan River, Seaside Park, New Jersey" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0328)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2290. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; L'HERMIONE Parade, Upper New York Bay and Lower Hudson River, New York, NY" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0457)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2291. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Erie Boom on the Bay Fireworks Display; Presque Isle Bay, Erie, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0506)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2292. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bay Village Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Display; Lake Erie, Bay Village, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0500)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2293. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Display; Lake Ontario, Oswego, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0503)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2294. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Alexandria Bay Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Display; Saint Lawrence River, Heart Island, Alexandria Bay, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0504)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2295. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Three Rivers Regatta/Three River Regatta and Fireworks, Ohio River, mile 0.5 to mile 0.5 on the Allegheny River and mile 0.5 on the Monongahela River; Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0436)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2296. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Chesapeake Bay; Cape Charles, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0048)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2297. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Fourth of July Fireworks Displays, Murrells Inlet and North Myrtle Beach, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0529)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2298. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River between mile 618. 5 and mile 619.5; Louisville, KY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0198)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2299. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Fourth of July fireworks, Lake Winnebago; Menasha, Wisconsin" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0532)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2300. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River between mile 603. 4 and 605.4; Louisville, KY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0505)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2301. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Black River Kayak-a-thon; Black River, Lorain, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0496)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2302. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone for Fireworks Display, Chesapeake Bay, Prospect Bay; Queen Anne's County, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0279)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2303. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones, St. Petersburg Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0764)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2304. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Columbia River, Cathlamet, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0358)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2305. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Niantic River, Niantic, CT" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0218)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2306. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Grand River, Grand Haven, MI" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0373)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2307. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Indian River Bay; Millsboro, Delaware" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0317)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2308. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone for Fireworks Display, Patapsco River, Inner Harbor; Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0315)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2309. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Salvage and Recovery of CSS Georgia and Recovery and Transit of Unexploded Ordnance, Savannah River, Savannah, GA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0434)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2310. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Grand National Drag Boat Races, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Bucksport, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0340)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2311. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Atlantic Ocean; Atlantic City, New Jersey" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0329)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2312. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bridgefest Regatta Fireworks, Portage Canal, Hancock, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0531)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 1647. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-80).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-81).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms.

KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS, Mr. UDALL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNET, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1766. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1767. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1768. A bill to authorize States to enforce safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1769. A bill to amend the African Elephant Conservation Act to conserve elephants while appropriately regulating ivory in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1770. A bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1771. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from the employer health coverage mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1772. A bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation and to ensure that employers consider these requests, and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain occupations with evidence of unpredictable and unstable scheduling practices that negatively affect employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1773. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REID, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1774. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to treat Puerto Rico as a State for purposes of chapter 9 of such title relating to the adjustment of debts of municipalities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1775. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1776. A bill to enhance tribal road safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1777. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. 1778. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit certain Medicare providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain Medicare beneficiaries in a different State; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1779. A bill to prevent conflicts of interest that stem from executive Government employees receiving bonuses or other compensation arrangements from nongovernment sources, from the revolving door that raises concerns about the independence of financial services regulators, and from the revolving door that casts aspersions over the awarding of Government contracts and other financial benefits; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 1780. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to promote watershed health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1781. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to modify a provision relating to the obligation and release of funds; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1782. A bill to permit a State transportation department to approve a justification report for a project to build or modify a freeway-to-crossroad interchange on the Interstate Highway System within a transportation management area in such State; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1783. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to clarify a provision relating to the designation of a northern transportation route in Washington County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. COTTON):

S.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution to express the disfavor of Congress regarding the proposed agreement for cooperation between the United States and the People's Republic of China transmitted to the Congress by the President on April 21, 2015, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 574

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 574, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 621

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention and control of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1004

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1004, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veterans Day.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1205

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1205, a bill to designate the same individual serving as the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health.

S. 1246

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to revise the definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1390

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1584

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1584, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1617

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1651, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1676

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1676, a bill to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives, and for other purposes.

S. 1762

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1762, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase the penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the United States after being removed.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 222, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federation Internationale de Football Association should immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a Subcommittee hearing entitled "Examining the Governance and Integrity of International Soccer."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2015, at 4:45 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Nomination hearing for Kristen Kulinowski to be a Member of the Chemical Safety Board and Greg Nadeau to be Administrator of the Federal Highways Administration."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Overview of U.S. Policy Towards Haiti Prior to the Elections."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2015, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing the Border: Understanding Threats and Strategies for the Maritime Border."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Juvenile Justice in Indian Country: Challenges and Promising Strategies."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., in room SDG-50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Diabetes Research: Improving Lives on the Path to a Cure."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 251. An act to transfer the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of the Secretary, and for other purposes.

H.R. 432. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies.

H.R. 1047. An act to authorize private nonprofit organizations to administer permanent housing rental assistance provided through the Continuum of Care Program under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1334. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies.

H.R. 1408. An act to require certain Federal banking agencies to conduct a study of the appropriate capital requirements for mortgage servicing assets for banking institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1723. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Form S-1 so as to permit smaller reporting companies to use forward incorporation by reference for such form.

H.R. 1847. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts.

H.R. 2064. An act to amend certain provisions of the securities laws relating to the treatment of emerging growth companies.

H.R. 2482. An act to amend the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990.

H.R. 2997. An act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a demonstration program to enter into budget-neutral, performance-based contracts for energy and water conservation improvements for multifamily residential units.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 251. An act to transfer the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of the Secretary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 432. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1047. An act to authorize private nonprofit organizations to administer permanent housing rental assistance provided through the Continuum of Care Program under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1334. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1408. To require certain Federal banking agencies to conduct a study of the appropriate capital requirements for mortgage servicing assets for banking institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1723. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Form S-1 so as to permit smaller reporting companies to use forward incorporation by reference for such form; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1847. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 2064. An act to amend certain provisions of the securities laws relating to the treatment of emerging growth companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2482. An act to amend the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2997. An act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a demonstration program to enter into budget-neutral, performance-based contracts for energy and water conservation improvements for multifamily residential units; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1177; and that the time during adjournment be counted against the time for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:22 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 22

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELLER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2249, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. GARDNER, and Ms. HIRONO), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 10:45 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2180, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. VITTER), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 40, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 242 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 58

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2177, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. SANDERS), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 243 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2243, proposed by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. RUBIO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 68, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 244 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 30

Alexander, Barrasso, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Roberts, Rounds, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2247, as modified, proposed by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BENNET), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 59, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 245 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Merkley, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 39

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coons, Durbin, Fischer, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Mikulski, Murphy, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2100, proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 53, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 246 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2242, proposed by Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COONS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. REED, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MERKLEY), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 247 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 2249, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be concluded; that, at 1:45 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Monday, July 13, 2015, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1177; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that there be four minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between Mr. ALEXANDER and Mrs. MURRAY; and that, upon conclusion of said debate, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2082, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNET), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2106, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for Ms. WARREN), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2130, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. SCHATZ), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2186, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. MURPHY), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2215, as modified, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. PETERS), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2222, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2231, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2188, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2156, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER for Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. DURBIN), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2232, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER (for Mr. THUNE), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2256, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. KING (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2240, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. SULLIVAN), to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2249 to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2095, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. PETERS, to amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 2089 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was concluded.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, July 13, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 79, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 248 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Murkowski, Murray, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Blunt, Booker, Cardin, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Gillibrand, Lee, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Paul, Risch, Sasse, Schumer, Shelby, Vitter, Warren.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate on the bill, as amended, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was considered concluded.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 81, nays... 17

[Rollcall Vote No. 249 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 17

Blunt, Booker, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Flake, Lee, Moran, Murphy, Paul, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shelby, Vitter, Warren.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1800. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-82).

By Mr. BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 1705, An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-83).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1140. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-84).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1599. A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1784. A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 1785. A bill to repeal the wage rate requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1786. A bill to establish a commission to examine the United States monetary policy, evaluate alternative monetary regimes, and recommend a course for monetary policy going forward; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1787. A bill to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a full-service community schools grant program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1788. A bill to require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies, institutions, or programs to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1789. A bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1790. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable prescription drugs from approved pharmacies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1791. A bill to amend the Delta Development Act to include Vernon and Sabine parishes in the definition of the term "Lower Mississippi"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1792. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1793. A bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1794. A bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1795. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for major disasters declared in any of calendar years 2012 through 2015, to make certain tax relief provisions permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1796. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to allow States to certify infants for participation in that program for a period of 2 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. KING, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1797. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1798. A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 1799. A bill to provide authority for certain depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 1800. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1801. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1802. A bill to protect the investment choices of American investors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1803. A bill to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 51

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being

awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 210

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 628

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1182

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1182, a bill to exempt application of JSA attribution rule in case of existing agreements.

S. 1424

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1424, a bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1498

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1498, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that military working dogs be retired in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1547, a bill to provide high-skilled visas for nationals of the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1598, a bill to prevent discriminatory treatment of any

person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1603, a bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

S. 1632

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1632, a bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

S. 1648

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1648, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to create a sustainable future for rural healthcare.

S. 1664

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1664, a bill to count revenues from military and veteran education programs toward the limit on Federal revenues that certain proprietary institutions of higher education are allowed to receive for purposes of section 487 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1676

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1676, a bill to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1692

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1692, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination, and for other purposes.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1714, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 17

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, a concurrent resolution establishing a joint select committee to address regulatory reform.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 197

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 197, a resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing to Review Pending Forest Service and Forestry Related Bills."

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reviewing HealthCare.gov Controls."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Corruption, Global Magnitsky, and Modern Slavery—Review of Human Rights Around the World."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2015, at 11 a.m., in room SD-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND GLOBAL HEALTH

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Wildlife Poaching."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2015, at 2:45 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Reviewing the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' Role in the Regulatory Process."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 971. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program.

S. 984. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2722. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer.

H.R. 3038. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2722. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

OLDER AMERICANS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 192) to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ENSURING ACCESS TO CLINICAL TRIALS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 139) to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3038) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:40 A.M. ON TOMORROW FOR PRO FORMA SESSION, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:40 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma; that the Senate then adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2015; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time during morning business be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate.

Ordered further, That, on Tuesday next, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:04 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:40 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10:40:02 a.m., and

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 10:40:14 a.m.,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 16, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 16, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 19 DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159(i), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 19. Joint resolution to express the disfavor of Congress regarding the proposed agreement for cooperation between the United States and the People's Republic of China transmitted to the Congress by the President on April 21, 2015, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 16, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS -- PM 21

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2015.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations have reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Such organizations are becoming increasingly sophisticated and dangerous to the United States; they are increasingly entrenched in the operations of foreign governments and the international financial system, thereby weakening democratic institutions, degrading the rule of law, and undermining economic markets. These organizations facilitate and aggravate violent civil conflicts and increasingly facilitate the activities of other dangerous persons.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to transnational criminal organizations.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 21, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2313. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiabendazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 9929-95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2314. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9929-57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2315. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distillates, (Fischer-Tropsch), heavy, C18-C50, branched, cyclic and linear; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9929-27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2316. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2317. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Noel T. Jones, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2318. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarifications and Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Control of Spacecraft Systems and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML)" (RIN0694-AG59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2319. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Under Secretary (Legislative Affairs), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2320. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2321. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to pre-dispute arbitration clauses in consumer financial markets; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2322. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "The District's School Modernization Program Has Failed to Comply with D.C. Code and Lacks Accountability, Transparency and Basic Financial Management" and "Audits of Public School Construction Programs: A Literature Review"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2323. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 9927-32-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2324. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Midwest Generation Variances" (FRL No. 9929-71-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2325. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Lancaster Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9930-56-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2326. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revision to the Definition of Volatile

Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 9930-63-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2327. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards Changes" (FRL No. 9930-76-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2328. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Low Reid Vapor Pressure Regulations" (FRL No. 9930-79-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2329. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2008 Lead and 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9930-69-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2330. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Open Phase Conditions in Electric Power System" (BTP 8-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2331. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Physical Security – Review of Physical Security System Designs – Standard Design Certification and Operating Reactor Licensing Applications" (SRP 13.6.2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2332. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Strategies and Guidance to Address Loss of Large Areas of the Plant Due to Explosions and Fires" (NUREG-0800, SRP Section 19.4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2333. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2015" ((RIN3150-AJ44)-(NRC-2014-0200)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2334. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transaction of Interest Notice for Basket Contacts" (Notice 2015-48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2335. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing Notice for Basket Option Contacts" (Notice 2015-47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2336. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-133); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2337. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2014 annual report on voting practices in the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2338. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" ((RIN0938-AS50)-(CMS-9940-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2339. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterinary Feed Directive; Correction" ((RIN0910-AG95)(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0155)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2340. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer of Offenders to Foreign Countries" (RIN1120-AB65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2341. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commutation of Sentence: Technical Change" (RIN1120-AB54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2342. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Updating References" (RIN2900-AP22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2343. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agency Interpretation of Prosthetic Replacement of a Joint" (RIN2900-AP38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2344. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "16 CFR Part 305 – Energy and Water Use for Labeling for Consumer Products Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ('Energy Labeling Rule')" (RIN3084-AA74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2345. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2346. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard,

Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone - Oil Exploration Staging Area in Goodhope Bay; Kotzebue Sound, AK" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0267)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2347. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; 4th of July, Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0450)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-50. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to eliminate the current ban on crude oil exports; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

Whereas, the efficient exploration, production, and transportation of oil in Louisiana prevents waste of the state's natural resources; contributes to the health, welfare, and safety of the general public; and promotes the prosperity of the state; and

Whereas, the tax revenues and economic prosperity deriving from this Louisiana energy renaissance have greatly benefitted Louisiana public schools, higher education, critical infrastructure development, and public health and safety programs; and

Whereas, improved technologies and abundant resources have made the United States of America the world's leading oil and natural gas producer, overtaking Saudi Arabia and Russia; and

Whereas, the 1970s-era federal law prohibiting crude oil exports is a relic from an era of scarcity and flawed price control policies; and

Whereas, allowing American crude oil exports will strengthen U.S. geopolitical influence by giving our trading partners a more secure source of supply, and allowing the export of American crude oil will make our allies less dependent on crude oil from Russia and the Middle East; and

Whereas, the world's other major developed nations allow crude oil exports, making the U.S. the only nation that does not take full advantage of trading a valuable resource in what is an otherwise global free market; and

Whereas, crude oil exports will benefit the U.S.'s national security interests by decreasing the likelihood that global oil supply can be used internationally as a strategic weapon; and

Whereas, numerous studies have found that allowing American crude oil into the world's free market will benefit U.S. trade and American consumers while creating more high-paying jobs for Louisianians; and

Whereas, the U.S. is the largest exporter of refined petroleum products and would benefit even more substantially from the export of both crude oil and refined petroleum products; and

Whereas, at least seven independent studies have confirmed that repealing the ban on American crude oil exports will lower U.S. gas prices, benefitting Louisiana consumers and businesses; and

Whereas, many small and large Louisiana businesses that support oil and gas development will benefit from ongoing production; and

Whereas, manufacturers will benefit from less volatility in energy costs; and

Whereas, encouraging a global marketplace that is more free from artificial barriers will economically benefit Louisiana, the rest of the U.S., and our friends around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to recognize that crude oil exports and free trade are in the national interest and take all necessary steps to eliminate the current ban on crude oil exports; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-51. A petition by a citizen from the State of Texas relative to United States paper currency; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 546. A bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-85).

S. 614. A bill to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-86).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on the Budget, without amendment:

S. 1495. A bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending (Rept. No. 114-87).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 1804. A bill to eliminate the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection by repealing title X of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, commonly known as the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 1805. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1806. A bill to protect consumers from security and privacy threats to their motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 1807. A bill to require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1808. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1809. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the treatment of seasonal positions for purposes of the employer shared responsibility requirement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1810. A bill to apply the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to Congressional members and members

of the executive branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1811. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Superstorm Sandy; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1812. A bill to protect public safety by incentivizing State and local law enforcement to cooperate with Federal immigration law enforcement to prevent the release of criminal aliens into communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1813. A bill to establish a bus state of good repair program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1814. A bill to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1815. A bill to require a process by which members of the Armed Forces may carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1816. A bill to provide relief to community banks, to promote access to capital for community banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1817. A bill to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 1818. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 1819. A bill to improve security at Armed Forces recruitment centers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 1820. A bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1821. A bill to permit service members to carry firearms on military installations, including reserve centers and recruitment offices; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1822. A bill to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 1823. A bill to safeguard military personnel on Armed Forces military installations by repealing bans on military personnel carrying firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1824. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 224. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest and Van Ness Street, Northwest and International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Liu Xiaobo Plaza"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COONS, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 225. A resolution honoring the National Association of Women Business Owners on its 40th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. Res. 226. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the street between the intersections of 16th Street, Northwest and Fuller Street, Northwest and 16th Street, Northwest and Euclid Street, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Oswaldo Paya Way"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 227. A resolution condemning the attacks of July 16, 2015, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, honoring the members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives, and expressing support and prayers for all those affected; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 51

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] were added as cosponsors of S. 51, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 540

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 804, supra.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the

term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1380

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1390

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to improve the Microloan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

S. 1640

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1640, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve immigration law enforcement within the interior of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1679

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1679, a bill to amend the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 to require that certain buildings and personal property be covered by flood insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1774, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to treat Puerto Rico as a State for purposes of chapter 9 of such title relating to the adjustment of debts of municipalities.

S. 1779

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to prevent conflicts of interest that stem from executive Government employees receiving bonuses or other compensation arrangements from nongovernment sources, from the revolving door that raises concerns about the independence of financial services regulators, and from the revolving door that casts aspersions over the awarding of Government contracts and other financial benefits.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 222, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federation Internationale de Football Association should immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 21, 2015, at 11:15 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 21, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Restricting Advice and Education: DOL's Unworkable Investment Proposal for American Families and Retirees."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Administration's Misdirected Immigration Enforcement Policies: Examining the Impact on Public Safety and Honoring the Victims."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 21, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2898. An act to provide drought relief in the State of California, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, for a term expiring on December 31, 2016: Mr. Larry Wortzel of

Williamsburg, Virginia, and Mr. Peter Brookes of Springfield, Virginia.

At 4:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 971. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program.

At 5:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 984. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2898. An act to provide drought relief in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3038) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, July 16, 2015, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 16, 2015, as modified,

At 12:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 22

The hour of 2:15 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 16, 2015, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 41, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 250 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, Moran, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 56

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Corker, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 227) condemning the attacks of July 16, 2015, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, honoring the members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives, and expressing support and prayers for all those affected, submitted today by Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m.

on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the majority control the first hour therein, and the minority control the second hour therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:21 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, July 22, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 971. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program.

S. 984. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2348. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Lump Sum Payments to Replace Lifetime Income Being Received by Retirees Under Defined Benefit Pension Plans" (Notice 2015-49), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2349. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" ((RIN1545-BJ58, RIN1545-BM37, and RIN1545-BM39)(TD 9726)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2350. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a fiscal year 2014 report relative to data mining (OSS-2015-1001); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2351. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0944); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1297. A bill to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-88).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1825. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear waste repository; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1826. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James "Maggie" Megellas Post Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1827. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the tax treatment of small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COATS, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1828. A bill to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Homeland Security to detect and prevent intrusions against, and to use countermeasures to protect, government agency information systems and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1829. A bill to require a report on requirements and risks in connection with the use of radioisotopic power systems for space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1830. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1831. A bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1832. A bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1833. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1834. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 1835. A bill to enhance military facilities force protection; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 1836. A bill to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1837. A bill to provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to the State of California, other western States, and the Nation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1838. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the treatment of coordinated expenditures as contributions to candidates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1839. A bill to amend titles 10 and 18, to permit members of the Armed Forces to possess firearms on military installations in accordance with applicable State law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. LEE):

S. 1840. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1841. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COTTON, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1842. A bill to ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1843. A bill to enhance communication between Federal, State, tribal, and local jurisdictions and to ensure the rapid and effective deportation of certain criminal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 51

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 779

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 779, a bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1466

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1466, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare

program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to ensure timely access to affordable birth control for women.

S. 1584

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1584, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1632

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1632, a bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

S. 1810

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to apply the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to Congressional members and members of the executive branch.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Exploring Barriers and Opportunities within Innovation."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting the Electric Grid from the Potential Threats of Solar Storms and Electromagnetic Pulse."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2015, in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Safeguarding the Integrity of Indian Gaming."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-428A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Targeted Tax Reform: Solutions to Relieve the Tax Compliance Burden(s) for America's Small Businesses."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Doctor Is Not In: Combating Medicare Provider Enrollment Fraud."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, AGENCY ACTION, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights, and Federal Courts, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "With Prejudice: Supreme Court Activism and Possible Solutions."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council Designation Process."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 237. An act to authorize the revocation or denial of passports and passport cards to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1557. An act to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal government, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2256. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration, to provide for the identification and tracking of biological implants used in Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that on today, July 22, 2015, he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 971. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program.

S. 984. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 237. An act to authorize the revocation or denial of passports and passport cards to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1557. An act to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand

accountability within the Federal government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2256. To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration, to provide for the identification and tracking of biological implants used in Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 4:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 6:19 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 22

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the motion to reconsider the vote (Numbered 250) disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 22.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 22.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 22.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 62, nays... 36

[Rollcall Vote No. 251 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boxer, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 36

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cruz, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Rubio, Schumer, Shelby, Stabenow, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Wyden.

So, upon reconsideration, the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

CRIMINAL ANTITRUST ANTI-RETALIATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1599) to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 22; and that the time during adjournment be counted against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 22.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 8:22 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015

Mr. DEAN HELLER, from the State of Nevada, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Ken Carney, Pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, offered a prayer, and Mr. HELLER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 23, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEAN HELLER, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. HELLER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 22

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on today; and that time during recess count against time for debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 22, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 22

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 12:33 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 22

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SULLIVAN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2352. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2353. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Kenneth J. Glueck, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2354. A communication from the Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2014 Annual Report, 2014 Management Report, Statement on the System of Internal Controls, and Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2355. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2356. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2357. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Mid-Session Review of the Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget.

EC-2358. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Exhibit Submission Requirements for Commission Hearings" (Docket No. RM15-5-000), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2359. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Commercial Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Water-Heating Equipment" ((RIN1904-AD23)(Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0015)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2360. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Adhesives and Sealants" (FRL No. 9930-94-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2361. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2362. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Notice 2015-4" (Notice 2015-51), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2363. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2364. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Resources Priority and Allocations Systems (HRPAS)" (RIN0991-AB94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2365. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments; Extension of Compliance Date" ((RIN0910-AG57)(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0172)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2366. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Hearing Before the Food and Drug Administration; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0011), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2367. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2368. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-99, "Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2369. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist (Executive Resources), Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2370. A communication from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2013 Annual Report to the President and Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2371. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to accomplishments made under the Airport Improvement Program for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2372. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Annual Report: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Status of Actions Addressing the Safety Issue Areas on the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) Most Wanted List"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2373. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Numbering Policies for Modern Communications, IP-Enabled Services . . . Connect America Fund, and Numbering Resource Optimization" ((RIN3060-AK36)-(FCC 15-70)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2374. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Canned Pacific Salmon; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0011), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2375. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Khapra Beetle; New Regulated Countries and Regulated Articles" (Docket No. APHIS-2013-0079), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2376. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to previously closed positions in the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2377. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps" ((RIN1904-AC82)(Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-STD-0029)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2378. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Year in Trade 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2379. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-135); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2380. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2381. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report for 2014 on Disability-Related Air Travel Complaints"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-52. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to designate Grambling State University as a United States Department of Agriculture 1890 land-grant institution; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

Whereas, a land-grant college or university is a postsecondary education institution that has been designated to receive the benefits of the federal Morrill Acts of 1862 or 1890; and

Whereas, there is at least one land-grant institution in every state and territory of the United States, as well as the District of Columbia, and over the years, land-grant status has been associated with several types of federal support; and

Whereas, two universities in this state, Louisiana State University (LSU) and Southern University (SU), are designated as land-grant institutions; LSU received this designation in 1862, and in 1890, what is known as the Second Morrill Act conferred land-grant status to several historically black colleges and universities, commonly referred to as "1890 land-grant institutions", and SU is among this group; and

Whereas, Grambling State University, located in Grambling, Louisiana, is seeking designation as an 1890 land-grant institution under the banner of the Second Morrill Act; and

Whereas, Grambling State University was founded in 1901 by the North Louisiana Colored Agriculture Relief Association; in 1905, it moved to its present location and was renamed the North Louisiana Agricultural and Industrial School; in 1946, it became Grambling College; and in 1949, it earned its first accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

Whereas, in 1974, the school began to offer graduate programs in early childhood and elementary education and acquired the name Grambling State University; over the years, several new academic programs have been incorporated and new facilities added to the 384-acre campus; and

Whereas, Grambling now offers more than eight hundred courses and forty-seven degree programs in five colleges, including an honors college, two professional schools, a graduate school, and a Division of Continuing Education; and

Whereas, Grambling combines the academic strengths of a major university with the benefits of a small college, and its students grow and learn in a serene and positive environment; and

Whereas, in addition to being one of the country's top producers of African American graduates, Grambling is home to the internationally renowned Tiger Marching Band and remains proud of the legacy of the late Eddie Robinson, Sr., a truly legendary football coach; and

Whereas, Grambling places an emphasis on the value and importance of each student, which is exemplified by its motto, "Where Everybody is Somebody"; and

Whereas, after more than a decade since its founding, Grambling remains an important influence in the quality of lives and communities of generations of North Louisiana residents; and

Whereas, the designation of Ohio's Central State University as an 1890 land-grant institution in the 2014 Farm Bill set a very recent precedent for the addition of a university to the land-grant system; and

Whereas, the nation's system of land-grant institutions would be strengthened by the inclusion of Grambling State University; and

Whereas, as a historically black university with a strong record of academics, research, and service, Grambling, with its rich history and traditions, would bring a unique perspective to the land-grant system; and

Whereas, for one hundred twenty-five years, the 1890 land-grant institutions have played a vital role in ensuring access to higher education and opportunity for underserved communities, and as such an institution, Grambling would have access to increased resources that it could direct to serving such communities and to providing research, extension, and public services in North Louisiana, an area where these services are not currently being provided sufficiently; and

Whereas, such designation would be consistent with Grambling's agricultural origins and its mission and history of service to African American students and the people of Louisiana and would strengthen Grambling's research and teaching in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs and enhance existing programs and facilitate the development of new programs in agricultural business, biotechnology, economics, environment and natural resources, family and consumer science, and engineering technology; and

Whereas, Grambling State University has made the same extraordinary contributions to the education of African Americans in the state of Louisiana as other 1890 land-grant universities have made in their respective states; and

Whereas, as the only Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the University of Louisiana System, the role that Grambling plays in the state is critical; and

Whereas, a land-grant designation would enhance greatly Grambling's service to the people of Louisiana, and it is appropriate that Congress take all necessary measures to grant such designation to Grambling State University: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to designate Grambling State University as a United States Department of Agriculture 1890 land-grant institution; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-53. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California memorializing the President of the United States and the United States Congress to recognize the unique military value of California's defense installations and the disproportionate sacrifices California has endured in previous base realignment and closure (BRAC) rounds; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, The federal Department of Defense conducted base realignment and closure (BRAC) rounds in 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, and 2005. The previous BRAC rounds resulted in the closure of 25 major bases in California and the realignment of eight other facilities; and

Whereas, A sixth BRAC round for 2017 has been proposed in the fiscal year 2016 federal budget; and

Whereas, California has been the state hardest hit by the Department of Defense's previous BRAC rounds. In the first four BRAC rounds, for example, the state absorbed 25 percent of the total base closures nationally and 11 percent of the base realignments; and

Whereas, California absorbed 54 percent of personnel cuts in the first four BRAC rounds, losing more federal military jobs from the closure of its military bases than the combined losses in all other states. Additionally, 300,000 private sector defense industry jobs in California were eliminated as a result of those base closures; and

Whereas, These base closures had a severe impact on local governments and communities, some of which continue to struggle with the transition and reuse of these closed bases; and

Whereas, There are currently more than 30 major federal military installations and commands remaining in California that could be closed or realigned as a result of another BRAC process; and

Whereas, The Department of Defense and the defense industry represent a major industry in California today, totaling more than $71 billion in direct spending and employing more than 350,000 Californians. Total effects on the economy far exceed these numbers; and

Whereas, For over half of a century, California's workers, businesses, industries, and universities have contributed to our national security, utilizing their talents, capital, and skills to develop and manufacture new technologies, aircraft, satellites, missiles, and advanced weapons systems; and

Whereas, Military installations provide the foundation for United States defense efforts. Maintaining these installations is, therefore, critical to supporting America's national security. California is vital to the mission and might of our United States military. Our seaports and airports, bases and equipment, research labs and testing grounds support the finest fighting force in the world; and

Whereas, As our nation faces new security threats in the 21st century, California remains ready to confront these dangers. In space, cyberspace, over land, at sea, and in the air, California is helping the military meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. From troop deployment to systems development and cybersecurity, training to logistics, the future of our military is here in California; and

Whereas, Having been the leader in the nation's defense effort, California state government must lead by articulating the national security imperative of maintaining military installations within its borders; and

Whereas, In an effort to be proactive in retaining military facilities within California that are essential to national security, and to provide for a single, focused strategy to defend these installations, in March 2013 Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. established the Governor's Military Council, in an effort to protect and expand the military's vital role in national security and California's economy. The council has met regularly throughout the state since its creation, and is continuing to work to protect California's military installations and operations and to assist in recruiting new defense missions and operations to the state: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That California's military installations possess critical military value and that California is ready to help the Department of Defense meet its goals now and in the future; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States, to not only recognize the unique military value of California's defense installations, but also continue to take into consideration all of the following:

(a) California's unparalleled land, air, and sea ranges that provide the ability to train all types of forces, year round, in every type of warfare effectively, efficiently, and economically.

(b) California's strategic location in the Pacific Theater is a critical factor in executing the National Defense Strategy strategic shift to the Pacific region by allowing for rapid deployment to trouble spots in Asia.

(c) California's ability to recruit and train highly skilled and educated personnel.

(d) The existing synergies between military installations and the private sector.

(e) The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations.

(f) Our incomparable quality of life, which enhances personnel retention.

(g) The vast intellectual capital that has been developed in California since World War II.

(h) The disproportionate sacrifices California has endured in previous BRAC rounds; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-54. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to enact legislation to establish guarantees by the federal government to support the responsible sale of postearthquake bonds by financially sound residential-earthquake-insurance programs operated by any of the several states on an actuarially sound basis; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, Over the last 30 years, California has experienced 1,451 earthquakes of magnitude 4.0 or greater, ranging from 16 to 168 per year; and

Whereas, Most Californians live within 20 miles of a major earthquake fault capable of producing damaging earthquakes; and

Whereas, On the morning of August 24, 2014, many residents of Napa discovered they lived closer to such a fault than they believed. A magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck American Canyon, south of Napa, at 3:20 a.m., leading to one death and many injuries. The earthquake seriously damaged nearly 100 homes, as well as many historic downtown buildings. It cost local wineries millions of dollars in spilled wine and damaged equipment, and numerous people were injured. The overall damage and effects of the earthquake demonstrated how even a moderate-sized earthquake can have a large impact on a community; and

Whereas, In June 2014, the Los Angeles Times reported that the first five months of the year were marked by five earthquakes larger than magnitude 4.0, after what had been a relatively quiet period of seismic activity for the Los Angeles area. That number of earthquakes at that magnitude had not occurred in a year since 1994, the year of the Northridge earthquake; and

Whereas, Faced with the certainty of its peril from earthquakes, over the last three decades California has repeatedly shown that smart public policy choices can help Californians prepare for a catastrophic earthquake. Milestone innovations across this era include the following:

(a) In the year following the 1983 Coalinga earthquake, California passed the Earthquake Insurance Act, requiring residential property insurers to offer homeowners earthquake coverage, to ensure homeowners considered the possibility of protecting their home from earthquake damage.

(b) In the year after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, California began examining how a state-based financial pool might be constructed to improve protection for homeowners. This effort, the California Residential Earthquake Recovery Fund (CRERF), was intended to cover the cost of earthquake insurance deductibles. While this plan was repealed in 1992 as potentially actuarially unsound, it pointed the way to further innovations.

(c) Since 1996, the multipart funding mechanism of the California Earthquake Authority (CEA), a public instrumentality of the State of California, has succeeded as the primary source of earthquake insurance for California homeowners seeking to protect their homes from earthquakes; and

Whereas, Despite the growing successes of the CEA since its 1996 formation, how it can be improved has become clear. Almost every news story about California earthquake insurance and the CEA notes that residential earthquake insurance is costly for homeowners and the deductibles are high. The high cost and high deductibles are seen as a key factor behind why only 12 percent of Californians who buy homeowners' insurance also buy earthquake insurance; and

Whereas, There is no better way to prepare California for the inevitability of disastrous earthquakes than to make earthquake insurance work better for its residents. The limitations of the existing system are well-known. Now is the time for the next key step in policy innovation to make the state's earthquake insurance system work better for renters and homeowners; and

Whereas, As the CEA approaches two decades of operation, it has become clear that the CEA has pushed the envelope on how a single state-based pool can materially assist in catastrophe readiness. But by law, the CEA's rates must be actuarially sound and based on the best available scientific information for assessing earthquake frequency, severity, and loss; these sensible conditions also temper the CEA's ability to cut the cost of earthquake insurance; and

Whereas, As a public instrumentality of the state, the CEA must cover all its risks, including the possibility that at any time, a

truly catastrophic earthquake might hit the state; and

Whereas, The CEA's need, as a stand-alone, risk-bearing public instrumentality of the state, to always have a plan to cover the chance of a catastrophic earthquake is what, under the current system, keeps the price of earthquake insurance high. For the level of total exposure the policies represent, the rates yield sufficient premiums to pay for a backstop of reinsurance sufficient to offset expected CEA losses in all but the most catastrophic earthquake; and

Whereas, A federal policy of certain access to federal debt guarantees for postevent financing would strengthen the risk-bearing capacity of actuarially sound state-based disaster programs like the CEA and reduce the preevent expense of providing that insurance. In recent sessions of the United States Congress, a proposed federal partnership limited to prequalified, actuarially sound state earthquake insurance programs has been estimated to expose the federal government to a 10-year cost of only $25 million; and

Whereas, A state and federal partnership to enhance the ability of prequalified, actuarially sound state earthquake funds to access postdisaster borrowing would enable California and other states using actuarially sound programs to manage risk with a dramatically better tool; and

Whereas, The CEA's certain access to a federal guarantee of its postearthquake borrowing would ensure access to the private capital markets at reasonable rates, enhancing the claims-paying capacity for a catastrophic earthquake. That lower-cost capacity, in turn, would permit the CEA to adjust its annual purchase of earthquake reinsurance and lower expenses, thus speeding long-term capital accumulation to help CEA modulate its cost of providing basic earthquake insurance across the state: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to establish guarantees by the federal government to support the responsible sale of postearthquake bonds by financially sound residential-earthquake-insurance programs operated by any of the several states on an actuarially sound basis; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from the State of California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-55. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the United States Congress to support legislation reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Whereas, The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) is the official export credit agency of the United States and exists for the purposes of financing and insuring foreign purchases of United States goods; and

Whereas, The mission of the Ex-Im Bank is to create and sustain United States jobs by financing sales of United States exports to international buyers; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im Bank is the principal government agency responsible for aiding the export of American goods and services, and thereby creating and sustaining United States jobs, through a variety of loan, guarantee, and insurance programs for small and large businesses; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im Bank has supported more than $400 billion in United States exports in the past 70 years and helps to cover critical trade finance gaps by providing loan guaranties, export credit insurance, and direct loans for United States exports in developing markets where commercial bank financing is unavailable or insufficient. For fiscal year 2014, the Ex-Im Bank provided $20.5 billion in loan guarantees which leveraged $27.5 billion in exports while supporting 164,000 United States jobs. Since fiscal year 2009, the bank has supported more than 1.3 million American jobs in all 50 states; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im Bank is a self-sustaining agency, which operates at no cost to the taxpayer and over the last three fiscal years has generated more than $3 billion in fees from its foreign customers which were deposited in the United States Treasury to reduce the United States deficit and indebtedness; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im Bank enables United States companies large and small to turn export opportunities into sales that help to create and maintain jobs in the United States that contribute to a stronger national economy. On average nearly 90 percent of the Ex-Im Bank's transactions support United States small businesses; and

Whereas, Exports are particularly important to the California economy as California is currently ranked second in exports among all states. If California's manufacturing base is to grow, we must continue to expand our ability to export goods from California facilities. Given the key role the Ex-Im Bank plays in facilitating export sales, failure to reauthorize it would be devastating to existing industry and to those that we hope to create in the future; and

Whereas, Over the past five years, the Ex-Im Bank has assisted more than 67 California companies to export their products. Nearly 200 of those companies are owned by women or minorities and over 700 are small businesses. These companies export their products and services around the globe totaling more than $21 billion in sales. Fifty-two of the 53 congressional districts in California had companies benefit from the Ex-Im Bank loans; and

Whereas, A reauthorization of the Ex-Im Bank is critical to the ability of many United States exporters to compete on a level playing field in a commercial market where current and future competitors continue to enjoy aggressive support from their countries' export credit agencies; and

Whereas, A failure to reauthorize the Ex-Im Bank would amount to unilateral disarmament in the face of other nations' aggressive trade finance programs that favor their domestic companies over American companies; and

Whereas, Economic growth depends on increasing exports from both small and large manufacturers and service providers in California and reauthorization means support for California exports and California jobs; and

Whereas, in the 114th United States Congress, 1st Session, legislation is pending that would continue the Ex-Im Bank's capacity for creating jobs while also making its practices more accountable and transparent, as well as making the bank more solvent and self-sufficient: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges Congress to support Export-Import Bank of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-56. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Government to immediately dispose of the public lands within Arizona's borders directly to the State of Arizona; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2005

Whereas, at the time of Arizona's Enabling Act, the course and practice of the United States Congress with all prior states admitted to the Union had been to fully dispose, within a reasonable time, of all lands within the boundaries of such states, except for those Indian lands, or lands otherwise expressly

reserved to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States; and

Whereas, the State of Arizona did not contemplate, and could not have contemplated, the United States failing or refusing to dispose of all lands within its defined boundaries within a reasonable time such that the State of Arizona and its permanent fund for its public schools could never realize the anticipated benefit of the deployment, taxation and economic benefit of all the lands within its defined boundaries; and

Whereas, Arizona's Enabling Act contemplates that Arizona's temporary suspension of its sovereign right to tax the public lands within its borders for the benefit of its public schools and the common good of the state ends the very moment that the national government discharges of its trust obligation to immediately dispose of Arizona's public lands within its borders; and

Whereas, under Article I, section 8, clause 17 of the United States Constitution, the national government is constitutionally authorized to exercise right, title and jurisdiction only over lands that are "purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings"; and

Whereas, the United States Congress never purchased land designated as national parks nor did it ever seek or obtain the consent of the Arizona Legislature as required under Article I, section 8, clause 17 of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, because of the failure of the national government to immediately dispose of land within the borders of Arizona, this state bears the burden of the inestimable entanglements and expectations over the multiple use of these public lands that were required to be disposed of that have accumulated for more than one hundred years; and

Whereas, Arizona should have had total control over its public lands from 1912, plus a reasonable time for disposition of the lands; and

Whereas, Arizona has been substantially damaged in its ability to provide funding for education because the national government has unduly retained control of much of the land lying within Arizona's borders; and

Whereas, had the national government sold the land in or about 1912, much of the net proceeds should have been applied to paying down the national public debt, and some should have gone to the state of Arizona's permanent fund for the support of the public schools; and

Whereas, Arizona consistently ranks high among all states in class size and low in per pupil funding for education; and

Whereas, had the national government disposed of the land in or about 1912, Arizona would have generated, from that point forward, substantial tax revenues to the benefit of its public schools and to the common good of the state; and

Whereas, the national government gives Arizona less than half of the proceeds of mineral lease revenues and severance taxes generated from the lands within this state's borders; and

Whereas, Arizona has been substantially damaged in mineral lease revenues and severance taxes in that, had the national government disposed of land in or about 1912, Arizona would realize 100% of the mineral lease revenues and severance taxes from the lands; and

Whereas, Arizona has been damaged by the inordinate cost and substantial uncertainty regarding the national government's infringement on Arizona's sovereign control of public lands within its borders; and

Whereas, County of Shoshone v. United States (unpublished), which confirmed that state law controls in determining what constitutes sufficient public use, Shelby County v. Holder, which clarified that "the fundamental principle of equal sovereignty remains highly pertinent in assessing [post-admission] disparate treatment of states" and People for the Ethical Treatment of Property Owners v. United States Fish and Wildlife Service, which confirmed the federal government's abuse of the Commerce Clause authority, all lend support to the notion that the public lands within Arizona's borders should be transferred to Arizona: and

Whereas, because of the breach of Arizona's Enabling Act, and the damages resulting from it, the United States Congress should immediately dispose of the public lands lying within the State of Arizona directly to the State of Arizona; and

Whereas, the national government has an obligation to present and future generations to pay the public debt, yet it has demonstrated a reckless disregard for the growing national debt even as it continues to worsen at an exponential rate.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States government immediately and not later than December 31, 2019 dispose of the public lands within Arizona's borders directly to the State of Arizona.

2. That the United States Congress engage in good faith communication, cooperation, coordination and consultation with the State of Arizona regarding the immediate disposal of the public lands directly to this state.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the Chairperson of the United States House Committee on Natural Resources, the Chairperson of the United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-57. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to vote to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1006

Whereas, the United States relies, and will continue to rely for many years, on gasoline, diesel and jet fuel for sources of energy; and

Whereas. in order to fuel our economy, the United States will need more oil and natural gas in addition to alternative energy sources; and

Whereas, the United States currently depends on foreign imports for more than half of its petroleum usage and is the largest consumer of petroleum in the world; and

Whereas, United States dependence on overseas oil has created difficult geopolitical relationships with potentially damaging consequences for our national security; and

Whereas, oil deposits in the Bakken Reserves of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota are an increasingly important crude oil resource; and

Whereas, there is not enough pipeline capacity to deliver crude oil supplies from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Texas to American refineries; and

Whereas, Canadian oil reserves total 174 billion barrels, of which 169 billion barrels can be recovered from the oil sands using today's technology; and

Whereas, Canada is the single largest supplier of crude oil to the United States at 3.05 million barrels per day and has the capacity to significantly increase that rate; and

Whereas, the southern leg of the Keystone XL pipeline ties into the existing Keystone pipeline that already runs to Canada, bringing up to 700,000 barrels of oil a day to refineries in Texas. At peak capacity, the pipeline will deliver 830,000 barrels of oil per day; and

Whereas, according to the United States State Department's fifth Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS), which was issued on January 31, 2014, the Keystone XL pipeline will be the safest pipeline ever constructed on American soil, will have minimal impact on the environment, will create thousands of much-needed jobs and bolster the United States' energy security; and

Whereas, according to the Final SEIS, the Keystone XL pipeline will support approximately 42,100 direct, indirect and induced jobs and result in approximately $2 billion in earnings throughout the United States; and

Whereas, the Final SEIS predicts that the Keystone XL pipeline will contribute approximately $3.4 billion to the United States gross domestic product and provide a substantial increase in tax revenues for local counties along the pipeline route, with 17 to 27 counties expected to see tax revenues increase by 10% or more; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma-Texas leg of the Keystone pipeline system, also referred to as the Gulf Coast segment, went into service in late January 2014; and

Whereas, according to a recent economic analysis report conducted by noted economist Bud Weinstein at Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business, the Gulf Coast segment injected $2.14 billion into the Oklahoma economy and more than $3.6 billion into the Texas economy; and

Whereas, a recent study by the United States Department of Energy found that increasing delivery of crude oil from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Alberta, as well as Texas and Oklahoma, to American refineries has the potential to substantially reduce our country's dependency on sources outside of North America: and

Whereas, Canada sends more than 99% of its oil exports to the United States, the bulk of which goes to Midwestern refineries: and

Whereas, oil companies are investing huge sums to expand and upgrade refineries in the Midwest and elsewhere to make gasoline and other refined products from Canadian oil derived from oil sands, and the expansion and upgrade projects will create many new construction jobs over the next five years; and

Whereas, 90% of the money used to buy Canadian oil will likely later be spent directly on United States goods and services; and

Whereas, since 2011, nearly 30 public opinion polls have repeatedly confirmed that building the Keystone XL pipeline is in the best interest of the vast majority of Americans: and

Whereas, supporting the continued shift towards reliable and secure sources of North American oil is of vital interest to the United States and the State of Arizona.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress vote to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-58. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to oppose the designation of the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument in northern Arizona; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1001

Whereas, Arizonans value the Grand Canyon as a national and world treasure and as an economic engine; and

Whereas, there is no threat to the Grand Canyon National Park and its surrounding lands; and

Whereas, existing laws and regulations, including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and many others, ensure the protection and responsible use of the Grand Canyon National Park and its surrounding lands; and

Whereas, as of 2012, Arizona had the third highest total designated wilderness acreage in the United States with 4.5 million acres. Additionally, another 5.8 million acres were affected by special land use designations, including national monuments; and

Whereas, only three members of the eleven-member Arizona congressional delegation and others have requested that the President of the United States use his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate an estimated 1.7 million acres in northern Arizona as the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument; and

Whereas, this proposed designation would almost double the amount of acreage designated as national monuments in Arizona and would be the nation's second largest national monument after the neighboring Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah, which is over 1.8 million acres; and

Whereas, the federal government granted lands at statehood to the State of Arizona to be held in trust to provide a source of income for schools and other beneficiaries; and

Whereas, the proposed monument designation would severely impact thousands of acres of state trust lands locked up within its boundaries and deny their beneficial use to the trust; and

Whereas, this taking of state trust lands within the proposed national monument without just compensation would be a breach of the sacred trust between the State of Arizona and the federal government that was agreed on in this state's enabling act and harms Arizona's school children; and

Whereas, withdrawal of this vast amount of lands from multiple-use management eliminates or restricts reasonable and thoughtful use of these natural resources for multiple purposes, such as recreation, grazing, mining, energy development and forestry; and

Whereas, multiple-use management of these lands by the United States Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service is based on resource management plans that were developed with public input and have framed the use of these lands since the passage of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act in 1976; and

Whereas, responsible use of natural resources provides a substantial economic benefit to northern Arizona and there is no reason to eliminate this benefit for a nonexistent threat; and

Whereas, the conservation of wildlife resources across Arizona is the trust responsibility of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission; and

Whereas, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission voted to oppose the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument on May 11, 2012 and its analysis found that monument designation can lead to restrictions on proactive wildlife management, including hunting and fishing access; and

Whereas, national monument designation requires a very narrow management regime and could severely restrict forest management activities, such as scientifically established fire management, erosion control and invasive species treatments; and

Whereas, in addition, Arizona's proper management of state forest lands, which includes selective logging, has made for a healthy and prolific environment for naturally occurring habitat and has proven effective in preventing habitat loss, as has occurred on federally managed forest lands, through wildfire; and

Whereas, consideration of the effects on the customs, cultures and economic well-being of our local communities as well as important historic and cultural aspects of our local heritage; and

Whereas, the cost benefit of this proposal must be considered; and

Whereas, while a minority caucus of three of the eleven-member Arizona congressional delegation and a small, yet vocal, group of others advocate to transfer state resources to the federal government, the State of Arizona desires to uphold the congressional designation of the multiple-use policy as per the Federal Land Management Policy Act as being best for our citizens and Arizona's economy.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the President of the United States does not designate the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument in northern Arizona.

2. That the United States Congress oppose the designation of the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument in northern Arizona.

3. That any new monuments, including the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument, have express state and congressional approval before they are so designated by the President.

4. That the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Arizona take appropriate actions to implement this Memorial.

5. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona, the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of the State of Arizona and the Attorney General of the State of Arizona.

POM-59. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 594; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1004

Whereas, on April 21, 2014, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers published a proposed rule in the Federal Register that defines "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act; and

Whereas, the final rule is projected to be published in the Federal Register by August 31, 2015; and

Whereas, the rule purports to clarify issues raised in two United States Supreme Court decisions, Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Rapanos v. United States, that created uncertainty over the Clean Water Act's scope and application; and

Whereas, the rule will expand the scope of the Clean Water Act, resulting in greater impacts to this state, as well as on local governments, their citizens and their businesses; and

Whereas, the rule will subject almost all physical areas with a connection, or a "significant nexus," to downstream navigable waters, including features such as ditches, natural or manmade ponds and floodplains, to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act; and

Whereas, the rule will apply to all programs under the Clean Water Act; and

Whereas, the rule change will cause significant harm to local farmers, stall the development of businesses and strip local providers of their control of land use for sustainable food production; and

Whereas, the cost to our municipalities and taxpayers will be enormous; and

Whereas, the rule is contrary to the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in Rapanos as it appears to rely heavily on the minority opinion's concept of "significant nexus," which was rejected by the Court's prevailing opinion; and

Whereas, the term "significant nexus" does not appear in the Clean Water Act: and

Whereas, under the rule, groundwater may be used in making determinations of a "significant nexus," which is an overreach of the federal agencies as groundwater systems are under the jurisdiction of the states and should not be broadly used in justifying a determination of jurisdictional water of the United States; and

Whereas, in Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, the United States Supreme Court stated that the use of "case by case" determinations should be the exception, not the rule, and the rule allows for broad use of case by case determinations, which inserts needless uncertainty into the development process; and

Whereas, the rule grants the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers authorities not specifically granted to them by the Clean Water Act; and

Whereas, the proposed rule, should it become effective, will hamper beneficial development, increase costs of infrastructure construction and maintenance and result in an unacceptable level of uncertainty in the permitting process; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States was meant to reserve to the states exclusive jurisdiction over their respective nonnavigable, intrastate waters and waterways within their boundaries except as expressly delegated to the federal government by the Constitution or prohibited by it to the states. and the federal government's power to regulate navigable waters cannot constitutionally reach nonnavigable, intrastate waters and waterways that have no significant connection to navigable waters; and

Whereas, it is impractical for the federal government to regulate every ditch, pond and rain puddle that may have some tenuous connection, miles away, to a body of water that is currently defined as "navigable."

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress pass H.R. 594, which prohibits the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers from developing, finalizing, adopting, implementing, applying, administering or enforcing the proposed federal rule that defines "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Commanding General and Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

POM-60. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to refrain from reducing the ozone concentration standard; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1014

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to reduce the national ambient air quality standard for ozone from 75 parts per billion to 65 to 70 parts per billion, while taking comment on a level as low as 60 parts per billion; and

Whereas, the Clean Air Act requires the EPA to review the ozone concentration standard every five years, and the EPA last updated this standard in 2008, setting it at 75 parts per billion; and

Whereas, if the EPA reduced the standard to 70 parts per billion, nine out of 11 counties monitored for ozone levels in Arizona would be out of compliance; and

Whereas, if the EPA reduced the standard to 65 parts per billion, all 11 counties monitored for ozone levels in Arizona would be out of compliance, and the four rural counties that are not currently monitored might also be out of compliance; and

Whereas, a revised ozone standard of 65 to 70 parts per billion would result in widespread nonattainment designations in areas of the nation that already meet the current ozone standards; and

Whereas, based on 2011 through 2013 monitoring data, the EPA reports that 358 counties in the nation would violate a standard of 70 parts per billion and that an additional 200 counties would violate a standard of 65 parts per billion; and

Whereas, nonattainment area designations would limit economic and job growth by restricting new and expanded industrial and manufacturing facilities, imposing emission "offset" requirements on new sources of nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds emissions, constraining oil and gas extraction and raising electricity prices for industries and consumers; and

Whereas, low-income and fixed-income citizens would bear the brunt of higher energy costs and utility bills; and

Whereas, according to the National Association of manufacturers, the EPA's proposal could be the most expensive

regulation ever issued on the American public, costing the nation $270 billion to $360 billion annually; and

Whereas, according to the National Association of Manufacturers, the proposed ozone regulations could cost Arizona $28 billion in gross state product loss from 2017 to 2040, 19,982 lost jobs or job equivalents per year, $639 million in total compliance costs and a $520 drop in average household consumption per year; and

Whereas, the National Association of Manufacturers predicts that the EPA's proposed standards could result in a 15% increase in residential electricity prices, a 32% increase in residential natural gas prices and an 8% reduction in Arizona's coal-fired generating capacity; and

Whereas, the EPA has identified only 46% of the controls needed to meet the proposed standards, and the remaining 54% would have to be met with unknown controls that the EPA has not yet identified but that would likely have to include early shutdowns and scrappage of existing facilities, equipment and vehicles; and

Whereas, early retirement and scrappage of power plants, industrial facilities, heavy-duty trucks and equipment and automobiles would be much more costly ways to remove each additional ton of emissions than the controls the EPA has identified; and

Whereas, air quality continues to improve, and nitrogen oxide emissions are already down to 60% nationwide since 1980, which, after adjusting for economic growth, implies a 90% reduction in emission rates from the relatively uncontrolled 1990 rates for nitrogen oxide-emitting sources; and

Whereas, average ozone concentrations have decreased significantly in both urban and rural areas over the past two decades in response to state and federal emission control programs; and

Whereas, states are on track to be fully in attainment with the current standards, but some have not yet reached full attainment; and

Whereas, instead of giving states enough time to meet the current standards through ongoing emission reduction programs, the EPA now wants to move the goalpost by imposing a lower standard; and

Whereas, retaining the current ozone standards would provide for continued air quality improvement throughout the nation as emission reduction programs under existing EPA regulations are implemented.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the EPA refrain from reducing the ozone concentration standard from 75 parts per billion to 65 to 70 parts per billion.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate. the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-61. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to focus future Mexican wolf introduction efforts on remote areas within the northern Sierra Madre Occidental mountain range, to halt additional introductions of Mexican wolves in Arizona, and to shift the responsibility for the Mexican wolf introduction to the Arizona Game and Fish Department; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1003

Whereas, on January 16, 2015, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued a revised experimental population rule under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that provides for a population objective of 300 to 325 wolves in Arizona and New Mexico and expands the areas within which Mexican wolves can occupy and disperse with the goal of phasing the releases westward over a period of twelve years; and

Whereas, the revised experimental population rule raises concerns regarding the creation of an unmanageable Mexican wolf population, fails to consider state and local interests and remains silent on Mexican wolf recovery; and

Whereas, Congress enacted section 10(j) of the ESA to mitigate fears that reestablishing populations of endangered species would negatively impact landowners and other private parties, recognizing that flexible rules, developed in consultation with local governments and private citizens, could encourage recovery partners to actively assist in the establishment and hosting of endangered populations on their lands; and

Whereas, to the maximum extent practicable, section 10(j) rules are intended to represent an agreement between the USFWS, affected state and federal agencies and persons holding any interest in land that may be affected by the establishment of an experimental population; and

Whereas, the objective of 1982 Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan is the establishment of a viable, self-sustaining population of at least 100 Mexican wolves in the wild; and

Whereas, at the end of 2014, there were a minimum of 109 wolves in the wild in Arizona and New Mexico, all of which were conceived and born in the wild as a direct result of previous wolf introduction efforts; and

Whereas, the costs to date of this program have exceeded $7.3 million; and

Whereas, the implementation of the revised experimental population rule will allow additional wolves to be introduced within Arizona and New Mexico; and

Whereas, the introduction of wolves into Arizona and New Mexico has resulted in significant adverse impacts on private landowners and resource users, as well as hunting and other recreational activities, which are vital to our local and regional economy; and

Whereas, under its regulations, the USFWS must consult with appropriate state fish and wildlife agencies, local governmental entities, affected federal agencies and affected private landowners in developing and implementing experimental population rules; and

Whereas, in developing its experimental population rules for the Mexican wolf, the USFWS has failed to meaningfully consult with local governmental entities, whose citizens will be adversely affected by the introduction of wolves, and with private land and resource users who will be adversely impacted by the introduction of wolves; and

Whereas, the adopted experimental population rule for the Mexican wolf will create even greater conflicts with private landowners and resource users; and

Whereas, the Arizona Game and Fish Department provided the USFWS and the United States Department of the Interior with a notice of intent to bring a civil action pursuant to section 11(g)(1)(C) of the ESA for the Secretary of the Interior's failure to develop a recovery plan for the Mexican gray wolf that meets the legal requirements in section 4(f) of the ESA; and

Whereas, the federal government has failed to take into consideration the customs, cultures, historic heritage and local and state economic well-being of areas that have been identified as habitats for this species; and

Whereas, the Secretary of the Interior has a nondiscretionary duty under section 4(f) to develop a recovery plan that incorporates "objective. measurable criteria which when met, would result in a determination, in accordance with the provisions of this section, that the species be removed from the list."

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the USFWS focus future Mexican wolf introduction efforts on remote areas within the northern Sierra Madre Occidental mountain range, which contains substantial habitat suitable for Mexican wolves and, in many places, is largely uninhabited.

2. That the USFWS halt additional introductions of Mexican wolves in Arizona.

3. That the USFWS shift the primary responsibility for the administration of the Mexican wolf introduction program in Arizona to the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

4. That the Secretary of the Interior comply with the Secretary of the Interior's duty under section 4(f) of the ESA to develop a recovery plan that incorporates "objective, measureable criteria which when met, would result in a determination, in accordance with the provisions of this section, that the species be removed from the list."

5. That the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Arizona take appropriate actions to uphold this state's responsibilities with respect to the recovery plan and defend this state against overreaching federal regulations.

6. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Attorney General of the State of Arizona, the Governor of the State of Arizona, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-62. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona commending the nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Arizona; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1019

Whereas, Israel has been granted her land under and through the oldest recorded deed, as recorded in the Old Testament, scripture that is held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike, the acts and words of God; and

Whereas, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of history; and

Whereas, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding act of international law established in the San Remo Resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress; and

Whereas, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem; and

Whereas, Article 80 of the United Nations Charter recognized the continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples that already existed under international instruments, and, therefore, the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid and the 650,000 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

Whereas, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized land as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

Whereas, the United States, as the first country to recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and her people; and

Whereas, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East, and the values of our two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the other; and

Whereas, there are those in the Middle East who have continually sought to destroy Israel from the time of its inception as a state, and those same enemies of Israel also hate and seek to destroy the United States; and

Whereas, the State of Arizona and Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year; and

Whereas, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke before a joint session of Congress on March 3, 2015 and urged the United States to stand with Israel to "stop Iran's march of conquest, subjugation and terror" and warned the United States that an emerging nuclear agreement with Iran "paves Iran's path to the bomb": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring:

1. That the Members of the Legislature commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Arizona and support Israel as a Jewish state in its legal, historical, moral and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense on the entirety of its own lands, recognizing that Israel is not an occupier of the lands of others and that peace can be afforded in the region only through a whole and united Israel.

2. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, each member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the Governor of the State of Arizona.

POM-63. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Georgia encouraging the representation of diverse populations of different racial and ethnic backgrounds in clinical research and the dedication of additional community resources to increase awareness on the importance of participating in clinical trials, to provide support for patient participation, and to promote effective partnerships with the community to achieve solutions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 590

Whereas, developing new medicines and other treatment options is a complex process that involves clinical trials to explore whether a medical strategy, treatment, or device is safe and effective for humans; and

Whereas, volunteer participation is necessary to evaluate potential therapies for safety and effectiveness in clinical studies; and

Whereas, often the enrolled patient population is not representative of United States demographics or subpopulations impacted by the particular disease; and

Whereas, groups such as African Americans and Hispanics are significantly underrepresented in clinical trials; according to the Food and Drug Administration, African Americans represent 12 percent of the United States population but only 5 percent of clinical trial participants, and Hispanics comprise 16 percent of the population but only 1 percent of clinical trial participants; and

Whereas, despite a congressional mandate that research financed by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) include minorities, non-whites comprise fewer than 5 percent of participants in NIH-supported studies; and

Whereas, certain medical conditions have been known to affect particular demographic groups more than others, including Type 2 diabetes for which African Americans and Hispanics are twice as likely to be diagnosed on average; and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sickle cell trait is common among African Americans and occurs in about one in 12, and sickle cell disease occurs in about one out of every 500 African American births, compared to about one out of every 36,000 Hispanic American births; and

Whereas, race and ethnicity have also been demonstrated to affect the efficacy of and response to certain drugs, such as antihypertensive therapies in the treatment of hypertension in African Americans and antidepressants in Hispanics; and

Whereas, many barriers exist that account for the low rate of participation among diverse communities, including patient fear of experimentation and lack of understanding or education with regard to the importance of clinical trials in creating new treatments and cures: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this body encourage the representation of diverse populations of different racial and ethnic backgrounds in clinical research and the dedication of additional community resources to increase awareness on the importance of participating in clinical trials, to provide support for patient participation, and to promote effective partnerships with the community to achieve solutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Georgia delegation to the United States Congress, and other federal and state government officials as appropriate.

POM-64. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Iowa urging the United States Congress to repeal the Act of June 30, 1948, Public Law Number 846, 62 Statute 1161, which conferred on the State of Iowa jurisdiction over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Meskwaki Settlement and to take whatever steps are necessary to achieve such a repeal; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 5

Whereas, the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa (the Meskwaki) is a federally recognized tribe organized in accordance with Section 16 of the federal Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 984, as amended by the federal Act of June 15, 1935, 49 Stat. 378, under a Constitution and Bylaws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 20, 1937; and

Whereas, in 1857, the Meskwaki purchased 80 acres in Tama County which was held in trust by the State of Iowa as permitted by then Governor James Grimes and for the next 30 years the Meskwaki governed themselves virtually free from interference from both the federal and state governments; and

Whereas, the jurisdictional status of the Meskwaki during this period of time was unclear as the tribe was recognized by the federal government but also had a continuing relationship with the State of Iowa due to the Meskwaki's private ownership of land which was held in trust by the Governor of the State of Iowa; and

Whereas, in 1895, in order to clear up any ambiguities, the State of Iowa ceded to the federal government all jurisdiction over the Meskwaki with the stipulation that nothing in the transfer of the tribal lands would prevent the State of Iowa from exercising jurisdiction over crimes against the laws of Iowa committed either by Indians or others on the Meskwaki Settlement; and

Whereas, during what is now known as the Indian Termination Era, the United States government tried to end its trusteeship over Indian reservations throughout the country and in part passed the federal Act of June 30, 1948, which conferred jurisdiction over criminal offenses committed on the Meskwaki Settlement to the State of Iowa; and

Whereas, the federal Act of June 30, 1948, was passed at a time when there was a perception that there was lawlessness on the Meskwaki Settlement and an absence of adequate tribal institutions for law enforcement; and

Whereas the passage of the federal Act of June 30, 1948, provided no federal funding to the State of Iowa to assume this responsibility which has amounted to an unfunded federal mandate and the resulting cost over the years has been unfairly borne by the taxpayers of Tama County; and

Whereas, in the past 67 years much has changed at the federal, state, and tribal levels in the area of criminal law enforcement and in the development of laws in general on the Meskwaki Settlement; and

Whereas, the federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-211, authorized Indian tribes to expand the prosecution and punishment of criminal offenders if certain due process requirements were followed; and

Whereas, Indian tribes have recently achieved more authority to prosecute criminal offenses committed on tribal lands as evidenced by the enactment of the federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, Pub. L. No. 113-4, which for the first time allowed tribal enforcement over non-natives who commit domestic violence on tribal lands; and

Whereas, the State of Iowa was the first in the nation to pass Native American grave protection legislation, commonly known as the Iowa Graves Protection Act, 1976 Iowa Acts, ch. 1158, §7, that came into law before the federal version and before the more recent passage of Iowa's Recognition and Enforcement of Tribal Civil Judgments Act, 2007 Iowa Acts, ch. 192, which followed the development of the Meskwaki Tribal Court System in 2005, with its first case being tried in 2006, and 2003 state legislation, 2003 Iowa Acts, ch. 87, recognizing the Meskwaki Tribal Police and allowing them to participate in the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and to become state certified; and

Whereas, the Meskwaki has greatly enhanced at its own expense the tribe's criminal justice system and now provides a fully functioning court system through the establishment of a state certified police force, legally trained and licensed public defenders, prosecutors and judges, and a full-time probation officer, and provides for the publication of its tribal laws; and

Whereas, the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Iowa Coalition against Domestic Violence have noted that the victims of domestic violence on the Meskwaki Settlement prefer that prosecution and other court services be handled by the tribal court of the Meskwaki Settlement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Iowa General Assembly urges the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives to repeal the Act of June 30, 1948, Pub. L. No. 846, 62 Stat. 1161, which conferred on the State of Iowa jurisdiction over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Meskwaki Settlement and to take whatever steps are necessary to achieve such a repeal; and be it further

Resolved, That upon passage of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

POM-65. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to enact legislation similar to the Mohave County Radiation Compensation Act of 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2004

Whereas, the United States conducted nearly 200 atmospheric nuclear weapons development tests from 1945 to 1962; and

Whereas, essential to the nation's nuclear weapons development was uranium mining and processing, which was carried out by tens of thousands of workers; and

Whereas, following cessation of the tests in 1962, many of these workers filed class action lawsuits alleging exposure to known radiation hazards; and

Whereas, these suits were dismissed by the appellate courts, but the United States Congress responded with the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), which devised a program allowing partial restitution to individuals who developed serious illnesses after exposure to radiation released during the atmospheric nuclear tests or after employment in the uranium industry; and

Whereas, RECA presents an apology and monetary compensation to individuals who contracted certain cancers and other serious diseases following exposure to radiation released during the atmospheric nuclear weapons tests or following occupational exposure to radiation while employed in the uranium industry during the Cold War arsenal buildup; and

Whereas, RECA was designed to serve as an expeditious, low-cost alternative to litigation; and

Whereas, Mohave County was not included as an affected area for purposes of making claims under RECA based on exposure to atmospheric nuclear testing; and

Whereas, in 2013, United States Representative Paul Gosar introduced H.R. 424, known as the Mohave County Radiation Compensation Act of 2013, which sought to include Mohave County as an affected area for purposes of making claims under RECA; and

Whereas, H.R. 424 was not enacted.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the Members of the United States Congress enact legislation similar to United States Representative Paul Gosar's Mohave County Radiation Compensation Act of 2013 that adds Mohave County as an affected area for purposes of making claims under RECA.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-66. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the Congress of the United States and Department of Veterans Affairs to review the disability rating process; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1008

Whereas, military veterans with similar disabilities are receiving disparate disability ratings because of different standards, policies and procedures used by the physical evaluation boards operated by the military departments; and

Whereas, achieving consistent disability ratings regardless of service is an important objective that will ensure service members are treated equitably; and

Whereas, disability significantly increases the veteran poverty rate; the rate of increase is nearly twice that of the nonveteran disabled population; and

Whereas, even those veterans who receive Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income benefits have incomes under $9,000 per year; and

Whereas, 60% of hiring organizations polled in a June 2010 Society for Human Resource Management survey said that translating military skills to a civilian job experience could pose a challenge in hiring veterans and 46% said the same about hiring those who suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder and other mental health issues; and

Whereas, while service members are often promised saleable skills and job opportunities they would not have access to otherwise, the reality is that veterans often feel discriminated against and overlooked in the workplace; and

Whereas, veterans who are granted a Total Disability Rating Based on Individual Unemployability are subject to earning restrictions.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Department of Veterans Affairs review the disability rating process to ensure that similar disabilities are rated similarly.

2. That the United States Department of Veterans Affairs review the limitations on employment of veterans with disabilities and the ways in which veteran benefits are impacted if a veteran with a disability becomes employed to ensure that veterans with disabilities are not hindered from joining the workforce.

3. That the United States Department of Veterans Affairs remove the earning restriction associated with the Total Disability Rating Based on Individual Unemployability.

4. That the United States Department of Veterans Affairs develop programs and incentives to encourage employers to hire veterans with disabilities.

5. That the United States Congress enact legislation that codifies into the United States Code the text of 38 Code of Federal Regulations section 4.16, which provides that employment in a protected environment is not considered substantially gainful employment for the purposes of a Total Disability Rating Based on Individual Unemployability.

6. That the United States Congress define "protected environment" to include businesses that make special accommodations for veterans with disabilities.

7. That the United States Congress enact legislation that prevents the United States Department of Veterans Affairs from decreasing a Total Disability Rating Based on Individual Unemployability if the veteran is marginally employed in a protected environment.

8. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Memorial to the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-67. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass necessary legislation that will help all our veterans, from all our wars and conflicts, from World War II to present-day Iraq and Afghanistan to the extent necessary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

JOINT RESOLUTION S.P. 474

We your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress as follows:

Whereas, military personnel from the State of Maine have answered the call to serve our Nation many times and Maine is estimated to be 3rd in the Nation per capita for military service. According to Veterans Administration records, Maine has had 11,531 military members serve since the tragic events of 9/11; and

Whereas, members of the Maine National Guard and Reservists have been deployed many times over and many have returned from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan needing assistance and medical care; and

Whereas, 55 of Maine's services members have been killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, more than 320 have received the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat; and

Whereas, many have returned home with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, hearing problems and other physical and mental disabilities; and

Whereas, many communities in Maine need someone who can meet with veterans and survivors to explain benefits and to get the word out to veterans and theirfamilies concerning frequently changing Veterans Administration benefits and eligibility; and

Whereas, major issues for returning veterans concerning increasing suicide rates, homelessness, unemployment and education were brought before the 113th Congress with little or no substantive results; and

Whereas, as the 114th Congress begins, veterans and their families in Maine and across the Nation hope that the new Congress will be responsive and helpful and aggressively address the many issues facing the veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, the men and women who serve our State and Nation so faithfully deserve to have access to care, housing, medical treatment and mental and physical therapy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to urge the United States Congress to take the lead in passing necessary legislation that will help all our veterans, from all our wars and conflicts, from World War II to present-day Iraq and Afghanistan to the extent necessary; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-68. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission supporting S.414, the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-69. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico expressing firm support to the decision of the President of the United States to restore diplomatic relations between the government of the United States and the government of the Republic of Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 242. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-89).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 764. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-90).

S. 834. A bill to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-91).

H.R. 720. A bill to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-92).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 1844. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for voluntary country of origin labeling for beef, pork, and chicken; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1845. A bill to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1846. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1847. A bill to enhance the accuracy of credit reporting and provide greater rights to consumers who dispute errors in their credit reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1848. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to improve the functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1849. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1850. A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup of status offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1851. A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to require States to eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1852. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 1853. A bill to limit the availability of funding for contributions to the United Nations if the arms embargo on Iran pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1747 and 1929 is lifted; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 1854. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to improve the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1855. A bill to provide special foreign military sales status to the Philippines; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1856. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 1857. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1858. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 1859. A bill to assure equity in contracting between the Federal Government and small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1860. A bill to protect and promote international religious freedom; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 228. A resolution designating September 2015 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COTTON, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 229. A resolution designating July 26, 2015, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 174

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 284, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 864

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1143

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1387, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes.

S. 1608

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1608, a bill to protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones, and for other purposes.

S. 1640

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1640, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve immigration law enforcement within the interior of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1641

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1641, a bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes.

S. 1648

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1648, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to create a sustainable future for rural healthcare.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 1704

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1704, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Justice Act to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes.

S. 1746

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1746, a bill to require the Office of Personnel Management to provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1785, a bill to repeal the wage rate requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act.

S. 1812

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to protect public safety by incentivizing State and local law enforcement to cooperate with Federal immigration law enforcement to prevent the release of criminal aliens into communities.

S. 1814

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities.

S. 1832

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1832, a bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 1836

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1836, a bill to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.

SENATE RESOLUTION 226

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 226, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the street between the intersections of 16th Street, Northwest and Fuller Street, Northwest and 16th Street, Northwest and Euclid Street, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Oswaldo Paya Way".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Measuring the Systemic Importance of U.S. Bank Holding Companies."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Iran Nuclear Agreement Review."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Achieving the Promise of Health Information Technology: Information Blocking and Potential Solutions."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 23, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Administrative State v. The Constitution: Dodd-Frank at Five Years."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:56 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1734. An act to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment.

NATIONAL WINDSTORM IMPACT REDUCTION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SULLIVAN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 23) to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SULLIVAN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2499) to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. SULLIVAN for Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COONS, and Mr. PETERS) to amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2326).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DHS IT DUPLICATION REDUCTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SULLIVAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1626) to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONALS DAY"

On the request of Mr. SULLIVAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 229) designating July 26, 2015, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day," submitted today by Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COTTON, and Ms. HIRONO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SULLIVAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, time for debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 22, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SULLIVAN,

At 8:07 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 22

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 51, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 252 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Boxer, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Perdue, Peters, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 26

Bennet, Blumenthal, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Cruz, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, Lee, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Paul, Reed, Reid, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shelby, Udall, Warner, Warren, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend (perfect) the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2266).

Mr. MCCONNELL modified his pending (perfecting) amendment to be an amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. CANTWELL) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2327).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BARRASSO, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2328).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2329).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2330).

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 2328; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2328 to amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill:

MITCH MCCONNELL, MARCO RUBIO, JOHN CORNYN, JOHN BARRASSO, DAN SULLIVAN, MICHAEL B. ENZI, JOHN MCCAIN, JONI K. ERNST, DEB FISCHER, TIM SCOTT, MIKE ROUNDS, JAMES RISCH, DAN COATS, JAMES LANKFORD, DAVID A. PERDUE, RICHARD BURR.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 2327; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill:

LINDSEY GRAHAM, MARK KIRK, KELLY A. AYOTTE, SUSAN M. COLLINS, JOHN MCCAIN, RICHARD BURR, ROY BLUNT, JEANNE SHAHEEN, TOM CARPER, HEIDI HEITKAMP, MARIA CANTWELL, SHERROD BROWN, CHRIS COONS, DICK DURBIN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, HARRY REID.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, ORRIN HATCH, JOHN BARRASSO, PAT ROBERTS, RICHARD BURR, THOM TILLIS, DAVID VITTER, LINDSEY GRAHAM, KELLY AYOTTE, LAMAR ALEXANDER, DAN COATS, JOHN HOEVEN, JIM INHOFE, ROGER F. WICKER, SUSAN COLLINS, JOHN THUNE.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 22:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, ORRIN HATCH, JOHN BARRASSO, PAT ROBERTS, RICHARD BURR, THOM TILLIS, DAVID VITTER, LINDSEY GRAHAM, KELLY AYOTTE, LAMAR ALEXANDER, DAN COATS, JOHN HOEVEN, JIM INHOFE, ROGER F. WICKER, SUSAN COLLINS, JOHN THUNE.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2330 to amendment No. 2329 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified.

Pending debate,

Mr. CRUZ asked that his amendment (Numbered 2301) be proposed and considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that said amendment is not in order to be proposed as it is inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the proposal of amendments, their number, degree, and kind.

From the ruling of the Chair,

Mr. CRUZ appealed to the Senate.

The question being, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1861) to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-2382. A joint communication from the Mayor and the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the District's fiscal year 2016 budget request entitled "Pathways to the Middle Class"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1861. A bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Asbestos Information Act of 1988 to establish a public database of asbestos-

containing products, to require public disclosure of information pertaining to the manufacture, processing, distribution, and use of asbestos-containing products in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 228

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 228, a resolution designating September 2015 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month".

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1599. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3009. An act to amend section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deny assistance under such section to a State or political subdivision of a State that prohibits its officials from taking certain actions with respect to immigration.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1599. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 3009. An act to amend section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deny assistance under such section to a State or political subdivision of a State that prohibits its officials from taking certain actions with respect to immigration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2015; that, on Sunday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 22.

Ordered further, That tomorrow count as the intervening day relative to the motions to bring to a close debate presented on today.

Ordered further, That Senators be permitted to "file" first degree amendments to bill H.R. 22 and to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, and second degree amendments to amendment No. 2327, until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday next.

Ordered further, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2328 at 3 p.m. on Sunday next.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 12:29 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2015.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 24, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 24, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

REMINDER OF CONDUCT UNDER RULE XIX OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that all Senators are reminded of the following paragraph from rule XIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which was adopted in this form in 1902 by the Senate, and which governs debate in this body: No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1861) to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, introduced on Friday, July 24, 2015 by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 24, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being, Shall the decision of the Chair, that amendment No. 2301 is not in order to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ, as it is inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the proposal of amendments, their number, degree, and kind, stand as the judgment of the Senate?

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the clerk be authorized to make technical changes to amendment No.2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as

modified, regarding references to titles, divisions, and page and line numbers.

The question being, Shall the decision of the Chair that amendment No. 2301 is not in order stand as the judgment of the Senate?

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2328, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Friday, July 24, 2015, to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 2328, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. GARDNER), to amendment No. 2327, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CASEY), to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 49, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 253 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2327, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Friday, July 24, 2015, to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 67, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 254 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Barrasso, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Fischer, Gardner, Hatch, Inhofe, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being, Shall the decision of the Chair that amendment No. 2301 is not in order to be proposed as it is inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the proposal of amendments, their number, degree, and kind, stand as the judgment of the Senate?

Mr. CRUZ requested the yeas and nays on the pending appeal.

There was not a sufficient second.

Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?

So on appeal,

The decision of the Chair stands as the judgment of the Senate.

The question being on agreeing to pending amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

Mr. LEE asked that his amendment (Numbered 2282) be proposed and considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that said amendment is not in order to be proposed as it is inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the proposal of amendments, their number, degree, and kind.

From the ruling of the Chair,

Mr. LEE appealed to the Senate.

The question being, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?

Mr. LEE requested the yeas and nays on the pending appeal.

There was not a sufficient second.

So on appeal,

The decision of the Chair stands as the judgment of the Senate.

The question being on agreeing to pending amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1862. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the

Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 22; and that the time during adjournment be counted against the time for debate on amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to bill H.R. 22, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 4:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on tomorrow.

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JOHNSON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2327 having been agreed to,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CASEY), to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

Pending debate,

HONORING THE MEMORY AND LEGACY OF THE TWO LOUISIANA CITIZENS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES

On the request of Mr. VITTER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 231) honoring the memory and legacy of the two Louisiana citizens who lost their lives, recognizing the heroism of first responders and those on the scene, and condemning the attack of July 23, 2015, in Lafayette, Louisiana, submitted today by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 22.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

NOTICE OF OBSERVATION TREATMENT AND IMPLICATION FOR CARE ELIGIBILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 876) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 9:15 p.m. on today; and that time therein be counted against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 2327.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

At 6:57 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 9:15 p.m.

AT 9:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 22.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. CRAPO raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Eighteen Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 6 Leg.]

Alexander, Barrasso, Boozman, Boxer, Cardin, Cornyn, Durbin, Fischer, Franken, Heinrich, Lee, McConnell, Murphy, Perdue, Rounds, Tillis, Udall, Whitehouse.

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that a quorum was not present.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 79, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 255 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 14

Ayotte, Boozman, Collins, Cotton, Heller, Lankford, McCain, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Sullivan, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; and, as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay pending amendment No. 2329, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, on the table.

The motion was agreed to (taking with it amendment No. 2330 thereto).

Mr. REID raised a point of order that amendment No. 2328, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, is not germane, pursuant to provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being taken on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 64, nays... 29

[Rollcall Vote No. 256 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 29

Barrasso, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Fischer, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Sanders, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL, on Friday, July 24, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 62, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 257 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Daines, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 32

Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Lee, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Paul, Perdue, Reed, Reid, Risch, Sasse, Schumer, Shelby, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, by striking all beginning with division A through division

H, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2421).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. INHOFE) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 2533, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, at the end thereof, by adding the following words (being amendment No. 2417).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment on line 2, by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2418).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 310. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (Rept. No. 114-93).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1172. A bill to improve the process of presidential transition (Rept. No. 114-94).

S. 1576. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees (Rept. No. 114-95).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1863. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Timothy Nugent, in recognition of his pioneering work on behalf of people with disabilities, including disabled veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1864. A bill to improve national security by developing metrics to measure the effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at points of entry, and along the maritime border; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1865. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to eating disorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1866. A bill to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1867. A bill to protect children from exploitation by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 1868. A bill to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1869. A bill to improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1870. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1871. A bill to establish a smart card pilot program under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KAINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1872. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REED, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 230. A resolution designating September 25, 2015, as "National Lobster Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED,

Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 231. A resolution honoring the memory and legacy of the two Louisiana citizens who lost their lives, recognizing the heroism of first responders and those on the scene, and condemning the attack of July 23, 2015, in Lafayette, Louisiana; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. COTTON):

S. Res. 232. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that August 30, 2015, be observed as "1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 31

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 31, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 32

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 32, a bill to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes.

S. 51

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 564

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 564, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 706

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 706, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response.

S. 776

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 776, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1461

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1461, a bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015.

S. 1498

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1498, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that military working dogs be retired in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1703

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1703, a bill to direct the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities, and for other purposes.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1836

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1836, a bill to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody and for other purposes.

S. 1857

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1857, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes.

S. 1861

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1861, a bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 222, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federation Internationale de Football Association should immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity.

SENATE RESOLUTION 226

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 226, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the street between the intersections of 16th Street, Northwest and Fuller Street, Northwest and 16th Street, Northwest and Euclid Street, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Oswaldo Paya Way".

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 5:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1626. An act to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

At 5:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1138. An act to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes.

At 6:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2499) to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes.

At 7:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2499. An act to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 22; and that time during adjournment count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to bill H.R. 22.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 11:13 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 11 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on today; and that time during the recess count against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2418, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2417, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 12:35 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 22.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2418 to amendment No. 2417 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 10 a.m. on tomorrow, time for debate on amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, be considered concluded; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 22 is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be counted as if the motion was agreed to at 6 a.m. on tomorrow.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2383. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2015-0028), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2384. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conservation Reserve Program" (RIN0560-AI30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2385. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sedaxane; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9930-84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2386. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal years 2012 and 2013 Operation and Maintenance, Army, funds, and was assigned Army case number 15-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2387. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2388. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the

Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards" (RIN1557-AD84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2389. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" (RIN2501-AD33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2390. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2391. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Integrated Mortgage Disclosures Rule Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X) and the Truth In Lending Act (Regulation Z) and Amendments; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN3170-AA46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2392. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imposition of Special Measure against FBME Bank Ltd., formerly known as the Federal Bank of the Middle East Ltd., as a Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern" (RIN1506-AB27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2393. A joint communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and Programs and the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Potential for the Use of Energy Savings Performance Contracts to Reduce Energy Consumption and Provide Energy and Cost Savings in Non-Building Applications"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2394. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Oregon; Grants Pass Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9931-13-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2395. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon; Grants Pass Second 10-Year PM10 Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9931-16-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2396. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Electronic Reporting Consistent With the Cross Media Electronic Reporting Rule" (FRL No. 9931-09-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2397. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for the State of Alabama: Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 9931-24-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2398. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; 2011 Base Year Emissions Inventories for the Washington DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9930-96-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2399. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; MI, Belding; 2008 Lead Clean Data Determination" (FRL No. 9930-81-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2400. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2401. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - August 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2402. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Employee Plans Determination Letter Program" (Announcement 2015-19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2403. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims for Credit or Refund" ((RIN1545-BI36)(TD 9727)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2404. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Annual Report of the Board of the Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds" and the "Annual Report of the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2405. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0077 - 2015-0079); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2406. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Progress Report on Understanding the Long-Term Health Effects of Living Organ Donation"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2407. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Progress Report on Understanding the Long-Term Health Effects of Living Organ Donation"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2408. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Program" for fiscal years 2013 and 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2409. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Report on the Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant and Integrative Medicine Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2410. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the State Health Care Workforce Development (SHCWD) Grant Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2411. A communication from the Deputy Director, Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Developmental Disabilities Program" (RIN0970-AB11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2412. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2413. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance Standards for Ionizing Radiation Emitting Products; Fluoroscopic Equipment; Correction; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0828), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2414. A communication from the Chair of the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board Regulations" (4 CFR Chapter II), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2415. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Jacksonville, FL; Savannah, GA; Hagerstown-Martinsburg-Chambersburg, MD; Richmond, VA; and Roanoke, VA, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AN15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2416. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "Federal District Judgeship Act of 2015"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2417. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Debt Collection Recovery Activities of the Department of Justice for Civil Debts Referred for Collection Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2418. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support, Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AF85)-(FCC 15-71)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2419. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XD927), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2420. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions numbers 3, 4, 5, and 6" (RIN0648-XD976), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2421. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Omnibus Amendment" (RIN0648-BE50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2422. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD985), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2423. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closures for the Common Pool Fishery and Trip and Possession Limit Adjustment" (RIN0648-XE006), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2424. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Blacknose Sharks and Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks in the Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-XD980), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2425. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2015 and 2016 Commercial Fishing Restrictions for Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-XD972), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2426. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measures and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper" (RIN0648-XE014), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2427. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Re-Opening of Commercial Sector for Atlantic Dolphin" (RIN0648-XE017), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2428. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Blacknose Sharks and Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks in the Gulf of Mexico Region" (RIN0648-XD954), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2429. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to National Fire Protection Association Standards, Incorporation by Reference" (RIN2900-AO90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2430. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-70. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to regulate airline baggage fees and processes for consumers as it relates to transportation of passenger luggage and passenger delays resulting from lost, damaged, or delayed luggage; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 207

Whereas, deregulation of the airline industry in the United States began more than three decades ago in 1978; and

Whereas, a consequence of deregulation was the elimination of federal control over many airline business practices, including pricing and domestic route selection; and

Whereas, though deregulation limits federal control of airline business practices generally, the federal government continues to legislate and enforce certain consumer protections for airline passengers; and

Whereas, the United States Congress largely determines the degree to which certain rights of airline passengers are codified in law or developed through regulatory rulemaking; and

Whereas, since deregulation, the primary means of competition amongst airlines has progressively centered on price, not service; and

Whereas, certain concerns for passengers of airlines include increasing baggage fees and passenger delays resulting from lost, damaged, or delayed passenger luggage; and

Whereas, the airline industry began to charge passengers a checked baggage fee per bag to curtail rising jet fuel costs and to supplement marginal revenue during times of economic decline; and

Whereas, as a result of increasing airline baggage fees charged by airlines for checked luggage, passengers are encouraged to increase the contents of carry-on luggage to avoid the extra cost of baggage fees; and

Whereas, increased carry-on luggage of boarding airline passengers may be correlated to the claims of lost, damaged, or delayed passenger luggage, because passengers are oftentimes asked to check carry-on luggage at the boarding gate, which may require passengers to wait for such luggage after deboarding an aircraft, or luggage and contents may become damaged during the process of fitting carry-on luggage onto boarded aircrafts; and

Whereas, although checked luggage may be lost, damaged, or delayed for a variety of reasons, baggage handling systems, airline negligence, and the act of luggage offloading to accommodate extra fuel have also been discussed as reasons for lost, damaged, or delayed passenger luggage; and

Whereas, the aforementioned concerns of airline passengers are issues of consumer protection for which the United States Congress has the constitutional power to address and determine fair and reasonable solutions through codified law or regulatory rulemaking: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to regulate airline baggage fees and processes for consumers as it relates to transportation of passenger luggage and passenger delays resulting from lost, damaged, or delayed luggage; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-71. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to amend the employer shared responsibility provisions regarding employee health coverage under Section 4980H of the Internal Revenue Code, as enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, to eliminate penalties on school districts; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

Whereas, a highly contentious aspect of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), referred to hereafter as "the ACA", is its imposition of financial penalties on employers known as "employer shared responsibility"; and

Whereas, the employer shared responsibility penalty applies to certain businesses with fifty or more full-time employees that either do not offer insurance or offer coverage which does not meet minimum standards set forth in the ACA; and

Whereas, after nearly four years of delays and regulatory uncertainty regarding application of the employer shared responsibility penalty following enactment of the ACA in March of 2010, the Internal Revenue Service, in its final regulations on the penalty issued in February of 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 8544 (February 22, 2014)), provided that there is no exclusion from the penalty for government entities; and

Whereas, for purposes of the penalty, a "full-time employee" is now defined as any employee working an average of more than thirty hours per week or one hundred thirty hours per month; and

Whereas, because many part-time and temporary school personnel count as "full-time employees" under the ACA, the school districts of this state now face crippling financial penalties, typically in the amount of two thousand dollars per employee who lacks health coverage, for not providing health coverage to personnel who traditionally have not been considered full-time employees: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to amend the employer shared responsibility provisions regarding employee health coverage under Section 4980H of the Internal Revenue Code, as enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, to eliminate penalties on school districts; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-72. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the United States Congress and the New York State Legislature to strengthen guidelines for the distribution of Medicaid services and to prevent Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-73. A communication from a citizen of the State of Illinois memorializing the State of Illinois's petition to the United States Congress calling for a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1334. A bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1873. A bill to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COATS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 1874. A bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1875. A bill to support enhanced accountability for United States assistance to Afghanistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1876. A bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 1877. A bill to require the Attorney General to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1878. A bill to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1879. A bill to improve processes in the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1880. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving medical care for service-connected disabilities under programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COATS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SASSE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1881. A bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America; read the first time.

By Mr. CARDIN (by request):

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 233. A resolution recognizing July 28, 2015, as "World Hepatitis Day"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KING, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. REED, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Con. Res. 20. A concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the 25th anniversary of the date of enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 174

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr.

ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the dependent care tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

S. 1073

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1073, a bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to establish an insurance policy advisory committee on international capital standards, and for other purposes.

S. 1089

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1089, a bill to encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our Nation's social programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1190

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1358

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era.

S. 1632

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1632, a bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

S. 1756

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to help small businesses take advantage of energy efficiency.

S. 1762

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1762, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase the penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the United States after being removed.

S. 1812

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to protect public safety by incentivizing State and local law enforcement to cooperate with Federal immigration law enforcement to prevent the release of criminal aliens into communities.

S. 1818

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1818, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies.

S. 1820

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1820, a bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules.

S. 1836

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1836, a bill to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1842, a bill to ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody and for other purposes.

S. 1844

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1844, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for voluntary country of origin labeling for beef, pork, and chicken.

S. 1857

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1857, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes.

S. 1861

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1861, a bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

S. 1863

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1863, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Timothy Nugent, in recognition of his pioneering work on behalf of people with disabilities, including disabled veterans.

S. 1866

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1866, a bill to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 189

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 189, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 232

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 232, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that August 30, 2015, be observed as "1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 28, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Lifting The Crude Oil Export Ban."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Avoiding Duplication: An Examination of the State Department's Proposal to Construct a New Diplomatic Security Training Facility."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 28, 2015, at 11:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 28, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1482. An act to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 774. An act to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

H.R. 998. An act to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1607. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1634. An act to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1656. An act to provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas.

H.R. 1831. An act to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2127. An act to direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to limit access to expedited airport security screening at an airport security checkpoint to participants of the PreCheck program and other known low-risk passengers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2206. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communication capabilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2750. An act to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2770. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain maintenance of security-related technology at airports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2843. An act to require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration's PreCheck expedited screening program, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 61. Joint resolution amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 64. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Monuments Men.

At 4:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1482. An act to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid.

H.R. 876. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 774. An act to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 998. An act to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1607. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1634. An act to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1656. An act to provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2127. An act to direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to limit access to expedited airport security screening at an airport security checkpoint to participants of the PreCheck program and other known low-risk passengers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2206. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2750. An act to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2770. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain maintenance of security-related technology at airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2843. An act to require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration's PreCheck expedited screening program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As if in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, upon disposition of the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 22, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, en bloc: Allison Beck, of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, Carol Fortine Ochoa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration; that the Senate vote, without any intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions;

and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

FEDERAL IMPROPER PAYMENTS COORDINATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 614) to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2541, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

WOUNDED WARRIORS FEDERAL LEAVE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 242) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 764) to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 64) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Monuments Men, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 225) honoring the National Association of Women Business Owners on its 40th anniversary.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 20) recognizing and honoring the 25th anniversary of the date of enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, submitted today by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KING, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. REED, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1881) to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, introduced today by Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COATS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SASSE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. CRUZ), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 22, pursuant to the order of today; and that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:04 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PAUL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1881) to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COATS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SASSE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. CRUZ), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2418, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2417, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay pending amendment No. 2417 on the table.

The motion was agreed to (taking with it amendment No. 2418 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2533, proposed by Mr. INHOFE, to amendment No. 2421, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2421, as amended, to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, the yeas and nays, previously ordered on the question of agreeing to pending amendment No. 2421, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2421, as amended, to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The hour of 10 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate on the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, pursuant to rule XXII the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2266 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 62, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 258 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Daines, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 38

Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Flake, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Lankford, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Paul, Perdue, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Schumer, Scott, Shelby, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Wyden.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 22, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Friday, July 24, 2015, to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 22.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 65, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 259 Leg.]

YEAS --- 65

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Daines, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 35

Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Paul, Perdue, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Schumer, Shelby, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 22.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, July 29, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1482. A bill to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON -- PM 22

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2015.

Certain ongoing activities, such as continuing arms transfers to Hizballah that include increasingly sophisticated weapons systems, undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contribute to political and economic instability in the region, and continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 29, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2431. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zeta-cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9929-74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2432. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phosphoric Acid Manufacturing and Phosphate Fertilizer Production RTR and Standards of Performance for Phosphate Processing" ((RIN2060-AQ20)(FRL No. 9931-01-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2433. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isofetamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9923-86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2434. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9930-73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2435. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethanesulfonic acid, 2-hydroxy and the corresponding ammonium, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and zinc salts; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9930-22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2436. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benalaxyl-M; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9927-63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2437. A communication from the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2438. A communication from the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2439. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Martin E. Dempsey, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2440. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Raymond T. Odierno, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2441. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Integrated Mortgage Disclosures Rule Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X) and the Truth In Lending Act (Regulation Z) and Amendments; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN3170-AA48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2442. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2443. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-015); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2444. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-048); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2445. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-046); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2446. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-066); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2447. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Revisions to SO2 Ambient Standards" (FRL No. 9931-38-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2448. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9931-46-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2449. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Non-interference Demonstration for Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement for Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties" (FRL No. 9931-27-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2450. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia: Revisions to Definitions and Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9931-65-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2451. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas; North Carolina; Redesignation of the Charlotte-Rock Hill, 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9931-28-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2452. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; 2011 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Marshall, West Virginia Nonattainment Area for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9931-56-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2453. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Consumer and Commercial Products and Mobile Equipment Repair and Refinishing Operations" (FRL No. 9931-29-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2454. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Revisions to Linn County Air Quality Ordinance" (FRL No. 9931-33-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2455. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Inadvertent Errors in Air Quality Designations for the 2006 24-hour Fine Particulate National Ambient Air Quality Standards (2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS), 1997 Annual PM2.5 NAAQS, and 1987 Annual Coarse Particle (PM10) NAAQS" (FRL No. 9929-97-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2456. A communication from the Regulations Specialist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska -- 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Subsistence Taking of Fish Regulations" (RIN1018-AZ67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2457. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Mount Charleston Blue Butterfly (Icaricia (Plebejus) shasta charlestonensis)" (RIN1018-AZ91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2458. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Technical Corrections for 54 Wildlife and Plant Species on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants" (RIN1018-BA89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2459. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for the Rufa Red Knot" (RIN1018-AY17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2460. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Foreign Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing All Chimpanzees as Endangered Species; Final Rule" (RIN1018-AZ52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2461. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Environmental Review, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interagency Cooperation -- Endangered Species Act of 1973, as Amended; Incidental Take Statements" (RIN1018-AX85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2462. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Update of Falconry Permitting Reporting Address" (RIN1018-BA90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 373. A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel (Rept. No. 114-96).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment:

S. 284. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1596. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building".

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1632. A bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1826. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James "Maggie" Megellas Post Office.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1882. A bill to support the sustainable recovery and rebuilding of Nepal following the recent, devastating earthquakes near Kathmandu; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1883. A bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1884. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1885. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1886. A bill to reauthorize the Integrated Costal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 1887. A bill to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1888. A bill to reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement for the Federal Government; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1889. A bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TILLIS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1890. A bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1891. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve coal royalties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1892. A bill to provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KIRK, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1893. A bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1894. A bill to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1895. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act for purposes of making claims under such Act based on exposure to atmospheric nuclear testing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1896. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1897. A bill to help keep law enforcement officers and communities safer by making grants to purchase body worn cameras for use by State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 1898. A bill to establish a program to assist in the importation and care of abused, injured, or abandoned nonhuman primates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. Res. 234. A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 235. A resolution designating September 2015 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 30

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 30, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 31

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 31, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 621

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention and control of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Asbestos Information Act of 1988 to establish a public database of asbestos-containing products, to require public disclosure of information pertaining to the manufacture, processing, distribution, and use of asbestos-containing products in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 925, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1144

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1144, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1312

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to modernize Federal policies regarding the supply and distribution of energy in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1382

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to stroke telehealth services under the Medicare program.

S. 1489

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1489, a bill to strengthen support for the Cuban people and prohibit financial transactions with the Cuban military, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1760

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1760, a bill to prevent gun trafficking.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

S. 1812

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to protect public safety by incentivizing State and local law enforcement to cooperate with Federal immigration law enforcement to prevent the release of criminal aliens into communities.

S. 1832

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1832, a bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1834

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1834, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 1872

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1872, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to support enhanced accountability for United States assistance to Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 1877

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1877, a bill to require the Attorney General to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood, and for other purposes.

S. 1881

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1881, a bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 230

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 230, a resolution designating September 25, 2015, as "National Lobster Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Wireless Broadband and the Future of Spectrum Policy."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 9 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Combating Campus Sexual Assault."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the True Costs of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Native Communities."

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Ending Veteran Homelessness."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Financial Crisis in Greece—Implications and Lessons Learned."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Role of Bankruptcy Reform in Addressing Too-Big-To Fail."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, AGENCY ACTION, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights, and Federal Courts be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Revisiting IRS Targeting: Progress of Agency Reforms and Congressional Options."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 427. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

H.R. 675. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, to improve the processing of claims by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 202(a) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146), the Democratic Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Care: Mr. Michael Blecker of San Francisco, California.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, July 29, 2015, he signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 1482. An act to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid.

H.R. 876. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 675. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF A COLLECTION OF THE RULES OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 234) to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate, submitted today by Mr. BLUNT, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 235) designating September 2015 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month," submitted today by Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3236

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives the bill (H.R. 3236) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, and for other purposes, from the House of Representatives for concurrence, the Senate proceed to consider the bill at 1:45 p.m. on tomorrow; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage thereof, with no intervening action or debate; that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass; and that, upon passage thereof, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 22; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that the time during adjournment count against time for debate pursuant to rule XXII the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:28 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER APPRECIATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 236) designating July 30, 2015, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day," submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CARPER, and Mrs. MCCASKILL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Ann Donnelly, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; Lawrence Joseph Vilardo, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York; and LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

After debate,

Mr. GRASSLEY objected.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 22.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, being concluded.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 65, nays... 34

[Rollcall Vote No. 260 Leg.]

YEAS --- 65

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Daines, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson,

Peters, Portman, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 34

Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Carper, Casey, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Flake, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Lankford, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Paul, Perdue, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Schumer, Scott, Shelby, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. MCCONNELL, so as to read: "An act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes."

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1881

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1881) to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1881; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1881:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JIM INHOFE, RAND PAUL, PAT ROBERTS, BEN SASSE, JAMES LANKFORD, JONI K. ERNST, DAN COATS, CORY GARDNER, STEVE DAINES, ROGER F. WICKER, JOHNNY ISAKSON, LINDSEY GRAHAM, MICHAEL B. ENZI, JERRY MORAN, TIM SCOTT, JOHN CORNYN.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND VETERANS HEALTH CARE CHOICE IMPROVEMENT ACT

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3236) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. ISAKSON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 91, nays... 4

[Rollcall Vote No. 261 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 4

Corker, Lee, Sasse, Sessions.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1881

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1881.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. PORTMAN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 212) to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. UDALL objected.

Mr. UDALL asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1523) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider said bill and bill H.R. 212, en bloc; that the bills be read the third time, en bloc; that the Senate vote on passage of the bills, en bloc; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. PORTMAN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1881

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1881.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-2463. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA); the Secretary of State's verification assessment report; and additonal documents, received in the Senate on July 19, 2015; pursuant to Sec. 135(h) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011, et seq.) to the Committees on Finance; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; and Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BOOZMAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1910. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-97).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 313. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists

to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare (Rept. No. 114-98).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 349. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts (Rept. No. 114-99).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 466. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives (Rept. No. 114-100).

S. 599. A bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project (Rept. No. 114-101).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 607. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-102).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 704. A bill to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries (Rept. No. 114-103).

S. 861. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs (Rept. No. 114-104).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1253. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies under the Medicare program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-105).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1347. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-106).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1349. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals (Rept. No. 114-107).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1362. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs) (Rept. No. 114-108).

S. 1461. A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015 (Rept. No. 114-109).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment:

S. 1875. A bill to support enhanced accountability for United States assistance to Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KING:

S. 1899. A bill to permit aliens seeking asylum to be eligible for employment in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 1900. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1901. A bill to help small businesses access capital and create jobs by reauthorizing the successful State Small Business Credit Initiative; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1902. A bill to provide for the treatment and extension of temporary financing of short-time compensation programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1903. A bill to provide for a study by the National Academy of Medicine on health disparities, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1904. A bill to protect our Social Security system and improve benefits for current and future generations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1905. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1906. A bill to clarify the exclusion of orphan drug sales from the calculation of the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1907. A bill to reduce the Federal budget deficit by closing big oil tax loopholes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1908. A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1909. A bill to protect communities from destructive Federal overreach by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOZMAN:

S. 1910. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1911. A bill to implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1912. A bill to protect the rights of Indian and Native Alaskan voters; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1913. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish programs to prevent prescription drug abuse under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1914. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the guidelines for specification of certain disposal sites for dredged or fill material; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CORNYN):

S.J. Res. 21. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CARPER, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 236. A resolution designating July 30, 2015, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 237. A resolution condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for continuing to perpetrate crimes against humanity, war crimes, and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government, the African Union, and governments and regional organizations in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield and promote protection and recovery of affected communities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. Res. 238. A resolution expressing the determination of the Senate that the 60-calendar day period for congressional review of the nuclear agreement with Iran did not begin with the transmittal of the agreement on July 19, 2015, because that transmittal did not include all materials required to be transmitted pursuant to the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 239. A resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science of the College of William & Mary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 303

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 303, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that individuals having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment.

S. 471

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 471, supra.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued

access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 1085, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1466

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1466, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes.

S. 1498

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1498, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that military working dogs be retired in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1509

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1509, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1578

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1578, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer rights, and for other purposes.

S. 1579

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1579, a bill to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States.

S. 1617

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House".

S. 1731

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of certain benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish such benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces with other than dishonorable conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1760

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1760, a bill to prevent gun trafficking.

S. 1775

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1775, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

S. 1808

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1808, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1872

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1872, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes.

S. 1876

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1876, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1881

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the

Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1881, a bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

S. 1883

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1883, a bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1893

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 228

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 228, a resolution designating September 2015 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 232

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 232, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that August 30, 2015, be observed as "1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Sanctions and the JCPOA."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2015, at 12:10 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Impact of the U.S. Tax Code on the Market for Corporate Control and Jobs."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:43 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1300. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1994. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3236. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, and for other purposes.

At 4:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3236. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1300. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1994. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONS IMPROVEMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1172) to improve the process of presidential transition.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) to further amend the pending bill on page 7, by striking lines 11 through 16, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2543).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSION, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1881; and that, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1881 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:51 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10:00:06 a.m., and

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 10:00:19 a.m.,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 2 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2015.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 30, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 30, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1881

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 30, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, July 30, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1881) to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule relative to the pending motion to bring to a close debate be waived.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 30, 2015, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1881.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---yeas... 53, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 262 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 754

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 754) to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, JAMES J. LANKFORD, ROGER F. WICKER, JOHN MCCAIN, RICHARD SHELBY, TOM COTTON, MARCO RUBIO, SUSAN COLLINS, JOHN THUNE, DANIEL COATS, RICHARD BURR, PAT ROBERTS, JOHN BARRASSO, JAMES RISCH, ORRIN HATCH, ROY BLUNT.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 212

Mr. PORTMAN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 212) to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 754

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1629. A bill to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-110).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1915. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1916. A bill to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KIRK, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1917. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to an entity that receives compensation for facilitating the donation of fetal tissue derived from an abortion; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1918. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to extend the import-and export-related provision of that Act to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 240. A resolution recognizing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and its partners for the success of the historic flyby of Pluto by the New Horizons spacecraft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CORKER, Mr. REID, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BURR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 241. A resolution designating August 16, 2015, as "National Airborne Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 377

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare program and to reform payments for such services under such program, and for other purposes.

S. 404

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 404, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 709

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1090

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to

amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1143, a bill to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1314

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1314, a bill to establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1566

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1566, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to provide for coverage of oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the coverage provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider.

S. 1719

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 1722

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1722, a bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain additional disclosure requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 1742

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1742, a bill to improve the provision of postal services to rural areas of the United States.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1767, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, and for other purposes.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1774, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to treat Puerto Rico as a State for purposes of chapter 9 of such title relating to the adjustment of debts of municipalities.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1785, a bill to repeal the wage rate requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 1863

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1863, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Timothy Nugent, in recognition of his pioneering work on behalf of people with disabilities, including disabled veterans.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to support enhanced accountability for United States assistance to Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 1876

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1876, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1876, supra.

S. 1881

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1881, a bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

S. 1882

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1882, a bill to support the sustainable recovery and rebuilding of Nepal following the recent, devastating earthquakes near Kathmandu.

S. 1883

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1883, a bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1893

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

SENATE RESOLUTION 176

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 176, a resolution designating September 2015 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 228

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 228, a resolution designating September 2015 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 232

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 232, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that August 30, 2015, be observed as "1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 3, 2015, at 5 p.m., to conduct a classified briefing entitled

"JCPOA: The Verification and Assessment Report."

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 241) designating August 16, 2015, as "National Airborne Day," submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CORKER, Mr. REID, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BURR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:10 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2464. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluazifop-P-butyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9930-99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2465. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2466. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act within the Program Administration, Departmental Management, Education account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2467. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2468. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2469. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Department of Defense General Counsel, Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2470. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John D. Johnson, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2471. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "U.S. Industrial Base Surveys Pursuant to the Defense Production Act of 1950" (RIN0694-AG17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2472. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2473. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuba: Implementing Rescission of State Sponsor of Terrorism Designation" (RIN0694-AG60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2474. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Final Revisions Applicable to Banking Organizations Subject to the Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rule" (RIN3064-AE12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2475. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Functions, and Seal Amendments" (RIN2590-AA75), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2476. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards" (RIN3133-AE40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2477. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; and Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List Based on Removal Requests" (RIN0694-AG61), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2478. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2479. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines" ((RIN1904-AD07)-(Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0045)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2480. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Dehumidifiers" ((RIN1904-AC80)(Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0010)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2481. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Public Utility Filing Requirements" (Docket No. RM15-3-000), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2482. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone and 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9931-80-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2483. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Missouri; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9927-41-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2484. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Amendments to the Control of Gasoline and Volatile Organic Compound Storage and Handling" (FRL No. 9931-54-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2485. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Approval of NOx Emission Offset Credits as Single Source SIP Revisions" (FRL No. 9927-49-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2486. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assessing the Continued Suspension of the Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) 25 Percent Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2487. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014, Interim Guidance" (Notice 2015-43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2488. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safe Harbor for Ratable Service Contracts" (Rev. Proc. 2015-39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2489. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System - Update for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2015 (FY 2016)" ((RIN0938-AS47)(CMS-1627-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2490. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) for FY 2016, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, and Staffing Data Collection" ((RIN0938-AS44)(CMS-1622-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2491. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2016 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements" ((RIN0938-AS39)-(CMS-1629-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2492. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems . . . Payment Adjustment for Hospitals" ((RIN0938-AS41)(CMS-1632-F and IFC)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2493. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2016" ((RIN0938-AS45)(CMS-1624-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2494. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1237); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2495. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-132); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2496. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1241); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2497. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1240); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2498. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1239); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2499. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1238); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2500. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-035); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-043); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2502. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-065); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Agency Drug-Free Workplace Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for Children Affected by Substance Abuse Second Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2505. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2506. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acknowledgment of American Indian Tribes" (RIN1076-AF18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2507. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Impact of the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2508. A communication from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2014 Post-Election Survey Report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2509. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; The Cleveland Yachting Club Annual Regatta Fireworks Display; Lake Erie, Rocky River, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0613)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2510. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lake Metroparks Stand-Up Paddleboard Race; Lake Erie; Fairport Harbor, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0612)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2511. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Victoria Barge Canal, Bloomington, TX" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0952)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2512. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; POLAR PIONEER, Outer Continental Shelf Drill Unit, Chukchi Sea, Alaska" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0247)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2513. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Misery Challenge, Manchester Bay, Manchester, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0188)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2514. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard,

Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Block Island Wind Farm; Rhode Island Sound, RI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0227)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2515. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Southeast Drag Boat Championships, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Buckport, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0045)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2516. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Beaufort Water Festival, Beaufort, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0192)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2517. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Mavericks Surf Competition, Half Moon Bay, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0427)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2518. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Town of Olcott Fireworks Display; Lake Ontario, Olcott, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0613)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2519. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones and Regulated Navigation Area; Shell Arctic Drilling/Exploration Vessels and Associated Voluntary First Amendment Area, Puget Sound, WA, Extension" ((RIN1625-AA00 and RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0295)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2520. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Big Foot TLP, Walker Ridge 29, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0863)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2521. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Red Bull GRC Air Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0618)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2522. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cleveland Triathlon, Lake Erie, North Coast Harbor, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0659)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2523. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fall River Grand Prix, Mt. Hope Bay and Taunton River, Fall River, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0613)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2524. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Oswego Harborfest Jet Ski Show; Oswego Harbor, Oswego, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0507)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2525. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Maritime Museum Party, San Diego Bay; San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0647)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2526. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0482)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2527. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Atlantic Dolphin" (RIN0648-XE002), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2528. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper" (RIN0648-XE003), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2529. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Tunnel Inspection Standards" (RIN2125-AF24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2530. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Compliance With Commercial Driver's License Program: Correction" (RIN2126-AB80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2531. A communication from the Chair of the Incentive Auctions Task Force, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" (FCC 15-69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2532. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions; Channel Sharing by Full Power and Class A Stations Outside the Broadcast Television Spectrum Incentive Auction Context" ((GN Docket No. 12-268)(MB Docket No. 15-137)(FCC 15-67)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-74. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the United States Congress to provide an adequate budget for the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish rules relative to environmentally friendly energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Ohio has many finite natural energy resources; and

Whereas, World energy demand and usage are expected to increase; and

Whereas, It is vital to the country's energy future to provide abundant base-load power and peaking energy-on-demand power affordably; and

Whereas, Extending Ohio's current energy boom will rest in creating a long-term energy plan and developing clean and affordable energy technologies such as liquid core molten salt reactors and small modular reactors; and

Whereas, America possesses a nearly inexhaustible supply of thorium and uranium (more than a billion years) that dramatically exceeds all known potential energy reserves; and

Whereas, The elements thorium and uranium have the practical potential to provide unlimited energy resources for Ohioans and Americans on demand in the near future and to provide many other tangible benefits; and

Whereas, Better utilization of thorium and uranium in specially designed reactors such as molten salt reactors, including liquid fluoride thorium reactors, can provide energy security from other nations by utilizing Ohio coal and a reactor's nuclear heat energy to produce an abundance of synthetic liquid transportation fuels. These synthetic fuels can be produced for many future generations of Ohioans in a safe, affordable, and in a most environmentally friendly manner; and

Whereas, The efficient use of thorium or uranium in a specially designed molten salt reactor allows for greatly increased environmentally friendly energy production that improves the economics of many recycling technologies and raises the standard of living; and

Whereas, It is incumbent upon Ohio legislators to be forward-thinking in addressing the future energy challenges for the next generation of Ohioans; and

Whereas, Ohio is uniquely capable to commercialize small modular reactors, liquid core molten salt reactors, and integral fast reactors with its research and development assets of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Plum Brook (Sandusky, Ohio), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration John H. Glenn Research Center (Cleveland, Ohio area), the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Dayton, Ohio), USEC's uranium-enrichment facility (Piketon, Ohio), The Ohio State University's nuclear-research-and-development facilities (Columbus, Ohio), and other private companies and nonprofit organizations that specialize in nuclear-technology development in Ohio; and

Whereas, The academic, scientific, manufacturing, and business communities in Ohio have some of the best talent and research and development records in the world. Development of this groundbreaking and economic game-changing technology would serve Ohio's and America's economy better than current federal efforts to develop this technology in partnership with China; and

Whereas, Advanced technology using thorium and uranium can affordably provide medical isotopes of materials for medical uses such as treating cancer and HIV/AIDS, diagnostic procedures, and improved health care; and

Whereas, S.99, the "American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2011," was signed into law by President Barack Obama on January 2, 2013, and mandates a reliable domestic supply of molybdenum-99 for medical imaging and diagnostics; and

Whereas, Molybdenum-99 is used in more than sixteen million medical procedures annually in the United States; and

Whereas, No domestic supply of molybdenum-99 currently exists, and present suppliers use old reactors that result in frequent supply disruptions; and

Whereas, The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, charged with licensing nuclear reactors, is not well-funded for establishing procedures for new, advanced reactor designs based on different architectures from today's fleet of light water reactors; and

Whereas, Small modular reactors and liquid core molten salt reactors represent a business opportunity that Ohio's manufacturing base is well-suited to exploit. This could potentially result in creating forty thousand manufacturing jobs in total within Ohio, because these jobs have the ability to complement Ohio's coal industry, oil industry, and natural gas hydraulic fracturing industry by increasing jobs in those industries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio, make the following recommendation for solutions to energy and medical-isotopes production; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of Ohio shall create a long-term energy plan that addresses the long-term energy needs of the country; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of Ohio shall encourage the research and development of liquid-core-molten-salt-reactors and small-modular-reactors technologies as a long-term solution to Ohio's energy needs; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of Ohio shall advocate that the Congress of the United States mandate, and provide an adequate budget for, the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish rules for manufacturing, siting, and licensing of small modular reactors and liquid core molten salt reactors to be built and operated in the United States by private industry for the production of energy and medical isotopes; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of Ohio shall invest in, seek to acquire grants for, implement programs for, encourage its institutions of higher learning to conduct research into, and attract companies for the development of future technologies that will provide greater energy resources more affordably, abundantly, and in a more environmentally friendly manner than is being done at present; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, the Commissioners of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

POM-75. A petition by a citizen from the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution relative to establishing a procedure by which the President of the United States could be removed from office by means of a nationwide recall election; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 719. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-111).

By Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 73, An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 (Rept. No. 114-112).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 280. A bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-113).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 986. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico (Rept. No. 114-114).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

H.R. 1020. A bill to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation (Rept. No. 114-115).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1531. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COATS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1919. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1920. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to develop and submit to Congress a biennial report on the current state of the skills gap in the United States, as of the date of the report, that includes an analysis of the effectiveness of efforts to close the skills gap and policy recommendations to improve such efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 1921. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to adopt administrative procedures with respect to nonmedical exemptions for State immunization requirements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1922. A bill to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1923. A bill to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide certain individuals with information on employment support services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 1924. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1925. A bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program and to make permanent the payment in lieu of taxes program and the land and water conservation fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1926. A bill to ensure access to screening mammography services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1927. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1928. A bill to support the education of Indian children; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1929. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to prevent disability fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 1930. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1931. A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of certain Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1932. A bill to provide States with flexibility to use Federal IV-E funding for State child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children who need child welfare services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COONS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1933. A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1934. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to establish the Scale-up Manufacturing Investment Company ("SUMIC") Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. KING, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1935. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1936. A bill to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 1937. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve nutrition in tribal areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 779

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 779, a bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 1049

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 1065

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to amend title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma inhalers and spacers for emergency use, as necessary.

S. 1085

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1085, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1314

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1314, a bill to establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to amend the limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents under section 28103 of title 49, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1466

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1466, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to ensure timely access to affordable birth control for women.

S. 1617

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1632

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1632, a bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1709

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1819

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1819, a bill to

improve security at Armed Forces recruitment centers.

S. 1844

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1844, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for voluntary country of origin labeling for beef, pork, and chicken.

S. 1897

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1897, a bill to help keep law enforcement officers and communities safer by making grants to purchase body worn cameras for use by State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers.

S. 1911

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally.

S. 1912

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1912, a bill to protect the rights of Indian and Native Alaskan voters.

S. 1918

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1918, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to extend the import- and export-related provision of that Act to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered under that Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 228

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 228, a resolution designating September 2015 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BURR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "A Way Back Home: Preserving Families and Reducing the Need for Foster Care."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "JCPOA: Non-Proliferations, Inspections, and Nuclear Constraints."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Bureau of Prisons: First-Hand Accounts of Challenges Facing the Federal Prison System."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 3 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND, WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of Litigation at EPA and FWS: Impacts on the U.S. Economy, States, Local Communities and the Environment."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 72. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 754

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 754) to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:46 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 754

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754 be withdrawn; that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill; that Mr. BURR be recognized to propose an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN; and that it be in order on today for the managers, or their designees, to propose ten relevant first-degree amendments per side.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND JERRY PEAK WILDERNESS ADDITIONS ACT

On the request of Mr. RISCH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1138) to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize

various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, July 27, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 754

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

U.S. COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH COMPETITIVENESS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1297) to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GENERAL OF THE ARMY OMAR BRADLEY PROPERTY TRANSFER ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 267) to authorize the transfer of certain items under the control of the Omar Bradley Foundation to the descendants of General Omar Bradley.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON OBSERVING "1890 LAND-GRANT INSTITUTIONS QUASQUICENTENNIAL RECOGNITION DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 232) expressing the sense of the Senate that August 30, 2015, be observed as "1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754; and that the time until the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed thereto be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROUNDS,

At 7:14 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 754

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Monday, August 3. 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 754) to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 754 at 2 p.m. on today; and that the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 754; that Mr. BURR be recognized to propose an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill, for himself

and Mrs. FEINSTEIN; and that it be in order for the managers of the bill, or their designees, to propose 10 relevant first-degree amendments per party thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the foregoing order be modified such that there instead be 11 relevant first-degree amendments in order to be proposed by the minority party.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 61

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, following leader remarks on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and that the majority leader, or his designee, be recognized to propose an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) related to Congressional disapproval of the proposed Iran nuclear agreement.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 754

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1150

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the minority leader, but no later than Friday, October 30, 2015, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 1150) to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 497

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the minority leader, but no later than Friday, October 30, 2015, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 497) to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1772

Ms. WARREN asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the minority leader, but no later than Friday, October 30, 2015, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 1772) to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation and to ensure that employers consider these requests, and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain occupations with evidence of unpredictable and unstable scheduling practices that negatively affect employees, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 754

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent on the request of Mr. LEE,

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 6:15 p.m. on today.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 5:05 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 6:15 p.m.

AT 6:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) called the Senate to order.

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 212) to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1523) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to amend the pending bill on page 3, line 17, by striking "$27,000,000," and inserting in lieu thereof "$26,000,000" (being amendment No. 2639).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1603. A bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (Rept. No. 114-116).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 710, A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-117).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1946. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-118).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled "The Internal Revenue Service's Processing of 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) Applications for Tax-Exempt Status Submitted by "Political Advocacy" Organizations from 2010-2013" (Rept. No. 114-119).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1938. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1939. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for institutional ineligibility based on low cohort repayment rates and to require risk sharing payments of institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 1940. A bill to improve the retirement security of American families by increasing Social Security benefits for current and future beneficiaries while making Social Security stronger for future generations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1941. A bill to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 1942. A bill to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1943. A bill to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the State of Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 1944. A bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1945. A bill to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1946. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expiring certain provisions, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1947. A bill to exclude the discharge of certain Federal student loans from the calculation of gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1948. A bill to increase awareness of the Federal student loan income-based repayment plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1949. A bill to make it unlawful to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile device; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1950. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for online voter registration and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1951. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require the availability of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1952. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to modify the procedures for change of address; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1953. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict interstate waste imports and impose a higher fee on out-of-State waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1954. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in public elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 1955. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1956. A bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct an assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1957. A bill to require the Attorney General to provide State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1958. A bill to establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers with respect to student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1959. A bill to provide greater controls and restrictions on revolving door lobbying; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1960. A bill to establish a statute of limitations for certain actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1961. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the treatment of the United States territories under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 1962. A bill to authorize 2 additional district judgeships for the district of Colorado; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 1963. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1964. A bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to invest in funding prevention and family services to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LEE, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1965. A bill to place restrictions on the use of solitary confinement for juveniles in Federal custody; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1966. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require alternative options for program delivery; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1967. A bill to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1968. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require certain companies to disclose information describing any measures the company has taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and the worst forms of child labor within the company's supply chains; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1969. A bill to designate Federal election day as a public holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1970. A bill to establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for elections for Federal Office; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1971. A bill to expand the boundary of the California Coastal National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1972. A bill to require air carriers to modify certain policies with respect to the use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1973. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the deduction for interest on education loans, to extend and expand the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate the limitation on contributions to Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HEITKAMP:

S. 1974. A bill to require the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to amend its regulations relating to qualified mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1975. A bill to establish the Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1976. A bill to prohibit the distribution in commerce of children's products and upholstered furniture containing certain flame retardants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1977. A bill to provide family members and close associates of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others new tools to prevent gun violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1978. A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1979. A bill to direct the Chief of Engineers to transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1980. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1981. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1982. A bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1983. A bill to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 1984. A bill to prevent Indian tribes and tribal organizations that cultivate, manufacture, or distribute marijuana on

Indian land from receiving Federal funds; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1985. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Washington County, Utah, to authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1986. A bill to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1987. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1988. A bill to enhance the security of military personnel at United States military installations and operating locations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 1989. A bill to improve access to primary care services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1990. A bill to require Inspectors General and the Comptroller General of the United States to submit reports on the use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard classified and personally identifiable information on Federal computer systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1991. A bill to eliminate the sunset date for the Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1992. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to provide that a member of the Armed Forces and the spouse of that member shall have the same rights regarding the receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station of the member; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1993. A bill to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in the United States in national service positions to protect, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 1994. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase certain fuel taxes and to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1995. A bill to provide grants for projects to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and to develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1996. A bill to streamline the employer reporting process and stregthen the eligibility verification process for the premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1997. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1998. A bill to improve college affordability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 1999. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to act, without liability for certain damages, to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2000. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers if the Secretary is not feasibly able to provide health care in facilities of the Department or through contracts or sharing agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 2001. A bill to phase out special wage certificates under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 that allow individuals with disabilities to be paid at subminimum wage rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2002. A bill to strengthen our mental health system and improve public safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 242. A resolution celebrating 25 years of success from the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PETERS, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. Res. 243. A resolution celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Small Business Development Centers of the United States; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 244. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the "Laudato Si" encyclical of Pope Francis, and global climate change; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. KING, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 245. A resolution designating the week beginning September 13, 2015, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. NELSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 246. A resolution commemorating 80 years since the creation of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. Res. 247. A resolution commemorating and honoring the actions of President Harry

S. Truman and the crews of the Enola Gay and Bockscar in using the atomic bomb to bring World War II to an end; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 248. A resolution designating September 2015 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 142

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, supra.

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 283, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 564

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 564, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the dependent care tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 706

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 706, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr.

BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1061

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1061, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1090

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, supra.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data and for other purposes.

S. 1358

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1358, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1523

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1523, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1526

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1526, a bill to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, to amend title 31 and 41, United States Code, to improve the payment protections available to construction contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers for work performed, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1566

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1566, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to provide for coverage of oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the coverage provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider.

S. 1589

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1589, a bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new, long-term job creation through the establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

S. 1609

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1609, a bill to provide support for the development of middle school career exploration programs linked to career and technical education programs of study.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1711, a bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status.

S. 1772

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1772, a bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation and to ensure that employers consider these

requests, and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain occupations with evidence of unpredictable and unstable scheduling practices that negatively affect employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1775

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1775, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1819

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1819, a bill to improve security at Armed Forces recruitment centers.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to safeguard military personnel on Armed Forces military installations by repealing bans on military personnel carrying firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1838

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1838, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the treatment of coordinated expenditures as contributions to candidates, and for other purposes.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1860

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1860, a bill to protect and promote international religious freedom.

S. 1883

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1883, a bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants.

S. 1925

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1925, a bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program and to make permanent the payment in lieu of taxes program and the land and water conservation fund.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Implications of Sanctions Relief Under The Iran Agreement."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 5, 2015.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 5, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Implications of the JCPOA for U.S. Policy in the Middle East."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Opportunities to Improve Student Success."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "'All' Means 'All': the Justice Department's Failure to Comply With Its Legal Obligation to Ensure Inspector General Access to All Records Needed for Independent Oversight."

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Pursuant to the order of May 27, 1988,

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of the following bill; and the bill was placed on the calendar:

S. 710. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Roseann Ketchmark, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition thereof, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR NOMINATIONS TO REMAIN IN STATUS QUO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That all nominations received during the 114th Congress, First Session, remain in status quo, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND A CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 72) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Tuesday, September 8, 2015, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. BLUNT be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

ORDER FOR JOINT REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the nomination of Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, be referred jointly to the Committees on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and Veterans' Affairs.

DESIGNATING THE "JACOB TRIEBER FEDERAL BUILDING, UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, AND UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BOOZMAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1707) to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GERARDO HERNANDEZ AIRPORT SECURITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 720) to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1576) to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SPECIALIST JOSEPH W. RILEY POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1596) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES 'MAGGIE' MEGELLAS POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1826) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James "Maggie" Megellas Post Office.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1347) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1362) to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PATIENT FREEDOM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1531) to reform the provision of health insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives to coverage under the Affordable Care Act, and price transparency, in order to promote a more market-based health care system, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "J. WATIES WARING JUDICIAL CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2131) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "J. Waties Waring Judicial Center."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "PFC MILTON A. LEE MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2559) to designate the "PFC Milton A. Lee Medal of Honor Memorial Highway" in the State of Texas.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 228) designating September 2015 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL LOBSTER DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 230) designating September 25, 2015, as "National Lobster Day."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 248) designating September 2015 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month," submitted today by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BOOZMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, committees be authorized to submit legislative and executive reports on tomorrow, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and on Friday, August 28, 2015, from 12 noon until 2 p.m.

ORDER FOR THE RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, the Record remain open on tomorrow until 1:30 p.m. for introduction of bills, submission of resolutions and statements, and addition of cosponsors.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSION, AND FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the only business in order therein be as pursuant to the orders of today; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, as pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 72; that on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

At 8:19 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 72, until 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015

Mr. DAVID PERDUE, from the State of Georgia, called the Senate to order at 11:30:05 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 6, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID PERDUE, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. PERDUE took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 11:30:39 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, and pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 72, until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, August 5, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, August 5, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, August 5, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BARRASSO in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2640, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2641).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2642).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the language of the joint resolution proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2643).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "3," and inserting "4" (being amendment No. 2644).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2645).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the pending motion to

commit by striking "5," and inserting "6" (being amendment No. 2646).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "6," and inserting "7" (being amendment No. 2647).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the pending motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, except for amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute), the pending amendments be withdrawn; that no other amendment, point of order, or motion be in order to the joint resolution or to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) thereto, prior to a vote on said amendment (in the nature of a substitute); that, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2015, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute); that said amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, if said amendment is agreed to, the joint resolution, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that time on today until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, on tomorrow, time following leader remarks until 6 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, on Thursday next, time following leader remarks until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the pending motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, on Thursday next, at 3 p.m., the pending amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the joint resolution, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the joint resolution, as amended.

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the pending motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, August 5, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, August 5, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 5, 2015, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 6, 2015:

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 833. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations were made for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 5, 2015, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 28, 2015:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1251. A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007 (Rept. No. 114-120).

S. 1315. A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions (Rept. No. 114-121).

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1493. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-122).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany H.R. 1531, A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-123).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 5, 2015, the following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KING:

S. 2003. A bill to facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2004. A bill to amend section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, to modify the authority of the President of the United States to declare national monuments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2005. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 2006. A bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2007. A bill to create a consistent framework to expedite the recruitment of highly qualified personnel who perform information technology, cybersecurity, and cyber-related functions to enhance cybersecurity across the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2008. A bill to enhance transportation programs in order to achieve an interconnected transportation system which connects people to jobs, schools, and other essential services through a multimodal network, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2009. A bill to prohibit the sale of arms to Bahrain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

S. 256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to amend the definition of "homeless person" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. PETERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 952

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 952, a bill to provide for duty-free treatment of certain recreational performance outerwear, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1309

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1309, a bill to provide for the removal of default information from a borrower's credit report with respect to certain rehabilitated education loans.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1819

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1819, a bill to improve security at Armed Forces recruitment centers.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1893

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1945, a bill to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to increase awareness of the Federal student loan income-based repayment plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1967

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1967, a bill to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois.

S. 1972

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1972, a bill to require air carriers to modify certain policies with respect to the use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1994

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1994, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase certain fuel taxes and to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

S.J. RES. 1

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

S. RES. 245

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 245, a resolution designating the week beginning September 13, 2015, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week" .

AMENDMENT NO. 2590

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2590 intended to be proposed to S. 754, an original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes.

APPOINTMENTS DURING ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the order of August 5, 2015,

The following appointments were made:

To the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, Mr. COTTON, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LANKFORD.

To the Commission on Care, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 113-146, Lt. General Martin Steele (Ret) of Florida.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 6, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 212. An act to amend the Safe Water Drinking Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of algal toxins in drinking water, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1138. An act to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1531. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2131. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "J. Waties Waring Judicial Center".

H.R. 2559. An act to designate the "PFC Milton A. Lee Medal of Honor Memorial Highway" in the State of Texas.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bills were signed on August 6, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2533. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-074); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2534. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-028); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2535. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-039); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2536. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-034); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2537. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-044); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2538. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2539. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Butte County Air Quality Management District, Feather River Air Quality Management District, and San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District; Correction" (FRL No. 9931-19-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2540. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Definitions of Low Pressure Gas Well and Storage Vessel" (FRL No. 9931-76-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2541. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Wyoming; Interstate Transport of Pollution for the 2006 24-Hour PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9932-05-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2542. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Interstate Transport of Pollution for the 2006 24-Hour PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9932-04-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2543. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Arizona; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead (Pb) and the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 9926-72-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2544. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of

Implementation Plans; Georgia; Atlanta; Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9932-20-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2545. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida; Miscellaneous Changes" (FRL No. 9932-25-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2546. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina; Certain Visibility Requirements for the 2008 Ozone Standards" (FRL No. 9932-30-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2547. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Washington" (FRL No. 9932-21-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2548. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Iowa; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9926-85-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2549. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0086)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2550. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0679)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2551. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0748)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2552. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0011)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2553. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-1986)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2554. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0926)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2555. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0428)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2556. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1052)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2557. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0572)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2558. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0778)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2559. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0921)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2560. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0339)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2561. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0780)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2562. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2563)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2563. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2957)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2564. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0570)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2565. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0088)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2566. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0524)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2567. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0569)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2568. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2906)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2569. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0499)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2570. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1988)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2571. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Kaman Aerospace Corporation (Kaman) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0758)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2572. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2006-23706)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2573. A communication from the Management and Program Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; M7 Aerospace LLC Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2435)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2574. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS Aircraft Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1177)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2575. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1127)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2576. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc." ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2434)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2577. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GA 8 Airvan (Pty) Ltd Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1123)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2578. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Przedsiebiorstwo Doswiadczalno-Produkcyjne Szybownictwa 'PZL-Bielsko' Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0951)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2579. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Transport Category Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2962)), received during

adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2580. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0165)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2581. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0164)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2582. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class B Airspace; New Orleans, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2219)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2583. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Dyersburg, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0968)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2584. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Campbellsville, KY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0458)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2585. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Greenville, SC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0044)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2586. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Headland, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0046)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2587. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class D and Class E Airspace; Independence, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0565)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2588. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment and Amendment of Class E Airspace; Bremerton, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1067)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2589. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Defuniak Springs, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0045)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2590. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace, Revocation of Class E Airspace; Salem, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1069)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2591. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Restricted Areas R-4501A, R-4501B, R-4501C, R-4501D, R-4501F, and R-4501H; Fort Leonard Wood, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0640)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2592. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (23); Amdt. No. 3650" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2593. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendment No. 521" (RIN2120-AA63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2594. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (22); Amdt. No. 3647" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2595. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (54); Amdt. No. 3648" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2596. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (6); Amdt. No. 3649" (RIN2120-AA65), received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2597. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE064), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2598. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Fishery by Non-Rockfish Program Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Western and Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE064), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2599. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Squids in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE072), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2600. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries" (RIN0648-BD64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2601. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Total Allowable Catch area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XE073), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2602. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; 2015 Atlantic Bluefish Specifications" (RIN0648-XD742), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2603. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Mid-Atlantic Access Area to General Category Individual Fishing Quota Scallop Vessels" (RIN0648-XE084), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2604. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD079), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2605. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North Atlantic Swordfish Fishery" (RIN0648-XE005), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2606. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XE007), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2607. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2015 Bigeye Tuna Longline Fishery Closure in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-XD972), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2608. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits in Longline Fisheries for 2015" (RIN0648-BF19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2609. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Regional Framework Amendment" (RIN0648-BE40), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2610. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Recreational Fishing Restrictions for Pacific Bluefin Tuna" (RIN0648-BE78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2611. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetic Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9930-20-OCSPP), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2612. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9930-06-OCSPP), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2613. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hexythiazox; Pesticide

Tolerances" (FRL No. 9931-30-OCSPP), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2614. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in States of Massachusetts, et al.; Revising Determination of Sales History" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0091; FV15-929-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2615. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Asian Longhorned Beetle Quarantine Areas in Massachusetts and New York" (Docket No. APHIS-2015-0016), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2616. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops -- Import Regulations; Changes to Reporting Requirements to Add Electronic Form Filing Option" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0093; FV15-944/980/999-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2617. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Processed Raspberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Late Payment and Interest Charges on Past Due Assessments" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0042), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2618. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Terms of Consumer Credit Extended to Service Members and Dependents; Final Rule" (RIN0790-AJ10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2619. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contracts or Delivery Orders Issued by a Non-DoD Agency" ((RIN0750-AI63)(DFARS Case 2014-D014)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2620. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contractor Personnel Supporting U.S. Armed Forces Deployed Outside the United States" ((RIN0750-AI45)(DFARS Case 2014-D023)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2621. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Use of Military Construction Funds" ((RIN0750-AI52)-(DFARS Case 2014-D006)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2622. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Acquisition of the American Flag" ((RIN0750-AI51)(DFARS Case 2014-D005)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2623. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Network Penetration Reporting and Contracting for Cloud Services" ((RIN0750-AI61)(DFARS Case 2013-D018)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2624. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Item Unique Identification Prescription Correction" ((RIN0750-AI65)(DFARS Case 2014-D021)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2625. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2626. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David R. Hogg, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2627. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2628. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2629. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methane Sulfonic Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9931-07-OCSPP), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2630. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lavanduly Senecioate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9930-16-OCSPP), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2631. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Data Requirements Rule for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard"

(FRL No. 9930-18-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2632. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2633. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards" (RIN3064-AE27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2634. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to operation of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2635. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Presidential $1 Coin Program"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2636. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2637. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2638. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration Process for Security-Based Swap Dealers and Major Security-Based Swap Participants" (RIN3235-AL05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2639. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporate Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay Ratio Disclosure" (RIN3235-AL47), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2640. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards; Final Rule" (RIN3133-AE40), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2641. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chartering and Field of Membership Manual" (RIN3133-AE31), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2642. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Updating Regulations Governing HUD Fees and the Financing of the Purchase and Installation of Fire Safety Equipment in FHA-Insured Healthcare Facilities" (RIN2502-AJ27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2643. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Derivatives" (RIN3133-AD90), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2644. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Russian Sanctions Addition to the Entity List to Prevent Violations of Russian Industry Sector Sanctions" (RIN0694-AG66), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2645. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015-2017 Enterprise Housing Goals" (RIN2590-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2646. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Freedom of Information Act Regulation" (RIN2501-AD57), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2647. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2648. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a final report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012, with respect to Russia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2649. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Export Administration Regulations: Removal of Special Comprehensive License Provisions" (RIN0694-AG13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2650. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2651. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Clothes Washers" ((RIN1904-AC97)(Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0009)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2652. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2653. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Definitions and Standards for Grid-Enabled Water Heaters" ((RIN1904-AD55)-(Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-STD-0017)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2654. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Auxiliary Installations, Replacement Facilities, and Siting and Maintenance Regulations" ((RIN1902-0128)(Docket No. RM12-11-003)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2655. A communication from the Departmental Privacy Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations; Exemption for the Indian Arts and Crafts Board" (RIN1090-AB10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2656. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the final map and boundary for the Grande Ronde Wild and Scenic River in Oregon, added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2657. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for External Power Supplies" ((RIN1904-AD36)-(Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0043)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2658. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1137. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 36

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 36, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 417

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 417, a bill to encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available for use by rural and smaller carries in order to expand wireless coverage.

S. 520

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 520, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase the resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the

effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1126, a bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1150

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to prohibit employers from requiring low-wage employees to enter into covenants not to compete, to require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into a covenant not to compete, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1608

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1608, a bill to protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones, and for other purposes.

S. 1631

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to multiemployer pensions, and for other purposes.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1812

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to protect public safety by incentivizing State and local law enforcement to cooperate with Federal immigration law enforcement to prevent the release of criminal aliens into communities.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1832

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1832, a bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1836

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1836, a bill to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody and for other purposes.

S. 1844

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1844, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for voluntary country of origin labeling for beef, pork, and chicken.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1878

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1878, a bill to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program.

S. 1886

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI]

and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1886, a bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1932

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1932, a bill to provide States with flexibility to use Federal IV-E funding for State child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children who need child welfare services.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.

S. 1955

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1955, a bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans.

S. 1957

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to require the Attorney General to provide State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks, and for other purposes.

S. 1966

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1966, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require alternative options for program delivery.

S. 1981

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1981, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

SENATE RESOLUTION 108

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 108, a resolution commemorating the discovery of the polio vaccine and supporting efforts to eradicate the disease.

SENATE RESOLUTION 237

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 237, a resolution condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for continuing to perpetrate crimes against humanity, war crimes, and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government, the African Union, and governments and regional organizations in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield and promote protection and recovery of affected communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 242

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 242, a resolution celebrating 25 years of success from the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health.

SENATE RESOLUTION 245

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 245, a resolution designating the week beginning September 13, 2015, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week".

CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 243) celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Small Business Development Centers of the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That the time from 2:15 p.m. until 7 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the time from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. be controlled by the minority; and that the time from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. be controlled by the majority.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:25 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TOOMEY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2646, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645), contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute):

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, JAMES LANKFORD, KELLY AYOTTE, JOHN THUNE, CORY GARDNER, MIKE CRAPO, RON JOHNSON, JONI K. ERNST, TOM COTTON, JIM INHOFE, THAD COCHRAN, BILL CASSIDY, PAT ROBERTS, JOHNNY ISAKSON, JERRY MORAN, JOHN MCCAIN.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 61:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, JAMES LANKFORD, KELLY AYOTTE, JOHN THUNE, CORY GARDNER, MIKE CRAPO, RON JOHNSON, JONI K. ERNST, TOM COTTON, JIM INHOFE, THAD COCHRAN, BILL CASSIDY, PAT ROBERTS, JOHNNY ISAKSON, JERRY MORAN, JOHN MCCAIN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FISCHER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2659. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Corrections" ((RIN3150-AJ60)(NRC-2015-0105)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2660. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; IL; MN; Determinations of Attainment of the 2008 Lead Standard for Chicago and Eagan" (FRL No. 9932-63-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2661. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan and Wisconsin; 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS PSD and Visibility Infrastructure SIP Requirements" (FRL No. 9932-65-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2662. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of Montana; Correction" (FRL No. 9932-53-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2663. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9932-81-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2664. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 9932-95-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2665. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Nebraska; Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 9932-84-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the

Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2666. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Klamath Falls, Oregon Nonattainment Area; Fine Particulate Matter Emissions Inventory and SIP Strengthening Measures" (FRL No. 9932-40-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2667. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 9932-85-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2668. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Idaho: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program; Revision" (FRL No. 9932-87-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2669. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NORTH CAROLINA: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9932-93-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2670. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans (SIP); State of Nebraska; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)." (FRL No. 9932-78-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2671. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Title V Permitting for Greenhouse Gases: Removal of Certain Vacated Elements" (FRL No. 9932-11-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2672. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Calcasieu Lock, inland navigation project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2673. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Quality Standards Regulatory Revisions" (FRL No. 9921-21-OW), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2674. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana and Ohio Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 NO2 and SO2 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9932-15-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2675. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Movement of the Northern Virginia Area from Virginia's Nonattainment Area List to its Maintenance Area List" (FRL No. 9932-35-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2676. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Alcoa BART" (FRL No. 9932-18-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2677. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island Low Emission Vehicle Program" (FRL No. 9932-46-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2678. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Interstate Pollution Transport Requirements for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9932-55-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2679. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Klamath Falls, Oregon Nonattainment Area; Fine Particulate Matter Emissions Inventory and SIP Strengthening Measures" (FRL No. 9932-40-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2680. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri, Controlling Emissions During Episodes of High Air Pollution Potential" (FRL No. 9932-39-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2681. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2008 Lead, and 2010 NO2 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Colorado" (FRL No. 9932-52-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2682. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of North Carolina's Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Gasoline Volatility Standard for Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties" ((RIN2060-AS64)(FRL No. 9931-94-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2683. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Distributive Share When Partner's Interest Changes" ((RIN1545-BD71)(TD 9728)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2684. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Time to File Certain Information Returns" ((RIN1545-BM50)(TD 9730)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2685. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Requesting Competent Authority Assistance Under Tax Treaties" (Rev. Proc. 2015-40), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2686. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Liberalization of Certain Documentary Evidence Required as Proof of Exportation on Drawback Claims" (RIN1515-AE02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2687. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - September 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2688. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfers of Property to Partnerships with Related Foreign Partners and Controlled Transaction Involving Partnerships" (Notice 2015-54), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2689. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-55), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2690. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 4980I - Excise Tax on High Cost Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage" (Notice 2015-52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2691. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Income Tax Treatment of 2014 Fuel Credits Allowable Under Section 6426(c) and Section 6426(d)" (Notice 2015-56), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2692. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Static Mortality Tables for Defined Benefit Pension Plans for 2016" (Notice 2015-53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2693. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Procedures for Advance Pricing Agreements" (Rev. Proc. 2015-41), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2694. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Basis in Interests in Tax-Exempt Trusts" ((RIN1545-BJ42)(TD 9729)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2695. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1397); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2696. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1389); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2697. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1390); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2698. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1391); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2699. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1392); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2700. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1393); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2701. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an

addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1394); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2702. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1395); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2703. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1396); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2704. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1398); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2705. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-025); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2706. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2707. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0080 - 2015-0081); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2708. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0085 - 2015-0092); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2709. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period April 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2710. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2711. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 inventories of commercial and inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2712. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2713. A communication from the General Counsel, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, General Services Administration, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2714. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Testing, Evaluation, and Approval of Mining Products" (RIN1219-AB82), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2715. A communication from the Chair of the Community Preventive Services Task Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Task Force's 2014-2015 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2716. A communication from the Deputy Director, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program: Pandemic Influenza Countermeasures" (RIN0906-AA79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2717. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Bloomfield, New Jersey, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2718. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2719. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Mica Based Pearlescent Pigments; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket Nos. FDA-2014-C-1616 and FDA-2015-C-0245), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2720. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed-Circuit Escape Respirators; Extension of Transition Period" (RIN0920-AA60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2721. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program Regarding Professions Needed by National Research Institutes" (RIN0925-AA10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2722. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Spirulina Extract" (Docket No. FDA-2014-C-1552), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2723. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled

"Health, United States, 2014"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2724. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2725. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to applications for delayed-notice search warrants and extensions during fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2726. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Hart-Scott-Rodino Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2727. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Solutions for Safer Communities: FY 2013 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2728. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contraband and Inmate Personal Property: Technical Amendment" (RIN1120-AB63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2729. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the March 2015 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2730. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist (Executive Resources), Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Counsel, Small Business Administration, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2015; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2731. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Adjustable Rate Mortgage Notification Requirements and Look-Back Period" (RIN2900-AP25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2732. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Compensation on Account of Children Adopted Out of Veteran's Family" (RIN2900-AP18), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2733. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vet Centers" (RIN2900-AP21), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2734. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0826)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2735. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0834)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2736. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0652)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2737. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0487)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2738. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0348)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2739. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-3139)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2740. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Kidde Graviner" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0751)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2741. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0095)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2742. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (100); Amdt. No. 3653" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2743. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

(32); Amdt. No. 3654" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2744. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (45); Amdt. No. 3651" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2745. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (166); Amdt. No. 3652" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2746. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery and Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 26; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife Sea Turtle Conservation" (RIN0648-BE68), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2747. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coral, Coral Reefs, and Live/Hard Bottom Habitats of the South Atlantic Region; Amendment 8" (RIN0648-BD81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2748. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 20" (RIN0648-BE30), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2749. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; 2015 Bigeye Tuna Longline Fishery Closure" (RIN0648-XE037), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2750. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Revisions to Charter Halibut Fisheries Management in Alaska" (RIN0648-BE41), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2751. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services -- 2015 Update" (Docket No. EP 542 (Sub-No. 23) -- Board Decision 44285), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2752. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Squaw Valley-Miramonte Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2753. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2754. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2755. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2756. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; United States Navy Training and Testing Activities in the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Study Area" (RIN0648-BD69), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2757. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology,, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules For Unlicensed Operations in the Television Bands" ((FCC 15-99)(ET Doc. No. 14-165)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2758. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Action Concerning Review of Interpretations of Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act; Rule Governing Disclosure of Written Consumer Product Warranty Terms and Conditions; Rule Governing Pre-Sale Availability of Written Warranty Terms; Rule Governing Informal Dispute Settlement Procedures; and Guides for the Advertising of Warranties and Guarantees" (RIN3084-AB24; RIN3084-AB25; RIN3084-AB26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2759. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety

Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substantial Product Hazard List: Extension Cords" (CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2015-0003), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2760. A communication from the General Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substantial Product Hazard List: Seasonal and Decorative Lighting Products" (CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2014-0024), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2761. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Securement of Unattended Equipment" (RIN2130-AC47), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2762. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Mission Support Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Regulations" (RIN2700-AE20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2763. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Habitat Conservation, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Resource Agency Hearings and Alternatives Development Procedures in Hydropower Licenses" (RIN0596-AC42; RIN1090-AA91; RIN0648-AU01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 145. A bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown (Rept. No. 114-124).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 403. A bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-125).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 521. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-126).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 583. A bill to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-127).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 593. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets (Rept. No. 114-128).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 610. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-129).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 720. A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-130).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 873. A bill to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area (Rept. No. 114-131).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1103. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (Rept. No. 114-132).

S. 1104. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (Rept. No. 114-133).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1240. A bill to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-134).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1305. A bill to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir (Rept. No. 114-135).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1483. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-136).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2011. An original bill to provide for reforms of the administration of the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-137).

S. 2012. An original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-138).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2010. A bill to provide for phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance payments during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2011. An original bill to provide for reforms of the administration of the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2012. An original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2013. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain leases at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2014. A bill to demonstrate a commitment to our Nation's scientists by increasing opportunities for the development of our next generation of researchers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 2015. A bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 2016. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to promote the responsible transfer of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2017. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to recognize Alexander Creek, Alaska, as a Native village, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2018. A bill to convey, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in and to certain non-Federal land in Glennallen, Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2019. A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KAINE, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2020. A bill to establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 249. A resolution honoring the Red Land Little League Team of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania for the performance of the team in the 2015 Little League World Series; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 250. A resolution relative to the death of Richard Schultz Schweiker, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 705

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 705, a bill to amend section 213 of title 23, United States Code, relating to the Transportation Alternatives Program.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center

Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 954

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 954, a bill to establish procedures regarding the approval of opioid drugs by the Food and Drug Administration.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1387, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1466

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1466, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1503, a bill to provide for enhanced Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1603, a bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1680

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to improve the condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network, and for other purposes.

S. 1709

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1714, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to

transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1755

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1755, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a 5-year extension of the tax credit for residential energy efficient property.

S. 1775

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1775, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1814

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1883

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1883, a bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1926

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 1926, a bill to ensure access to screening mammography services.

S. 1937

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1937, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve nutrition in tribal areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1965, a bill to place restrictions on the use of solitary confinement for juveniles in Federal custody.

S. 1977

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to provide family members and close associates of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others new tools to prevent gun violence.

S. 1992

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1992, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to provide that a member of the Armed Forces and the spouse of that member shall have the same rights regarding the receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station of the member.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 143, a resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 217

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 217, a resolution designating October 8, 2015, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 242

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 242, a resolution celebrating 25 years of success from the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1359. An act to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1344. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.

H.R. 1462. An act to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

H.R. 1725. An act to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2820. An act to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 70. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

H. Con. Res. 73. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 2nd Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony.

H. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1344. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1725. An act to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2820. An act to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST FAIRNESS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FISCHER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 349) to amend title XIX of the Social

Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BORDER JOBS FOR VETERANS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FISCHER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1603) to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FISCHER,

Ordered, That the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER (for Mr. JOHNSON) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2648, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATING TO THE DEATH OF RICHARD SCHULTZ SCHWEIKER

On the request of Mrs. FISCHER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 250) relative to the death of Richard Schultz Schweiker, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FISCHER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; that the time until 4:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first hour therein, from 10 a.m., be controlled by the majority; that the minority control the second hour therein; and that each hour thereafter until 4 p.m. be controlled in like alternating fashion.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FISCHER,

At 8:37 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of resolution S. Res. 250, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

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The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELLER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2646, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, at 3 p.m. on today, amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to joint resolution H.J. Res. 61 be agreed to; that the joint resolution, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage thereof, as amended.

Mr. REID objected.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the motions to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 61 and amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) thereto be withdrawn; that the pending motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations with instructions, and amendments Numbered 2646 and 2647

thereto be withdrawn; that amendments Numbered 2643 and 2644 thereto be withdrawn; that amendment No. 2641 and 2642 thereto be withdrawn; that no other amendment, point of order, or motions be in order to pending amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) or to the joint resolution prior to a vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute); that, at 3:45 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute); that said amendment (in the nature of a substitute) receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; and that, if amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) is agreed to, H.J. Res. 61, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 3:45 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; and that the time until 3:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That time until 3:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first hour therein, from 10 a.m., be controlled by the majority; that the minority control the second hour therein; and that each hour thereafter until 2 p.m. be controlled in like alternating fashion; that time from 2 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. be controlled by the majority; that the time from 2:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. be controlled by the minority; that the time from 3 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that Mr. MENENDEZ control 15 minutes of the time of the minority and 15 minutes of the time of the majority.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute), be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 58, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 264 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cardin, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending joint resolution be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute):

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, JOHN BARRASSO, BOB CORKER, STEVE DAINES, DAVID A. PERDUE, TOM COTTON, SUSAN COLLINS, DEB FISCHER, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, MIKE CRAPO, RON JOHNSON, CORY GARDNER, MARCO RUBIO, LAMAR ALEXANDER, JIM INHOFE, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 61:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, JOHN BARRASSO, BOB CORKER, STEVE DAINES, DAVID A. PERDUE, TOM COTTON, SUSAN COLLINS, DEB FISCHER, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, MIKE CRAPO, RON JOHNSON, CORY GARDNER, MARCO RUBIO, LAMAR ALEXANDER, JIM INHOFE, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 -- PM 23

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2015, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 10, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATION

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-2764. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Tax Treatment of Identity Protection Services Provided to Data Breach Victims" (Announcement 2015-22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 35. A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-139).

S. 248. A bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (Rept. No. 114-140).

S. 465. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe (Rept. No. 114-141).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2021. A bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 2022. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2023. A bill to ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 2024. A bill to expand the boundary of Fort Frederica National Monument in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2025. A bill to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2026. A bill to foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 2027. A bill to increase the penalties for fentanyl trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. REED):

S. 2028. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 251. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the congressional review provision of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 does not apply to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action announced on July 14, 2015, because the President failed to transmit the entire agreement as required by such Act, and that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action would only preempt existing Iran sanctions laws as "the supreme Law of the Land" if ratified by the Senate as a treaty with the concurrence of two thirds of the Senators present pursuant to Article II, section 2, clause 2, of the Constitution or if Congress were to enact new implementing legislation that supersedes the mandatory statutory sanctions that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action announced on July 14, 2015, purports to supersede; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 255

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 477

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 477, a bill to terminate Operation Choke Point.

S. 520

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 520, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) to reform the Food for Peace Program, and for other purposes.

S. 540

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and

grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 786

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 786, a bill to provide paid and family medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, supra.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1387, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

S. 1617

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1632

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1632, a bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to restore long-standing United States policy that the Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling, and for other purposes.

S. 1676

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1676, a bill to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1766

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1766, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1933

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1933, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the treatment of the United States territories under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1972

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1972, a bill to require air carriers to modify certain policies with respect to the use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen the eligibility verification process for the premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidy.

S. 2015

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2015, a bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 143, a resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 5:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1359. An act to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes.

EXTENDING ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTION ON SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1461) to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS, PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE, AND COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1629) to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSION, AND FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma; that the Senate then adjourn until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; and that the time until 6 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motions to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) and joint resolution H.J. Res. 61 be considered concluded at 6 p.m. on Tuesday next.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

At 7:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

Mr. DAVID PERDUE, from the State of Georgia, called the Senate to order at 9:30:04 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 11, 2015.
To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID PERDUE, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. PERDUE took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 9:30:30 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 1 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 10, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 10, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 10, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2646, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived relative to the motions to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) and joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The hour of 6 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 10, 2015, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on September 10, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 56, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 265 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cardin, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, September 10, 2015, to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2647 to amendment No. 2646 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2645) contained in the motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending motion to commit on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2644 to amendment No. 2643 to the language of the joint resolution proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay amendment No. 2643 on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2642 to amendment No. 2641 to amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay amendment No. 2641 on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 2656, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2657).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL amend the language of the joint resolution proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by

adding certain words (being amendment No. 2658).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "2," and inserting "3" (being amendment No. 2659).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2660).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the pending motion to commit on page 3, line 22, by striking "4," and inserting "5" (being amendment No. 2661).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "5," and inserting "6" (being amendment No. 2662).

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2656 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2656 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, ROY BLUNT, JOHN THUNE, DEB FISCHER, JOHN BARRASSO, BOB CORKER, MICHAEL B. ENZI, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ORRIN HATCH, ROB PORTMAN, MIKE CRAPO, RICHARD SHELBY, PAT ROBERTS, THAD COCHRAN, MIKE ROUNDS, DAVID PERDUE.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, ROY BLUNT, JOHN THUNE, DEB FISCHER, JOHN BARRASSO, BOB CORKER, MICHAEL B. ENZI, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ORRIN HATCH, ROB PORTMAN, MIKE CRAPO, RICHARD SHELBY, PAT ROBERTS, THAD COCHRAN, MIKE ROUNDS, DAVID PERDUE.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 61:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, ROY BLUNT, JOHN THUNE, DEB FISCHER, JOHN BARRASSO, BOB CORKER, MICHAEL B. ENZI, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ORRIN HATCH, ROB PORTMAN, MIKE CRAPO, RICHARD SHELBY, PAT ROBERTS, THAD COCHRAN, MIKE ROUNDS, DAVID PERDUE.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662 to amendment No. 2661 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the pending motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, September 15, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1359. A bill to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2765. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9929-61), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2766. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9932-26-OCSPP), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2767. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9930-04), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2768. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oxathiapiprolin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9931-18-OCSPP), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2769. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propylene glycol monomethyl ether; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9932-06-OCSPP), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2770. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tetraethylene Glycol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9933-35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2771. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Additions in Minnesota, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2014-0023), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2772. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal year 2011 Operation and Maintenance, Army, funds, and was assigned Army case number 13-08; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2773. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral David A. Dunaway, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2774. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William M. Faulkner, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2775. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Mark F. Ramsay, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2776. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Theodore C. Nicholas, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2777. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Douglas J. Robb, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2778. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for monthly basic pay increases for members of the uniformed services for 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2779. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2014 Inventory of Contracted Services"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2780. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards" ((RIN7100-AE22)(12 CFR Part 208)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2781. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2782. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2783. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to List of Countries Where Persons in the United States May Request Department of Defense Assistance in Obtaining Priority Delivery of Contracts" (RIN0694-AG68), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2785. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2786. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2787. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Standardizing Method of Payment for FHA Insurance Claim" (RIN2502-AJ26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2788. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2789. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2790. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to License Exception Availability for Consumer Communications Devices and Licensing Policy for Civil Telecommunication-related Items Such as Infrastructure Regarding Sudan: Correction" (RIN0694-AG63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2791. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration

Regulations to Include August 7, 2015 Extension of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 13222" (RIN0694-AG71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2792. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to exempt all military personnel accounts from sequester for fiscal year 2016, if sequester is necessary; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2793. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Michigan State Board Requirements" (FRL No. 9933-11-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2794. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Missouri; 2013 Missouri State Implementation Plan for the 2008 Lead Standard" (FRL No. 9933-09-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2795. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Revisions to the New Source Review (NSR) State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Albuquerque-Bernalillo County; Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permitting" (FRL No. 9931-35-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2796. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Illinois; Disapproval of State Board Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2006 PM2.5 and 2008 Ozone NAAQS" (FRL No. 9932-97-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2797. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Michigan: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9933-29-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2798. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Secondary Aluminum Production" ((RIN2060-AQ40)-(FRL No. 9932-44-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2799. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nebraska; Revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards and the Revocation of the PM10 Annual Standard and Adoption of the 24hr PM2.5 Standard." (FRL No. 9933-04-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2800. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona; Phased Discontinuation of State II Vapor Recovery Program" (FRL No. 9927-14-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2801. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Changes to Georgia Fuel Rule and Other Miscellaneous Rules" (FRL No. 9933-32-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2802. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Attainment Demonstration for the Dallas/Fort Worth 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Determination of Attainment of the 1997 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9931-78-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2803. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Alaska; Transportation Conformity State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9933-43-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2804. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9932-50-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2805. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Feather River Air Quality Management District; Correction" (FRL No. 9933-50-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2806. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; SO2 Revision for Walsh and Kelly" (FRL No. 9933-65-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2807. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin;

Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO2, and 2010 SO2 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9933-62-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2808. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance and Associated Provisions." (FRL No. 9930-71-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2809. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Substituted Cyclosiloxane; Removal" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9932-56)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2810. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Secretary of the Army's recommendation to authorize the Central Everglades Planning Project, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2811. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements" (RIN1991-AC02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2812. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2813. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting proposed legislation entitled "National Park Service Centennial Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2814. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014/2015 Economic Dispatch and Technological Change"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2815. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports entitled "Alternative Fuel Use by Federal Dual Fueled Vehicles, Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012" and "Alternative Fuel Use by Federal Dual Fueled Vehicles, Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1090. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-142).

S. 1580. A bill to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates (Rept. No. 114-143).

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment with a preamble:

S. Res. 252. An original resolution expressing the sense of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate relating to easing the burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1400. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 1756. A bill to help small businesses take advantage of energy efficiency.

S. 1857. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1866. A bill to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2029. A bill for the relief of Shirley Constantino Tan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BURR, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2030. A bill to allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2031. A bill to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2032. A bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2033. A bill to provide that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2034. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2035. A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2036. A bill to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Res. 252. An original resolution expressing the sense of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate relating to easing the burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses; from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 253. A resolution welcoming King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on their official visit to the United States, including visits to Miami and St. Augustine, Florida; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 254. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 255. A resolution designating the week beginning September 14, 2015, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 256. A resolution designating September 2015 as "School Bus Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 370

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 481

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 481, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and for other purposes.

S. 490

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 490, a bill to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) to reform the Food for Peace Program, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 590

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to ensure fairness in the establishment of certain rates and fees under sections 114 and 115 of such title, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978

to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1090

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1122

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1122, a bill to provide that chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code, relating to the enforcement of arbitration agreements, shall not apply to enrollment agreements made between students and certain institutions of higher education, and to prohibit limitations on the ability of students to pursue claims against certain institutions of higher education.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1458, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes.

S. 1519

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1519, a bill to amend the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to address slowdowns, strikes, and lock-outs occurring at ports in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1617

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims.

S. 1766

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 1766, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1795

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1795, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for major disasters declared in any of calendar years 2012 through 2015, to make certain tax relief provisions permanent, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1957

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to require the Attorney General to provide State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks, and for other purposes.

S. 1987

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1987, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities.

S. 2015

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2015, a bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2028

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2028, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 217

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 217, a resolution designating October 8, 2015, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 15, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3460. An act to suspend until January 21, 2017, the authority of the President to waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 1359. An act to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes.

SUSPENDING COMPENSATION PACKAGES FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2036) to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. WARREN), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 245) designating the week beginning September 13, 2015, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 254) recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States, submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. WARREN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 255) designating the week beginning September 14, 2015, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week, submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. WARREN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "SCHOOL BUS SAFETY MONTH"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 256) designating September 2015 as "School Bus Safety Month," submitted today by Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. BOOKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2035) to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations, introduced today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WARNER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 36) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, May 14, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and

controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That Senators be permitted to "file" first-degree amendments until 2:30 p.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2816. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2817. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Property Held by Controlled Foreign Corporations in Transactions Involving Partnerships; Rents and Royalties Derived in the Active Conduct of a Trade or Business" ((RIN1545-BJ49)(TD 9733)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2818. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integrated Hedging Transactions of Qualifying Debt" ((RIN1545-BK98)(TD 9736)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2819. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of the Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act" (Notice 2015-58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2820. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2015 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2821. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of W-2 Wages in a Short Taxable Year and in Acquisition or Disposition" ((RIN1545-BM11)(TD 9731)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2822. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 2015-42), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2823. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-023); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2824. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-059); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2825. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-006); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2826. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-083); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2827. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-040); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2828. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-081); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2829. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-057); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2830. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, six (6) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of State, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2831. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Premarket Approval of Pediatric Uses of Devices - FY 2013"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2832. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "United States Tobacco Product Exports That Do Not Conform to Tobacco Product Standards"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2833. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled

"Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2834. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administration of Multiemployer Plan Participant Vote on an Approved Suspension of Benefits Under MPRA" ((RIN1545-BM89)(TD 9735)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2835. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Minority Health Disparities Research Endowments" (RIN0925-AA61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2836. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-140, "Ruby Whitfield Way Designation Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2837. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-141, "Title IX Athletic Equity Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2838. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-142, "Naval Lodge Building, Inc. Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2839. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-143, "Margaret Peters and Roumania Peters Walker Tennis Courts Designation Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2840. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-144, "Closing of Public Street adjacent to Squares 603S, 605, 607, 661, 661N, and 665, and in U.S. Reservations 243 and 244, S.O. 13-14605, Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2841. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-145, "Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2842. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-146, "Sale of Synthetic Drugs Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2843. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-147, "Ward 5 Paint Spray Booth Moratorium Temporary Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2844. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2015 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2845. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for pay increases for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2846. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-84, Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2847. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-84, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2848. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; EPEAT Items" ((RIN9000-AM71)(FAC 2005-84)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2849. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-84, Introduction" (FAC 2005-84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2850. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Interview Waiver Authority" (RIN1400-AD80), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2851. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Animals on VA Property" (RIN2900-AO39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2852. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Denied Access to NASA Facilities (2015-N002)" (RIN2700-AE14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2853. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0492)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2854. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0282)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2855. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0282)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2856. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0643)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2857. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France) (Airbus Helicopters) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0364)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2858. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; REIMS AVIATION S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3398)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2859. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-2048)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2860. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-1744)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2861. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (26); Amdt. No. 3655" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2862. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (28); Amdt. No. 3656" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2863. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Restricted Areas R-3804A, R-3804B, and R-3804C; Fort Polk, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0639)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2864. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kelso, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1133)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2865. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Santa Rosa, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3325)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2866. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Toledo, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1135)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2867. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Santa Rosa, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1481)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2868. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airways; Northeastern United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1650)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2869. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, and Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Ogden-Hinckley Airport, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0671)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2870. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, and Amendment of Class D Airspace; Ogden, Hill AFB, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0691)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2871. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Perth Amboy, New Jersey" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0374)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2872. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Wrightsville Channel;

Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0663)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2873. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Southern California Annual Marine Events for the San Diego Captain of the Port Zone; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0738)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2874. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Southern California Annual Marine Events for the San Diego Captain of the Port Zone; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0568)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2875. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0427)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2876. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation, Tennessee River 647.0 to 648.0; Knoxville, TN" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0337)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2877. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone - Correction" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0705)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2878. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Suncoast Super Boat Grand Prix; Gulf of Mexico, Sarasota, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0216)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2879. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River MM 180.0 to 180.5; St. Louis, MO" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0704)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2880. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone - Oil Exploration Staging Area in Dutch Harbor, AK" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0246)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2881. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0731)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2882. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cleveland National Air Show; Lake Erie and Cleveland Harbor, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0718)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2883. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Swim Around Charleston; Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0276)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2884. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Whiskey Island Paddleboard Festival and Race; Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0716)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2885. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Eighth Coast Guard District Annual and Recurring Safety Zones Update" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1060)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2886. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Indian River Bay; Millsboro, Delaware" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0563)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2887. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; U.S. Army Exercise, Des Plaines River, Channahon, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0760)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2888. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, James River; Newport News, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0701)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2889. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Safety Zones; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0646)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2890. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Carly's Crossing; Outer Harbor, Gallagher Beach, Buffalo, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0717)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2891. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; TriMet Tilikum Crossing Bridge Fireworks Display, Willamette River, Portland, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0510)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2892. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Waddington Homecoming Fireworks, St. Lawrence River, Ogden Island, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0715)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2893. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; NOBLE DISCOVERER, Outer Continental Shelf Drillship, Chukchi Sea, AK" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0248)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2894. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Seward, AK" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0800)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2895. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Schuylkill River; Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0094)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2896. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Unexploded Ordnance Removal, Vero Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0737)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2897. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Incredoubleman Triathlon; Henderson Bay, Lake Ontario, Sackets Harbor, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0509)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2898. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones and Regulated Navigation Area; Shell Arctic Drilling/Exploration Vessel and Associated Voluntary First Amendment Area, Portland, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0543)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2899. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: NASA Capitalization Threshold (NFS Case 2015-N004)" (RIN2700-AE23), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2900. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards." (RIN2700-AE18), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2901. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Framework Adjustment 9" (RIN0648-BF00), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2902. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XE077), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2903. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish" (RIN0648-XE087), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2904. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Hogfish" (RIN0648-XE088), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2905. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2015-2016 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BF27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2906. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Kamchatka Flounder in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD974), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2907. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE023), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2908. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD996), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2909. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Prohibited Species Catch; Emergency Rule" (RIN0648-BF24), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2910. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE139), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2911. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan; Revision to Prohibited Species Regulations" (RIN0648-BE80), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2912. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2015 Management Measures; Correction" (RIN0648-XD843), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2913. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; California Swordfish Drift Gillnet Fishery; Vessel Monitoring System Requirements" (RIN0648-BE25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2914. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial, Recreational, and Treaty Indian Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions Number 16 Through Number 21" (RIN0648-XE111), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-76. A communication from a citizen of the State of Illinois memorializing the State of Illinois's petition to the United States Congress calling for a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2037. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to clarify the Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2038. A bill to provide certainty that Congress and the Administration will undertake substantive and structural housing finance reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2039. A bill to designate the mountain at the Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming, as Devils Tower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2040. A bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2041. A bill to promote the development of safe drugs for neonates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. REED):

S. 2042. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2043. A bill to revise counseling requirements for certain borrowers of student loans and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2044. A bill to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 163

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 163, a bill to establish a grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities.

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1106

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1106, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award Early College Federal Pell Grants.

S. 1127

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1127, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1390

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1719

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, supra.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1916

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1916, a bill to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1938

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1938, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1968

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1968, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require certain companies to disclose information describing any measures the company has taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and the worst forms of child labor within the company's supply chains.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain

private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2026

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2026, a bill to foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin.

S. 2028

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2028, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2034, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 199

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 199, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding establishing a National Strategic Agenda.

SENATE RESOLUTION 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 214, a resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope, a preeminent international women's association and an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COTTON,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Cause, Response, and Impacts of EPA's Gold King Mine Spill."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The U.S. Role and Strategy in the Middle East: Syria, Iraq, and the Fight against ISIS."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct an oversight hearing entitled "EPA's Gold King Mine Disaster: Examining the Harmful Impacts to Indian Country."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reforming the Electronic Communications Privacy Act."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Achieving the Promise of Health Information Technology: Improving Care Through Patient Access to Their Records."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "A Review of Regulatory Reform Proposals."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 720) to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes.

At 6:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 720. An act to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 36. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2035) to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WARNER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. THUNE objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 36) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, May 14, 2015, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. THUNE objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2661, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the pending motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 242) celebrating 25 years of success from the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to amend the pending resolution, on page 4 line 1 through page 5 line 23, by striking certain words and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2663).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to amend the preamble, in the 18th whereas clause, by striking "CDC," and inserting "Center for Disease Control and Prevention" (being amendment No. 2664).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Ms. COLLINS), so as to read: "A resolution celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health."

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662 to amendment No. 2661 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:38 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662 to amendment No. 2661 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 70) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 73) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 2nd Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 74) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments thereto until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. DAINES.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:45 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Camille Murray, Pastor of Georgetown Presbyterian Church, in Washington, D.C., offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2661, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the pending motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2656, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, September 15, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 53, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 266 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662 to amendment No. 2661 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662 to amendment No. 2661 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, September 15, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 56, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 267 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cardin, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Murkowski, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662 to amendment No. 2661 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, en bloc: Ann Donnelly, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; Lawrence Joseph Vilardo, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of

New York; LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be made and laid upon the table, en bloc; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

After debate,

Mr. CORNYN objected.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662 to amendment No. 2661 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 36

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 36) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 36:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JONI K. ERNST, MICHAEL LEE, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, CHUCK GRASSLEY, TIM SCOTT, PAT TOOMEY, JOHN BOOZMAN, DAVID A. PERDUE, JOHNNY ISAKSON, JIM INHOFE, JAMES RISCH, STEVE DAINES, ROY BLUNT, ROGER F. WICKER, JOHN THUNE, JAMES LANKFORD.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2915. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's intent to close the Defense commissary store at Sugar Grove, West Virginia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2916. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2917. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2918. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of ten (10) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2919. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) as of June 30, 2015 (OSS-2015-1410); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2920. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was originally declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2921. A copy of a complaint as required by section 403(a)(2) of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 relative to the case of Republican Party of Louisiana, Jefferson Parish Republican Parish Executive Committee, and Orleans Parish Republican Executive Committee v. FEC; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2922. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, Off-Road Motor Vehicles" (RIN1024-AD86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2923. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. PA-159-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2010-0017)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2924. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Kansas Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Revision and 2014 Five-Year Progress Report" (FRL No. 9933-84-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2925. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Control of NOx Emissions From Large Stationary Internal Combustion Engines" (FRL No. 9934-00-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2926. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9933-79-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2927. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry and Standards of Performance for Portland Cement Plants; Correction" ((RIN2060-AQ93)(FRL No. 9933-76-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2928. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Nonattainment New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program" (FRL No. 9933-92-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2929. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units" ((RIN2060-AR33)(FRL No. 9930-65-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2930. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Generating Units" ((RIN2060-AQ91)(FRL No. 9930-66-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2931. A communication from the Certifying Officer, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offset of Tax Refund Payments to Collect Certain Debts Owed to States" ((RIN1530-AA02)(31 CFR Part 285. 8)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2932. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Requesting a Waiver of the Electronic Filing Requirements for Form 8955-SSA and Form 5500-EZ" (Rev. Proc. 2015-47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2933. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of the Coordination of the Transfer Pricing Rules with Other Code Provisions" ((RIN1545-BM72)(TD 9738)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2934. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "No-Rule on Certain Section 355 Transaction" (Rev. Proc. 2015-43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2935. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure Applying the Controlled Group Rules to Certain Fund of Funds" (Rev. Proc. 2015-45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2936. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Companion Notice to Rev. Proc. 2015-43 Announcing Issues Under Study and Requesting Comments" (Notice 2015-59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2937. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Controlled Group Regulation Examples" ((RIN1545-BK96)(TD 9737)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2938. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Minimum Required Pension Contributions" ((RIN1545-BH71)(TD 9732)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2939. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1478); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2940. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1479); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2941. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revoking the designation of a group designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (OSS-2015-1480); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2942. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-091); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2943. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-022); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2944. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2945. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office of Inspector General's budget request for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2946. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-148, "Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Support Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2947. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2015 Annual Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2948. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications in 2015" (RIN2900-AP15), received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2949. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival and Head of the Cuyahoga, Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0082)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2950. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 7 Through No. 13" (RIN0648-XE020), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2951. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 14 and No. 15" (RIN0648-XE054), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2952. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack" (RIN0648-XE028), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2953. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Possession Limit Adjustments for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XD984), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2954. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Fishing Effort Limits in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2015" (RIN0648-BF03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2955. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Purse Seine Fishing Restrictions During Closure Periods" (RIN0648-BF23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2956. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Large Coastal and Small Coastal Atlantic Shark Management Measures; Final Rule" (RIN0648-BA17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2957. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Omnibus Amendment to Simplify Vessel Baselines" (RIN0648-BB40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2958. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coral, Coral Reefs, and Live/Hard Bottom Habitats of the South Atlantic Region; Amendment 8; Correction" (RIN0648-BD81), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1170. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-144).

By Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2051. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 32. A bill to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURR, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 2045. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2046. A bill to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 2047. A bill to terminate the independent third-party program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless the program is fully funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 2048. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend authorities relating to homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2049. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing

medical education program for non-Department medical professionals who treat veterans and family members of veterans to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HEITKAMP:

S. 2050. A bill to provide for the establishment of a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 2051. A bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2052. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive the requirement of certain veterans to make copayments for hospital care and medical services in the case of an error by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2053. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2054. A bill to improve Federal sentencing and corrections practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2055. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to national health security; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2056. A bill to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 2057. A bill providing for additional space for the protection and preservation of national collections held by the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 2058. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site within 55 miles of each city in the United States that has a population of more than 700,000 individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2059. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2060. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. REED, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. Res. 257. A resolution congratulating Captain Kristen Griest and First Lieutenant Shaye Haver on their graduation from Ranger School; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 258. A resolution designating the week of September 20 through 26, 2015, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 259. A resolution honoring the bravery and heroism of those who selflessly prevented a deadly terrorist attack and saved

countless lives while aboard a passenger train bound from Amsterdam to Paris on August 21, 2015; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 32

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 32, a bill to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 563

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 563, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1387, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1598, a bill to prevent discriminatory treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1631

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to multiemployer pensions, and for other purposes.

S. 1632

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1632, a bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

S. 1867

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1867, a bill to protect children from exploitation by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr.

BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1911

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1945, a bill to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes.

S. 1966

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1966, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require alternative options for program delivery.

S. 2001

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2001, a bill to phase out special wage certificates under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 that allow individuals with disabilities to be paid at subminimum wage rates.

S. 2015

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2015, a bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2032

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 143, a resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 217

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 217, a resolution designating October 8, 2015, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Business Meeting."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2015, at 9:45 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2015, at 11:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "State Department Processes in Establishing Tier Rankings for the 2015 Trafficking in Persons Report."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Biosimilar Implementation: A Progress Report from FDA."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 23) to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 230. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska.

S. 501. An act to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 487. An act to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands.

H.R. 959. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1214. An act to amend the Small Tracts Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, to resolve minor encroachments, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1289. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1554. An act to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1949. An act to provide for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 2223. An act to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2791. An act to require that certain Federal lands be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of certain Indian tribes in Oregon, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, September 17, 2015, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 720. An act to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 487. An act to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 959. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1214. An act to amend the Small Tracts Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, to resolve minor encroachments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 1289. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1554. An act to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1949. An act to provide for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2223. An act to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HONORING THE BRAVERY AND HEROISM OF THOSE WHO PREVENTED A DEADLY TERRORIST ATTACK ON A PASSENGER TRAIN BOUND FROM AMSTERDAM TO PARIS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 259) honoring the bravery and heroism of those who selflessly prevented a deadly terrorist attack and saved countless lives while aboard a passenger train bound from Amsterdam to Paris on August 21, 2015, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WICKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

WELCOMING KING FELIPE VI AND QUEEN LETIZIA OF SPAIN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 253) welcoming King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on their official visit to the United States, including visits to Miami and St. Augustine, Florida.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1090) to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMPETITIVE SERVICE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1580) to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TSA OFFICE OF INSPECTION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations

regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. THUNE) to amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2666).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 36.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:20 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 17, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 17, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Novotny, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 758. An act to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3134. An act to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.

H.R. 3504. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 764. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1603. An act to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 758. An act to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 36

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 17, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, September 17, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 36) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Monday, September 21, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 230. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska.

S. 501. A bill to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 623. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-145).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2061. A bill to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 2062. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend authority for operation of the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. Res. 260. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Calvin G. Moret; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 163

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 163, a bill to establish a grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities.

S. 175

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 175, a bill to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 502, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to improve the coordination and use of geospatial data.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1314

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1314, a bill to establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 1794

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1794, a bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1918

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1918, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to extend the import- and export-related provision of that Act to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered under that Act.

S. 1964

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1964, a bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to invest in funding prevention and family services to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families, and for other purposes.

S. 2016

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2016, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to promote the responsible transfer of firearms.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, September 21, 2015, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) of the House:

S. 230. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska.

S. 501. An act to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

H.R. 23. An act to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

TRUTH IN SETTLEMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1109) to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. LANKFORD (for Mr. VITTER) to amend the pending bill, on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting others (being amendment No. 2668).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MANDATORY PRICE REPORTING ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2051) to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN KRISTEN GRIEST AND FIRST LIEUTENANT SHAYE HAVER ON THEIR GRADUATION FROM RANGER SCHOOL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 257) congratulating Captain Kristen Griest and First Lieutenant Shaye Haver on their graduation from Ranger School.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CALVIN G. MORET

On the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 260) honoring the life and legacy of Calvin G. Moret, submitted today by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3134) to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. LANKFORD asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. LANKFORD objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3504) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. LANKFORD asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. LANKFORD objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 36; and that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

At 7:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3134) to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3504) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 36

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, September 17, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 36) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 36, be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

After debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, September 17, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 36.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 268 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Collins, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2685

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the motion to reconsider the vote (Numbered 216) disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2685) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685.

The motion was agreed to.

After debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 18, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 269 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 42

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So, upon reconsideration, the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 36

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 36.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL withdrew his pending motion to proceed.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2662, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2661, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2660) contained in the pending motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the pending motion to commit be laid on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2659 to amendment No. 2658 the language of the joint resolution proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay amendment No. 2658 on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2657 to amendment No. 2656 to amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay amendment No. 2640 (in the nature of a substitute) on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COCHRAN) to strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2669, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2670).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2671).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the language of the joint resolution proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2669 (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2672).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "3," and inserting "4" (being amendment No. 2673).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2674).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2674) contained in the pending motion to commit by striking "5," and inserting "6" (being amendment No. 2675).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "6," and inserting "7" (being amendment No. 2676).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2676 to amendment No. 2675 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2674) contained in the pending motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2669 (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2669 (in the nature of a substitute):

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, MARCO RUBIO, TOM COTTON, ORRIN HATCH, JONI K. ERNST, JEFF FLAKE, LINDSEY GRAHAM, DAVID VITTER, CHUCK GRASSLEY, THOM TILLIS, STEVE DAINES, WILLIAM "BILL" CASSIDY, DAVID A. PERDUE, JOHN BOOZMAN, JAMES LANKFORD, THAD COCHRAN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2676 to amendment No. 2675 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2674) contained in the pending motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, following remarks by Mr. REID, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

After debate,

RECESS

Under the authority of the foregoing order,

At 12:49 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2676 to amendment No. 2675 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2674) contained in the pending motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 34. A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-146).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2063. A bill to provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to address mining-related issues, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2064. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the definition of eligible program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2065. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SASSE (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2066. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KING, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2067. A bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2068. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2069. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 2070. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. COTTON):

S. Res. 261. A resolution designating the week of October 11 through October 17, 2015, as "National Case Management Week" to recognize the role of case management in improving health care outcomes for patients; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 262. A resolution to support the empowerment of women and urge countries to #FreeThe20; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 263. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Retirement Security Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles, increasing personal financial literacy, and engaging the people of the United States on the keys to success in achieving and maintaining retirement security throughout their lifetimes; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 264. A resolution designating September 23, 2015, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Res. 265. A resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Congressman Louis Stokes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 266. A resolution designating September 2015 at "National Kinship Care Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 108

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 108, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve access for students to Federal grants and loans to help pay for postsecondary, graduate, and professional educational opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 423

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, supra.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1252, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1261

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1261, a bill to ensure that methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of State and local governments are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunications.

S. 1287

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer, and for other purposes.

S. 1493

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1493, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1493, supra.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1667

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1667, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes.

S. 1682

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1682, a bill to extend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report on the use by Iran of funds made available through sanctions relief.

S. 1766

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1766, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1893

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 1911

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1911, a bill to implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2028

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2028, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2034, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

S. 2061

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2061, a bill to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CRAPO,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving VA Accountability: Examining First-Hand Accounts of Department of Veterans Affairs Whistleblowers."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Consolidation in the Health Insurance Industry and its Impact on Consumers."

REQUIRING A REGIONAL STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE THREAT POSED BY BOKO HARAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1632) to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 8, by striking lines 5 through 16, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2677).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ALBUQUERQUE INDIAN SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 986) to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH STAMP REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1170) to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY WEEK

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 263) supporting the goals and ideals of National Retirement Security Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles, increasing personal financial literacy, and engaging the people of the United States on the keys to success in achieving and maintaining retirement security throughout their lifetimes, submitted today by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 264) designating September 23, 2015, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults, submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. MCCASKILL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND LEGACY OF CONGRESSMAN LOUIS STOKES

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 265) honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Congressman Louis Stokes, submitted today by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Holiness Pope Francis into the House Chamber for the joint meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015; that, on Thursday, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61; and that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, time for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2669 be considered concluded at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015; and that Senators be permitted to "file" first-degree and second-degree amendments to amendment No. 2669 until 1:30 p.m. on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:29 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 1 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, September 22, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, September 22, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, September 22, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2676, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2675, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2674) contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the time following the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2669 (in the nature of a substitute) until 6 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, until 6 p.m., time during quorum calls be equally divided.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2676 to amendment No. 2675 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2674) contained in the motion to commit the pending joint

resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, time for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2669 (in the nature of a substitute) be considered concluded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2669 (in the nature of a substitute) to joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, September 22, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 47, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 270 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 52

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2676 to amendment No. 2675 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2674) contained in the motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending motion to commit on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2673 to amendment No. 2672 to the pending joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay amendment No. 2672 on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2671 to amendment No. 2670 to amendment No. 2669 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay amendment No. 2669 (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on passage of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COCHRAN) to strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2680, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2681).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2682).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the language of the joint resolution proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2680 (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2683).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "4," and inserting "5" (being amendment No. 2684).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2685).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2685) contained in the pending motion to commit by striking "6," and inserting "7" (being amendment No. 2686).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. McConnell to amend the pending amendment by striking "7," and inserting "8" (being amendment No. 2687).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2687 to amendment No. 2686 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2685) contained in the motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 224

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 224) expressing the sense of the Senate that the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest and Van Ness Street, Northwest and International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Liu Xiaobo Plaza;" that the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 61.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2687 to amendment No. 2686 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2685) contained in the motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 719

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COCHRAN) that the Senate concur in the

amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate with an amendment (Numbered 2689).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the amendment contained in the pending motion to concur, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2690).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2691).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2691) contained in the pending motion to refer by striking "2," and inserting "3" (being amendment No. 2692).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "3," and inserting "4" (being amendment No. 2693).

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur, with an amendment, in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to bill H.R. 719; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur, with an amendment, in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to bill H.R. 719:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, ORRIN HATCH, PAT ROBERTS, JOHNNY ISAKSON, MICHAEL B. ENZI, CORY GARDNER, JOHN BARRASSO, LINDSEY GRAHAM, LAMAR ALEXANDER, THAD COCHRAN, CHUCK GRASSLEY, KELLY AYOTTE, SUSAN COLLINS, DEB FISCHER, RICHARD BURR.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2693 to amendment No. 2692 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2691) contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2959. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Agricultural Act of 2014 Nondiscretionary Provisions" (RIN0584-AE48), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2960. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0033), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2961. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order; Expanding the Membership of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council and Other Changes" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0089), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2962. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0087), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2963. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Eligibility of Fleeing Felons" (RIN0584-AE01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2964. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0027), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2965. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Southeastern States; Suspension of Marketing Order Provisions" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0011), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2966. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Lithuania To Export Meat and Meat Products to the United States" (RIN0583-AD57), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2967. A communication from the Director, Budget and Program Management Staff, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Fees and Payment Methods" (RIN0583-AA05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2968. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Fluensulfone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9933-02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2969. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9933-00), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2970. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2971. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2972. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2973. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2974. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2975. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Environmental Programs Annual Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2976. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "On-Site Completion of Construction of Manufactured Homes" (RIN2502-AI83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2977. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlining Administrative Regulations for Public Housing: Revisions to Public Housing Flat Rents" (RIN2577-AC94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2978. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Certain References to Credit Ratings and Amendment to the Issuer Diversification Requirement in the Money Market Fund Rule" (RIN3235-AL02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2979. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2980. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Qualitiy Standards Regulatory Revisions; Correction" ((RIN2040-AF16)(FRL No. 9934-33-OW)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2981. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule for Hexabromocyclododecane and 1,2,5,6,9, 10-Hexabromocyclododecane" ((RIN2070-AJ88)(FRL No. 9927-44)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2982. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9933-22-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2983. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation for Planning Purposes; California; PM10; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 9934-51-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2984. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Update to the Spokane Regional Clean Air Solid Fuel Burning Device Standards" (FRL No. 9934-61-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2985. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9934-40-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2986. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Removal of Clean Fuel Fleet Program" (FRL No. 9934-52-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2987. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead

NAAQS"(FRL No. 9934-41-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2988. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for the State of Alabama: Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 9934-50-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2989. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for the State of Alabama: Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 9934-49-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2990. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; GA; Removal of Stage II Gasoline Vapor Recovery Program"(FRL No. 9934-53-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2991. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ocean Dumping: Modification of Final Site Designation" (FRL No. 9934-25-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2992. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revision to Control Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Storage Tanks and Transport Vessels" (FRL No. 9932-51-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2993. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Missouri; Sewage Sludge Incinerators" (FRL No. 9933-95-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2994. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Missouri; Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration (CISWI) Units" (FRL No. 9933-97-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2995. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formatting and Non-substantive Corrections to Authority Citations" ((RIN3150-AJ61)-(NRC-2015-0122)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2996. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chilled Water System" (NUREG-0800, Chapter 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2997. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Liability for tax." (Rev. Proc. 2015-46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2998. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2999. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates--Passport and Citizenship Services Fee Changes" (RIN1400-AD71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3000. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-095); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3001. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-045); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3002. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-032); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3003. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0093 - 2015-0102); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3004. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Rehabilitation Training: Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center--Youth With Disabilities" (CFDA No. 84.264H.), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3005. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority and Definitions; Demonstration and Training Program: Career Pathways for Individuals With Disabilities" (Docket No. ED-2015-OSERS-00261), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3006. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority and Definitions--Rehabilitation Training: Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center-Targeted Communities" (Docket No. ED-

2015-OSERS-0070), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3007. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. Rehabilitation Training: Vocational Rehabilitation Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center" ((CFDA No. 84.264G.)(Docket No. ED-2015-OSERS-0069)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3008. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority--Technical Assistance Center for Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Program Evaluation and Quality Assurance" ((CFDA No. 84.263B.)(Docket No. ED-2015-OSERS-0048)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3009. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Destruction of Certain Drugs Refused Admission to the United States" ((RIN0910-AH12)(Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0504)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3010. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Delays in Approvals of Applications Related to Citizen Petitions and Petitions for Stay of Agency Action for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3011. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the Division of Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged; Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities" (RIN1810-AB16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3012. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions; Revision of Departmental Component Designations" (RIN3209-AA14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3013. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hearing Process Concerning Acknowledgement of American Indian Tribes" (RIN1094-AA54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3014. A communication from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3015. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Giants Enterprises Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0221)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3016. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules; Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunity of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" ((FCC 15-80)(WT Doc. No. 14-170)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3017. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2015" ((FCC 15-108)(WT Doc. No. 15-121)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2078. An original bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2071. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2072. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which the Administrator shall defer the designation of an area as a nonattainment area for purposes of the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard if the area achieves and maintains certain standards under a voluntary early action compact plan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 2073. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2074. A bill to prohibit paying Members of Congress during periods during which a Government shutdown is in effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2075. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and to express the sense of the Senate that the resulting revenue loss should be offset; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2076. A bill to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2077. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify the ability to request consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments and awards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORKER:

S. 2078. An original bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2079. A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2080. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance pipeline safety, to provide communities with access to improved information concerning the equipment and operations of pipeline facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REED, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COONS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 267. A resolution expressing support for the continuation of the Federal Perkins Loan program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 268. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Syrian refugee crisis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 269. A resolution designating the week of September 19 through September 26, 2015, as "National Estuaries Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 270. A resolution designating September 2015 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to improve the coordination and use of geospatial data.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs by directing the National Institute of Standards and Technology, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies including the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and National Science Foundation, to designate United States manufacturing universities.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1059

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1059, a bill to provide Dreamer students with access to student financial aid.

S. 1099

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States

with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, supra.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1193

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 1473

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1473, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 1493

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1493, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1711, a bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1867

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1867, a bill to protect children from exploitation by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1878

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1878, a bill to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1966

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1966, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require alternative options for program delivery.

S. 1977

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to provide family members and close associates of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others new tools to prevent gun violence.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2015

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2015, a bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2022

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2022, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

S. 2032

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 2032, a bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 2035, a bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2066

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2066, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 21, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 116

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 116, a resolution providing for free and fair elections in Burma.

SENATE RESOLUTION 224

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 224, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest and Van Ness Street, Northwest and International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Liu Xiaobo Plaza".

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 224, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 251

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 251, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the congressional review provision of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 does not apply to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action announced on July 14, 2015, because the President failed to transmit the entire agreement as required by such Act, and that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action would only preempt existing Iran sanctions laws as "the supreme Law of the Land" if ratified by the Senate as a treaty with the concurrence of two thirds of the Senators present pursuant to Article II, section 2, clause 2, of the Constitution or if Congress were to enact new implementing legislation that supersedes the mandatory statutory sanctions that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action announced on July 14, 2015, purports to supersede.

SENATE RESOLUTION 262

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 262, a resolution to support the empowerment of women and urge countries to #FreeThe20.

SENATE RESOLUTION 266

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 266, a resolution designating September 2015 at "National Kinship Care Month".

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

STEM EDUCATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1020) to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. THUNE) to amend the pending bill on page 4, by striking lines 24 through 25, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2694).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 258) designating the week of September 20 through 26, 2015, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 269) designating the week of September 19 through September 26, 2015, as "National Estuaries Week," submitted today by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 270) designating September 2015 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month," submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MURPHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:27 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 2081. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend authorities for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases the Secretary determines are associated with exposure to herbicide agents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2082. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 370

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 788

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 788, a bill to require the termination of any employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1767, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, and for other purposes.

S. 1793

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms.

AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.

S. 2060

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2060, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 267

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 267, a resolution expressing support for the continuation of the Federal Perkins Loan program.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 261. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse.

S. 994. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building".

S. 1707. An act to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 322. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office".

H.R. 323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office".

H.R. 324. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office".

H.R. 558. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the "Richard 'Dick' Chenault Post Office Building".

H.R. 1442. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building".

H.R. 1884. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the "Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3059. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building.

H.R. 3116. An act to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 322. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 324. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H.R. 1884. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the "Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3059. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3116. An act to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXPIRING AUTHORITIES ACT

On the request of Mr. GARDNER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2082) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. GARDNER (for Mr. LEE) to amend the pending bill on page 18, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2700).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM WORKERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 213) designating October 30, 2015, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; and that the time until the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2689 be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 1:42 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2015.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 4:30 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 25, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 25, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 719

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 25, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2693, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2692, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2691) contained in the pending the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to refer the House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

Mr. PORTMAN asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2702).

Mr. COCHRAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2693 to amendment No. 2692 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2691) contained in the pending the motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, September 24, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 719 with an amendment (Numbered 2689).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 77, nays... 19

[Rollcall Vote No. 271 Leg.]

YEAS --- 77

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 19

Boozman, Coats, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Heller, Inhofe, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The pending motion to refer the House message on bill H.R. 719 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions (designated amendment No. 2691), and amendments Numbered 2692 and 2693 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2690, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2689, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COCHRAN), contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CRUZ to lay pending amendment No. 2690 on the table.

Mr. CRUZ requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

There was not a sufficient second.

The motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2690 to amendment No. 2689 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction

of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 766. A bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-147).

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 627. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-148).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 2083. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 2084. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2085. A bill to clarify that nonprofit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity may accept donated mortgage appraisals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2086. A bill to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2087. A bill to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2088. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, at the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2089. A bill to provide for investment in clean energy, to empower and protect consumers, to modernize energy infrastructure, to cut pollution and waste, to invest in research and development, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2090. A bill to ensure that Social Security contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 271. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Dinosaur National Monument and designating October 4, 2015, as "Dinosaur National Monument Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 71

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 618

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 618, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General.

S. 628

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses,

increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, supra.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1446

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system.

S. 1779

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to prevent conflicts of interest that stem from executive Government employees receiving bonuses or other compensation arrangements from nongovernment sources, from the revolving door that raises concerns about the independence of financial services regulators, and from the revolving door that casts aspersions over the awarding of Government contracts and other financial benefits.

S. 1818

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1818, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies.

S. 1820

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1820, a bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1883

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1883, a bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2009

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2009, a bill to prohibit the sale of arms to Bahrain.

S. 2015

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2015, a bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2028

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2028, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2043

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2043, a bill to revise counseling requirements for certain borrowers of student loans and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 222, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federation Internationale de Football Association should immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity.

SENATE RESOLUTION 267

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 267, a resolution expressing support for the continuation of the Federal Perkins Loan program.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 28, 2015, at 5 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Migration Crisis in Middle East/Europe."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 348. An act to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes.

At 6:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2051) to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

At 6:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 261. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse.

S. 994. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building".

S. 1707. An act to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House".

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 348. An act to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO EMERGENCY PSYCHIATRIC CARE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 599) to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT AND DESIGNATING "DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT DAY"

On the request of Mr. DAINES,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 271) recognizing the 100th anniversary of Dinosaur National Monument and designating October 4, 2015, as "Dinosaur National Monument Day," submitted today by Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. BENNET), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DAINES,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2089) to provide for investment in clean energy, to empower and protect consumers, to modernize energy infrastructure, to cut pollution and waste, to invest in research and development, and for other purposes, introduced today by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DAINES asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DAINES objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 719; and that the time during recess or adjournment count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

At 7:28 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2089) to provide for investment in clean energy, to empower and protect consumers, to modernize energy infrastructure, to cut pollution and waste, to invest in research and development, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 719

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2690, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2689, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, that the Senate concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the Senate stand in recess, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified.

Whereupon,

RECESS

At 12 noon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 719

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 719.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2690 to amendment No. 2689 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3614) to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 719

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 719.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2690 to amendment No. 2689 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, September 29, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 261. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse.

S. 994. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building".

S. 1707. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KIRK, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 2091. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2092. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt amounts paid for aircraft management services from the excise taxes imposed on transportation by air; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2093. A bill to provide that the Secretary of Transportation shall have sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2094. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2095. A bill to establish certain requirements with respect to pollock and

golden king crab; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2096. A bill to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to better protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as "black lung disease"), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 2097. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for payment for Medicaid services furnished by Ryan White part C grantees under a cost-based prospective payment system; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2098. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the determination of cohort default rates and provide for enhanced civil penalties, to ensure personal liability of owners, officers, and executives of institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2099. A bill to provide for the establishment of a mechanism to allow borrowers of Federal student loans to refinance their loans, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2100. A bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 21; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2101. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 233

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 265, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 677

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 688

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the Medicare hospital readmission reduction program to respond to patient disparities, and for other purposes.

S. 864

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to

amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1476

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to require States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding shooting incidents involving law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1716

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1716, a bill to provide access to higher education for the students of the United States.

S. 1746

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1746, a bill to require the Office of Personnel Management to provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies.

S. 1770

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1770, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth.

S. 1916

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1916, a bill to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934.

S. 1972

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1972, a bill to require air carriers to modify certain policies with respect to the use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1977

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to provide family members and close associates of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others new tools to prevent gun violence.

S. 2016

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2016, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to promote the responsible transfer of firearms.

S. 2032

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2032, a bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2034, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

SENATE RESOLUTION 266

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 266, a resolution designating September 2015 at "National Kinship Care Month".

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 266, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 267

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 267, a resolution expressing support for the continuation of the Federal Perkins Loan program.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a subcommittee hearing entitled "Pipeline Safety: Oversight of Our Nation's Pipeline Network."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Economy-wide Implications of President Obama's Air Agenda."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving the Endangered Species

Act: Perspectives from the Fish and Wildlife Service and State Governors."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Financial and Economic Challenges in Puerto Rico."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The U.S. Role and Strategy in the Middle East: The Humanitarian Crisis."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Impact of Exposure to Toxic Chemicals on Veterans and the VA's Response."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY

The Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Changing Landscape if U.S.-China Relations: What's Next?"

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:28 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 136. An act to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

S. 139. An act to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 565. An act to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 313. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1624. An act to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer.

H.R. 2061. An act to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2617. An act to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa.

H.R. 2786. An act to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to submit a report on cross-border rail security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2835. An act to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection officers.

H.R. 3089. An act to close out expired grants, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3594. An act to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3614. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

At 12:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2051. An act to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore also announced that on today, September 29, 2015, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 261. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse.

S. 994. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building".

S. 1707. An act to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House".

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 313. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

H.R. 2061. An act to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2786. An act to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to submit a report on cross-border rail security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3089. An act to close out expired grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 217) designating October 8, 2015, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 719.

Ordered further, That the time during recess or adjournment count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; that, at 10 a.m. on tomorrow, time for debate on the motion to concur, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; and that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. WHITEHOUSE.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:06 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 719

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PAUL in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2690, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2689, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, that the Senate concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TILLIS,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2690 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 719 with an amendment (Numbered 2689).

The hour of 10 a.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to concur was concluded.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 719 with an amendment (Numbered 2689).

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 78, nays... 20

[Rollcall Vote No. 272 Leg.]

YEAS --- 78

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

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Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Heller, Inhofe, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2029

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2029:

MITCH MCCONNELL, ORRIN HATCH, THOM TILLIS, TOM COTTON, JIM LANKFORD, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, DEB FISCHER, THAD COCHRAN, JOHN BARRASSO, JOHN CORNYN, RICHARD SHELBY, CORY GARDNER, RICHARD BURR, JERRY MORAN, JEFF FLAKE, STEVE DAINES.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2029.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3594

Ms. BALDWIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the bill (H.R. 3594) to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2029

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2029.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEE,

Ordered, That Mr. GARDNER be authorized to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on today.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2101

Mr. HEINRICH asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2101) to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund; that the Senate proceed to consider said bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

After debate,

Mr. LEE objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2029

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2029.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following messages from the President of the United States were transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTENT TO TERMINATE THE DESIGNATIONS OF SEYCHELLES, URUGUAY, AND VENEZUELA AS BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) PROGRAM -- PM 24

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 502(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the "1974 Act") (19 U.S.C. 2462(f)(2)), I am providing notification of my intent to terminate the designations of Seychelles, Uruguay, and Venezuela as beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. Section 502(e) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(e)) provides that if the President determines that a beneficiary developing country has become a "high income" country, as defined by the official statistics of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development of the World Bank (the "World Bank"), the President shall terminate the designation of such country as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP program, effective on January 1 of the second year following the year in which such determination is made.

Pursuant to section 502(e) of the 1974 Act, I have determined that it is appropriate to terminate the designations of Seychelles, Uruguay, and Venezuela as beneficiary developing countries under the GSP program, because they have become high income countries as defined by the World Bank. Accordingly, their eligibility for trade benefits under the GSP program will end on January 1, 2017.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 30, 2015.*

NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTENT TO TERMINATE THE DESIGNATION OF SEYCHELLES AS A BENEFICIARY SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRY UNDER THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (AGOA) PROGRAM -- PM 25

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am providing notification of my intent to terminate the designation of Seychelles as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) program.

Section 506A(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the "1974 Act") (19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)(1)) authorizes the President to designate a country listed in section 107 of the AGOA (19 U.S.C. 3706) as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country eligible for the benefits described in section 506A(b) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2466a(b)), if the President determines that the country meets the eligibility requirements in section 104 of the AGOA (19 U.S.C. 3703), subject to the authority granted to the President under subsections (a), (d), and (e) of section 502 of the 1974 Act.

Pursuant to section 502(e) of the 1974 Act, I have determined that Seychelles has become a "high income" country and its designation as a beneficiary sub-Saharan country is no longer within the authority granted to the President under section 502 of the 1974 Act. Accordingly, pursuant to section 506A(a)(1) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)(1)), I have determined that Seychelles is no longer eligible for benefits as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for the purpose of section 506A of the 1974 Act, effective January 1, 2017.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 30, 2015*.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 209. A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-149).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2102. A bill to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2103. A bill to modify a provision relating to adjustments of certain State apportionments for Federal highway programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2104. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and to prevent the termination of two star plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2105. A bill to authorize funding for, and increase accessibility to, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to

provide incentive grants to help facilitate reporting to such systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 2106. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and publish an action plan for improving the vocational rehabilitation services and assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2107. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help build a stronger health care workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2108. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on the establishment of certain hospitals and facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2109. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2110. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2111. A bill to establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative, high-quality higher education providers to participate in programs under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2112. A bill to require law enforcement agencies to report the use of lethal force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 2113. A bill to harness the expertise, ingenuity, and creativity of all people to contribute to innovation in the United States and to help solve problems or scientific questions by encouraging and increasing the use of crowdsourcing and citizen science methods within the Federal Government, as appropriate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 272. A resolution congratulating the University of Kansas for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Kansas, the United States, and the world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 334, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Service Health Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 931

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1521

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1521, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal,

collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1742

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1742, a bill to improve the provision of postal services to rural areas of the United States.

S. 1757

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1757, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1844

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1844, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for voluntary country of origin labeling for beef, pork, and chicken.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1974

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1974, a bill to require the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to amend its regulations relating to qualified mortgages, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen the eligibility verification process for the premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidy.

S. 2015

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2015, a bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2034, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2071

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and to express the sense of the Senate that the resulting revenue loss should be offset.

S. 2101

At the request of Mr. TESTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2101, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 16, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE RESOLUTION 267

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 267, a resolution expressing support for the continuation of the Federal Perkins Loan program.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Economic Crisis on Ukraine."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "A Review of the Department of Education and Student Achievement."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-224 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL SPENDING OVERSIGHT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on

September 30, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Prudent Planning or Wasteful Binge? A Look at End of the Year Spending."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND WATER

The Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Army Corps of Engineers' Participation in the Development of the New Regulatory Definition of "Waters of the United States.'"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2015, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Pension Advances: Legitimate Loans or Shady Schemes."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3495. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions.

At 3:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2082. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At 5:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 136. An act to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

S. 139. An act to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 565. An act to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes.

S. 2082. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3614. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

At 5:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719.

At 5:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719; to the Committee on Finance.

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2078) to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL KINSHIP CARE MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 266) designating September 2015 as "National Kinship Care Month."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2617) to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. ISAKSON) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2705, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. ISAKSON), so as to read: "An act to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to reduce a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa".

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2029; that the time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 1:45 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2029.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:36 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The following messages from the President of the United States were transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

DESIGNATION OF FUNDING FOR OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS/GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM -- PM 26

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 114(c) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016, also titled the TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act of 2015 (the "Act"), I hereby designate for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding (including the rescission of funds) and contributions from foreign governments so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 30, 2015*.

DESIGNATION OF AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT IN EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR URGENT WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES -- PM 27

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 135 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016, also titled the TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act of 2015 (the "Act"), I hereby designate as an emergency requirement all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, for the following account: "Department of Agriculture—Forest Service—Wildland Fire Management."

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 30, 2015.*

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The Assistant Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 30, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 136. An act to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

S. 139. An act to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 565. An act to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes.

S. 2082. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3018. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benzovindiflupyr; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9933-03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3019. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Acibenzolar-S-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9933-27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3020. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Kiwi From Chile Into the United States" ((RIN0579-AD98)(Docket No. APHIS-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3021. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3022. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal years 2010 and 2011 Operation and Maintenance, Navy, funds, and was assigned Army case number 14-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3023. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, United States Army, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3024. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3025. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Debts-Conform to FAR Section Designations" ((RIN0750-AI70)(DFARS Case 2015-D029)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3026. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Electronic Copies of Contractual Documents" ((RIN0750-AI29)-(DFARS Case 2012-D056)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3027. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhancing Support for the Cuban People" (RIN0694-AG67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3028. A communication from the Certifying Officer, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuban Assets Control Regulations" (31 CFR Part 515), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3029. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3030. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3031. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3032. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Final Revisions Applicable to Banking Organizations Subject to the Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rule" (RIN1557-AD88), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3033. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3034. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List" (FRL No. 9934-75-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3035. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9934-78-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3036. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Missouri; Control of Mercury Emissions from Electric Generating Units" (FRL No. 9934-68-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3037. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Mississippi; Miscellaneous Changes" (FRL No. 9934-73-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3038. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida; Combs Oil Company Variance" (FRL No. 9934-72-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3039. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; CO; Revised Format for Material Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9931-73-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3040. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Missouri; Control of Mercury Emissions from Electric Generating Units" (FRL No. 9934-68-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3041. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Staff Guidance on Acceptable Acute Uranium Exposure Standards for Workers" (FCSE-ISG-014, Revision 0), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3042. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Guidance About Material Licenses: Applications for Sealed Source and Device Evaluation and Registration" (NUREG-1556, Volume 3, Revision 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3043. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. KY-253-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2009-0014)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3044. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. PA-154-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2010-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3045. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" (RIN1991-AB94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3046. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Single Package Vertical Air Conditioners and Single Package Vertical Heat Pumps" (RIN1991-AC85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3047. A communication from the Division Chief, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minerals Management: Adjustment of Cost Recovery Fees" (RIN1004-AE44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3048. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical, Physical Readiness, Training, and Access Authorization Standards for Protective Force Personnel" (RIN1992-AA40), received in the Office of the President of Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3049. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to recommendations concerning energy performance requirements for fiscal years 2016 through 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3050. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dividend Equivalents from Sources Within the United States" ((RIN1545-BJ56)(TD 9734)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3051. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reorganizations Under Section 368(a)(1)(F)" ((RIN1545-BF51)(TD 9739)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3052. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3053. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investments Made for Charitable Purposes" (Notice 2015-62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3054. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special per diem Rates 2015-2016" (Notice 2015-63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3055. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Per Capita Distributions of Funds Held in Trust by the Secretary of the Interior" (Notice 2015-67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3056. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2015-20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3057. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - October 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3058. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional First Year Depreciation" (Rev. Proc. 2015-48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3059. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the biennial report relative to the impact of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3060. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluations of Hospitals' Ambulance Data on Medicare Cost Reports and Feasibility of Obtaining Cost Data from All Ambulance Providers and Suppliers"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3061. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Information for Certain Intellectual Property Rights Enforced at the Border" (RIN1515-AD87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3062. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Information for Certain Intellectual Property Rights Enforced at the Border" (RIN1515-AD87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3063. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-051); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3064. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-062); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3065. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-032); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 750. A bill to achieve border security on certain Federal lands along the Southern border (Rept. No. 114-150).

S. 991. A bill to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-151).

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 481. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 799. A bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1893. A bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2114. A bill to correct inconsistencies in the definitions relating to Native Americans in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2115. A bill to continue job creation and the promotion of investment through improvements to targeted employment areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2116. A bill to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2117. A bill to prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2118. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2119. A bill to provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BENNET, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2120. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2121. A bill to facilitate and enhance the declassification of information, including in the Legislative Branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2122. A bill to increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and to reauthorize the EB-5 regional center program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 2123. A bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2124. A bill to establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2125. A bill to make the Community Advantage Pilot Program of the Small Business Administration permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. VITTER, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2126. A bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 2127. A bill to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal

whistleblower protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL:

S. Res. 273. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for reconciliation in Indonesia and disclosure by the United States Government of events surrounding the mass killings during 1965 and 1966; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 274. A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the peaceful and democratic reunification of Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 275. A resolution calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed and designating October 2015 as "National Dyslexia Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 276. A resolution designating the week beginning October 18, 2015, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1014

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics.

S. 1099

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market.

S. 1178

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1178, a bill to prohibit implementation of a proposed rule relating to the definition of the term "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act, or any substantially similar rule, until a Supplemental Scientific Review Panel and Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams Advisory Committee produce certain reports, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1455, a bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1817

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1817, a bill to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1874, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1989

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1989, a bill to improve access to primary care services.

S. 2032

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.

S. 2066

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2066, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2089

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2089, a bill to provide for investment in clean energy, to empower and protect consumers, to modernize energy infrastructure, to cut pollution and waste, to invest in research and development, and for other purposes.

S. 2108

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2108, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on the establishment of certain hospitals and facilities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUNT,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "American Crude Oil Export Equality Act."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Improper Payments in Federal Programs."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Reviewing the Civil Nuclear Agreement with South Korea."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Achieving the Promise of Health Information Technology."

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-428A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Significant Cost and Related Burdens for Small Businesses Resulting from the Gold King Mine Waste Water Spill near Silverton, CO."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND THE NATIONAL INTEREST

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Administration's FY 2016 Refugee Resettlement Program: Fiscal and Security Implications."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2617) to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa, and that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent resolution providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1735.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1020) to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

At 3:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1020. An act to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

H.R. 2617. An act to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2029

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

BORDER JOBS FOR VETERANS ACT

On the request of Mr. FLAKE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2835) to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2029

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2029.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2101

Ms. AYOTTE asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2101) to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund; that the

Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. LEE objected.

Pending debate,

Mrs. SHAHEEN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of bill S. 2101; that the Senate proceed to consider said bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

After debate,

Mr. LANKFORD objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2029

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2029.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2029.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 50, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 273 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 1735

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending conference report; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report on bill H.R. 1735:

JOHN MCCAIN, BOB CORKER, JOHN HOEVEN, RON JOHNSON, DAN SULLIVAN, STEVE DAINES, RICHARD BURR, JONI K. ERNST, DEB FISCHER, TIM SCOTT, ORRIN HATCH, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, MIKE CRAPO, TOM COTTON, CORY GARDNER, KELLY AYOTTE, MITCH MCCONNELL.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

PROTECTING AFFORDABLE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1624) to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Dale A. Drozd, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 276) designating the week beginning October 18, 2015, as "National Character Counts Week," submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning

business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:54 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 4 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 4 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 1, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 1, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 1, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 2, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1624. An act to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3066. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3067. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government Contractors, Prohibitions Against Pay Secrecy Policies and Actions; Final Rule" (RIN1250-AA06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3068. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program, Fiscal Years 2011-2013"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3069. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals" ((RIN0910-AG10)(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0922)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3070. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food" (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0920), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3071. A communication from the Acting Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Overtime Pay for Border Patrol Agents" (RIN3206-AN19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3072. A communication from the Acting Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Managing Senior Executive Performance" (RIN3206-AM48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3073. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Self Plus One Enrollment Type" (RIN3206-AN08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3074. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Functions; Implementation of Statutory Gift Acceptance Authority; Freedom of Information Act" (RIN3209-AA40; RIN3209-AA41; RIN3209-AA39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3075. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)"; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3076. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program" (RIN3245-AG72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3077. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Fishery;

Adjustment to the Northern Red Hake Inseason Possession Limit" (RIN0648-XE094), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3078. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Fishery; Adjustment to the Northern Red Hake Inseason Possession Limit" (RIN0648-XE120), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3079. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Dusky Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE169), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3080. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE144), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3081. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XE143), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3082. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2015 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures" (RIN0648-XD558), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3083. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Framework Adjustment 53 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and Sector Annual Catch Entitlements; Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and the Common Pool for Fishing Year 2015" (RIN0648-XE015), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3084. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE140), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SASSE (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2128. A bill to require the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to submit to Congress a report on Inspector General mandates; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2129. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Energy and Water Development, and Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2130. A bill making appropriations for Department of Defense, energy and water development, Department of Homeland Security, military construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 2131. A bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies and Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2132. A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government, Department of the Interior, environment, and Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. BALDWIN)):

S. 2133. A bill to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies' development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2134. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2135. A bill to address the liability of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the Animas and San Juan Rivers spill; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 277. A resolution recognizing the month of October 2015 as "National Principals Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Con. Res. 21. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to

commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 228

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 228, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1319

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1319, a bill to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve the treatment of substance use disorders.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1493

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1493, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1579

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1579, a bill to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States.

S. 1622

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to devices.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1716

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1716, a bill to provide access to higher education for the students of the United States.

S. 1775

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1775, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1867

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1867, a bill to protect children from exploitation by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1979

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1979, a bill to direct the Chief of Engineers to transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation.

S. 2032

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2084

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2084, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices.

S. 2090

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2090, a bill to ensure that Social Security contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2116

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2116, a bill to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3457. An act to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, October 5, 2015, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) of the House:

H.R. 1624. An act to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3457. An act to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 1, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 1, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 277) recognizing the month of October 2015 as "National Principals Month," submitted today by Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 114-3, received from the President on today.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and in consultation with the ranking member of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 103-296, had appointed Jagadeesh Gokhale, of Pennsylvania, as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2129) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Energy and Water Development, and Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2130) making appropriations for Department of Defense, energy and water development, Department of Homeland Security, military construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. GRAHAM), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2131) making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies and Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. HOEVEN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2132) making appropriations for financial services and general government, Department of the Interior, environment, and Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BLUNT), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the conference report on the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; that the time until 1 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the quorum under the rule be waived, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on said conference report.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2028

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2028:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, MIKE CRAPO, RICHARD SHELBY, RICHARD BURR, DAN COATS, BEN SASSE, THOM TILLIS, ROGER WICKER, STEVE DAINES, C. GRASSLEY, SUSAN COLLINS, THAD COCHRAN, JAMES LANKFORD, LAMAR ALEXANDER, JOHN HOEVEN, ROY BLUNT.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2129) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Energy and Water Development, and Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. COLLINS), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2130) making appropriations for Department of Defense, energy and water development, Department of Homeland Security, military construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. GRAHAM), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2131) making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies and Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. HOEVEN), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2132) making appropriations for financial services and general government, Department of the Interior, environment, and Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BLUNT), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 1735

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, October 1, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the conference report on bill H.R. 1735.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 73, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 275 Leg.]

YEAS --- 73

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 26

Baldwin, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hirono, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Merkley, Mikulski, Nelson, Paul, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT AMENDING THE AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC -- PM 28

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with accompanying papers; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith the Supplementary Agreement Amending the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Czech Republic (the "Supplementary Agreement"). The Supplementary Agreement, signed at Prague on September 23, 2013, is intended to modify a certain provision of the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Czech Republic, with Administrative Arrangement, signed at Prague on September 7, 2007, and entered into force January 1, 2009 (the "U.S.-Czech Social Security Agreement").

The U.S.-Czech Social Security Agreement as amended by the Supplementary Agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements already in force with most European Union countries, Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Norway, and the Republic of Korea. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation, and to help prevent the lost benefit protection that can

occur when workers divide their careers between two countries.

The Supplementary Agreement amends the U.S.-Czech Social Security Agreement to account for a new Czech domestic health insurance law, which was enacted subsequent to the signing of the U.S.-Czech Social Security Agreement in 2007. By including the health insurance law within the scope of the U.S.-Czech Social Security Agreement, this amendment will exempt U.S. citizen workers and multinational companies from contributing to the Czech health insurance system, when such workers otherwise meet all of the ordinary criteria for such an exemption.

The U.S.-Czech Social Security Agreement, as amended, will continue to contain all provisions mandated by section 233 of the Social Security Act and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4) of the Social Security Act.

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report required by section 233(e)-(1) of the Social Security Act on the estimated number of individuals who will be affected by the Supplementary Agreement and its estimated cost effect. The Department of State and the Social Security Administration have recommended the Supplementary Agreement and related documents to me.

I commend the Supplementary Agreement to the U.S.-Czech Social Security Agreement and related documents.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 6, 2015*.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2136. A bill to establish the Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BURR, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2137. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2138. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the review and acceptance of subcontracting plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2139. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for the procurement of covered contracts; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2140. A bill to establish criminal penalties for failing to inform and warn of serious dangers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2141. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health information technology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2142. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2143. A bill to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2144. A bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2145. A bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2146. A bill to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 278. A resolution welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 279. A resolution honoring the Red Land Little League Team of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, for the performance of the Team in the 2015 Little League World Series; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. Con. Res. 22. A concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the White House Fellows program; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 71

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 89

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 89, a bill to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 255

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

S. 395

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 395, a bill to implement a demonstration project under titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to examine the costs and benefits of providing payments for comprehensive coordinated health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 480

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 480, a bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 800

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 800, a bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1424

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1424, a bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1455, a bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1550

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1550, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. RISCH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

S. 1860

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1860, a bill to protect and promote international religious freedom.

S. 1883

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1883, a bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1896

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1896, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen the eligibility verification process for the premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidy.

S. 2015

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2015, a bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2021

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2021, a bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes.

S. 2116

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2116, a bill to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology, and for other purposes.

S. 2120

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2120, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes, and for other purposes.

S. 2126

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr.

PETERS], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 2126, a bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 6, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 6, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 6, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The U.S. Role and Strategy in the Middle East: Yemen and the Countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 6, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled " Stealing the American Dream of Business Ownership: The NLRB's Joint Employer Decision."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 6, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 6, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, AGENCY ACTION, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights, and Federal Courts, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 6, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Opportunity Denied: How Overregulation Harms Minorities."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 5:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2835. An act to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection officers.

At 5:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), as amended by section 1601 of Public Law 111-68, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 202(a) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146), the Democratic Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Care: Ms. Charlene Taylor of Elk Grove, California.

TSUNAMI WARNING, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 34) to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. DAINES (for Mr. THUNE) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 2709, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3116) to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. DAINES (for Mr. SASSE) to amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2710).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

On the request of Mr. DAINES,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 22) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the White House Fellows program, submitted today by Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. REED), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE RED LAND LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM OF LEWISBERRY, PENNSYLVANIA

On the request of Mr. DAINES,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 279) honoring the Red Land Little League Team of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, for the performance of the Team in the 2015 Little League World Series, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS FOR 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 272) congratulating the University of Kansas for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Kansas, the United States, and the world.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DAINES,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2146) to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DAINES asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DAINES objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 1735; that the time until 1 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the time from 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. be controlled by the minority manager, or his designee; that the time from 1:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. be controlled by the majority manager, or his designee; and that, at 2 p.m., notwithstanding rule XXII of Standing Rules of the Senate, at 2 p.m. time for debate on the pending conference report be considered concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

At 7:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PAUL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2146) to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. TOOMEY), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL H.R. 1735

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PAUL in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID raised a point of order, viz, that the pending conference report violates section 3101 of S. Con. Res. 11, 114th Congress, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and waiver provisions of applicable Budget resolutions, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending conference report.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The hour of 2 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate was concluded.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 71, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 276 Leg.]

YEAS --- 71

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Risch, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 26

Baldwin, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hirono, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Merkley, Mikulski, Nelson, Paul, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 70, nays... 27

[Rollcall Vote No. 277 Leg.]

YEAS --- 70

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Risch, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 27

Baldwin, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Cruz, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hirono, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, Merkley, Mikulski, Nelson, Paul, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the conference report was agreed to.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 2028

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2116. A bill to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2147. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to participant votes on the suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2148. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2149. A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2150. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system so that prospective students may have a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2151. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. COONS):

S. 2152. A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop and appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2153. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require applicable manufacturers to include information regarding payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in transparency reports submitted under section 1128G of such Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2154. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2155. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2156. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a criminal penalty for launching drones that interfere with fighting fires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2157. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 2158. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 2159. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2160. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, relating to enlistment and consequences of certain service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2161. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2162. A bill to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress; considered and passed.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2163. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2164. A bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program and to make permanent the payment in lieu of taxes program and the land and water conservation fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PETERS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 280. A resolution recognizing the month of October 2015 as "National Women's Small Business Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 281. A resolution designating the week of October 5 through October 9, 2015, as "National Health Information Technology Week" to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution supporting the establishment of a bipartisan Museum Study Commission to study the establishment of a National Museum of the American People to tell the immigration and migration stories of all people of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 208

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 208, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 377

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare program and to reform payments for such services under such program, and for other purposes.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 502, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 520

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 520, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 1493

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1493, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1766

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1766, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1945, a bill to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes.

S. 1979

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1979, a bill to direct the Chief of Engineers to transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1979, supra.

S. 2021

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2021, a bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes.

S. 2031

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2031, a bill to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2034, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2068

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2068, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2142

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2142, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 2146

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2146, a bill to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 237

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 237, a resolution condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for continuing to perpetrate crimes against humanity, war crimes, and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government, the African Union, and governments and regional organizations in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield and promote protection and recovery of affected communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 278

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 278, a resolution welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a

hearing entitled, "Removing Barriers to Wireless Broadband Deployment."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2015, at 11 a.m., in room SR-428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting Seniors from Identity Theft: Is the Federal Government Doing Enough?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 7, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "S. 2102, The 'Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015'."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Assessing the North Korea Threat and U.S. Policy: Strategic Patience or Effective Deterrence?"

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 986. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.

S. 1300. An act to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations.

S. 2078. An act to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1525. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10-K and regulation S-K, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1553. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to specify which smaller institutions may qualify for an 18-month examination cycle.

H.R. 1839. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt certain transactions involving purchases by accredited investors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2091. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify the ability to request consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments and awards.

H.R. 2168. An act to make the current Dungeness crab fishery management regime permanent and for other purposes.

H.R. 3102. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3510. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a cybersecurity strategy for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, October 7, 2015, he has signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 2835. An act to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection officers.

At 6:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 986. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.

S. 1300. An act to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations.

S. 2078. An act to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1525. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10-K and regulation S-K, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1553. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to specify which smaller institutions may qualify for an 18-month examination cycle; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1839. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt certain transactions involving purchases by accredited investors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2091. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify the ability to request consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments and awards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2168. An act to make the current Dungeness crab fishery management regime permanent and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3102. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3510. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a cybersecurity strategy for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

TRANSNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 32) to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial

drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SOCIAL MEDIA WORKING GROUP ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 623) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS SUCCESSION MODERNIZATION ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2162) to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress, introduced on today by Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. LEAHY), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 275) calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed and designating October 2015 as "National Dyslexia Awareness Month".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 280) recognizing the month of October 2015 as "National Women's Small Business Month", submitted today by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PETERS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. COONS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 281) designating the week of October 5 through October 9, 2015, as "National Health Information Technology Week" to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States, submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. THUNE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL H.R. 1735

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 81) providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1735, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, October 1, 2015, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:45 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate, between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 10:45 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2028; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be controlled by the majority; that the time from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. be controlled by the minority; that the time from 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate, between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 12:45 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2028.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Dr. Charles R. Smith, Pastor, Madison Street Baptist Church, Madison, Georgia offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, October 8, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 986. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.

S. 1300. A bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations.

S. 2078. An original bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3085. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trans-1,3,3, 3-tetrafluoroprop-1-ene; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9934-74-OCSPP), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3086. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethyl sulfoxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9934-17-OCSPP), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3087. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cellulose Carboxymethyl Ether, Potassium Salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9934-45-OCSPP), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3088. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Butanedioc Acid, 2-Methylene, Homopolmer, Sodium Salt; Inert Ingredient Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9933-74-OCSPP), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3089. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fee Increases for Overtime Services" (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0047), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3090. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Tomato Plantlets in Approved Growing Media From Mexico" ((RIN0579-AE06)(Docket No. APHIS-2014-0099)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3091. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Golden Nematode; Removal of Regulated Areas in Orleans, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties, New York" (Docket No. APHIS-2015-0040), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3092. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3093. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of NCUA Rules and Regulations" (RIN3133-AE45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3094. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment - Part 747" (RIN3133-AE56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3095. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3096. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3097. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3098. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3099. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9933-30)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3100. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Butte County Air Quality Management District, Feather River Air Quality Management District, and San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 9931-19-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3101. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9934-04-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3102. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Air Quality Implementation Plan; California; Feather River Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 9933-52-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3103. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2020-AA47)(FRL No. 9930-70-OECA)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3104. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2060-AQ92)(FRL No. 9934-16-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3105. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri, Limited Maintenance Plan for the St. Louis Nonclassifiable Maintenance Area for the 8-Hour Carbon Monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9934-98-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3106. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS" (FRL No. 9934-84-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3107. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; South Dakota; Revisions to South Dakota Administrative Code" (FRL No. 9934-83-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3108. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9934-82-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3109. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Approval of Regulations Limiting Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides" (FRL No. 9932-12-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3110. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Adoption of Control Techniques Guidelines for Metal Furniture Coatings and Miscellaneous Metal Parts Coatings" (FRL No. 9934-92-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3111. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; 2011 Base Year Inventories for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for New Castle and Sussex Counties" (FRL No. 9934-81-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3112. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Approval of the Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Liberty-Clairton Nonattainment Area for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard and Approval of Transportation Conformity Insignificance Findings for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standards for the Liberty-Clairton Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9934-91-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3113. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Volatile Organic Compounds Definition" (FRL No. 9934-11-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3114. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; Mammoth Lakes; Redesignation; PM10 Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9935-05-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3115. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2008 Lead, and 2010 NO2 Nation Ambient Air Quality Standards; North Dakota" (FRL No. 9935-15-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3116. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to the Minor New Source Review (NSR) State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Portable Facilities" (FRL No. 9935-04-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3117. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky: New Sources in or Impacting Nonattainment Areas" (FRL No. 9935-22-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3118. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS" (FRL No. 9935-19-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3119. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9935-24-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3120. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9935-21-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3121. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Sulfur Content of Fuels" (FRL No. 9935-31-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3122. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Maine; General Permit Regulations for Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants and Concrete Batch Plants" (FRL No. 9935-33-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3123. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of New Reactors, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Assurance Program Description - Design Certification, Early Site Permit and New License Applicants" (NUREG-0800, Chapter 17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3124. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of Continuing Disability Reviews for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3125. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Request for Comments on Definitions of Section 48 Property" (Notice 2015-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3126. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Marginal Production Rates" (Notice 2015-65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3127. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment" (Notice 2015-64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3128. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material From the Pre-Hispanic Cultures of the Republic of Nicaragua" (RIN1515-AE05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3129. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Incentive Program -- Stage 3 and Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 through 2017" (RIN0938-AS26 and RIN0938-AS58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3130. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-032); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3131. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought" (Notice 2015-69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3132. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reliance Standards for Making Good Faith Determinations" ((RIN1545-BL23)(TD 9740)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3133. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at Hooker Electrochemical Corporation in Niagara Falls, New York, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3134. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification; Mica-Based Pearlescent Pigments" (Docket No. FDA-2015-C-1154), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3135. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3136. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Edition Health Information Technology (Health IT) Certification Criteria, 2015 Edition Base Electronic Health Record (EHR) Definition, and ONC Health IT Certification Program Modifications" (RIN0991-AB93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3137. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3138. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Filings for Electronic Entry/Entry Summary (Cargo Release and Related Entry)" (RIN1515-AE03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3139. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3140. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting proposed legislation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3141. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technology Transitions, Policies and Rules Governing Retirement Of Copper Loops by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, AT and T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services" ((RIN3060-AK32)(FCC 15-97)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3142. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish; July Through December Season" (RIN0648-XE004), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3143. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; 2016 Fishing Quotas for Atlantic Surfclams and Ocean Quahogs; and Suspension of Minimum Atlantic Surfclam Size Limit" (RIN0648-XE164), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3144. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE203), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3145. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XE096), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3146. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XE095), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3147. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE183), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3148. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 22 through No. 29" (RIN0648-XE121), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3149. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XE162), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3150. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE152), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3151. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XE126), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3152. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE170), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3153. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0455)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3154. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0926)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3155. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0085)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3156. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0753)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3157. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0242)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3158. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0673)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3159. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0523)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3160. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0777)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3161. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0194)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3162. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0127)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3163. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1071)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3164. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0126)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3165. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0245)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3166. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0772)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3167. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0823)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3168. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0822)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3169. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0583)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3170. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0676)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3171. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-

1050)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3172. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0680)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3173. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1044)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3174. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Vulcanair S.p.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0656)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3175. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (Embraer) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0586)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3176. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2047)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3177. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0625)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3178. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International S.A. Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0277)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3179. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0779)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3180. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0363)), received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3181. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0900)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3182. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-1130)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3183. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class C Airspace; Burbank, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0690)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3184. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Aurora, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1070)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3185. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tracy, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1623)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3186. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tracy, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1623)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3187. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Douglas, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1089)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3188. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Portland, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1137)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3189. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, Delta, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0343)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3190. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Iron Mountain, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1871)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3191. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Newberry, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1869)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3192. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (33); Amdt. No. 3657" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3193. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (73); Amdt. No. 3658" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3194. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (76); Amdt. No. 3659" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3195. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (120); Amdt. No. 3660" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3196. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 522" (RIN2120-AA63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3197. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Jet Route J-513; North Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3601)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3198. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Designations; Incorporation by Reference" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3375)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-77. A communication from a citizen of the State of South Dakota memorializing the State of South Dakota's petition to the United States Congress calling for a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing a federal balanced budget amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 1864. A bill to improve national security by developing metrics to measure the effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at points of entry, and along the maritime border (Rept. No. 114-152).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 322. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office".

H.R. 323. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office".

H.R. 324. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office".

H.R. 558. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the "Richard 'Dick' Chenault Post Office Building".

H.R. 1442. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building".

H.R. 1884. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the "Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3059. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 148. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. Res. 274. A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the peaceful and democratic reunification of Germany.

S. Res. 278. A resolution welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship, and for other purposes.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with amendments:

S. 1811. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Superstorm Sandy.

S. 2126. A bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2165. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to permanently authorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund; read the first time.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2166. A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 2167. A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act) and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 2168. A bill to encourage greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 2169. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund; read the first time.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2170. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2171. A bill to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2172. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2173. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2174. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2175. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. KING):

S. 2176. A bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2177. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. COTTON):

S. 2178. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain provisions of the Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2008 relating to timber, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 2179. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers if the Secretary is not feasibly able to provide health care in facilities of the Department or through contracts or sharing agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. COONS):

S. 2180. A bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. Res. 282. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HELLER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 283. A resolution designating October 2015 as "Filipino American History Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. Res. 284. A resolution recognizing the importance of mental health globally and highlighting the contributions and value of mental health, psychosocial support, and human capacity, particularly in development contexts and humanitarian settings; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 285. A resolution commemorating the life and accomplishments of Robert Edward Simon, Jr; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 286. A resolution designating the week beginning on October 11, 2015, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 287. A resolution condemning the senseless murder and wounding of 18 individuals (sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, students, and teachers)

in Roseburg, Oregon, on October 1, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 248

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1014

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1378

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1378, a bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1617

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1641

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1641, a bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1676

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1676, a bill to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1711, a bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1714, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1754

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1754, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges presiding over the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1766

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1766, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1870

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1870, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1913

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish programs to prevent prescription drug abuse under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain leases at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, and for other purposes.

S. 2021

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2021, a bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes.

S. 2066

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2066, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2142

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2142, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 2146

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2146, a bill to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes.

S. 2148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 2148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2152, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 2161

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2161, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 261

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 261, a resolution designating the week of October 11 through October 17, 2015, as "National Case Management Week" to recognize the role of case management in improving health care outcomes for patients.

SENATE RESOLUTION 274

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 274, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the peaceful and democratic reunification of Germany.

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 274, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a subcommittee hearing entitled "Consumer Product Safety and the Recall Process."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at

9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing a Prosperous and Democratic Future for Ukraine."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Threats to the Homeland."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in the President's Room of the Capitol.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Theft by Another Name: Eminent Domain Ten Years After Kelo v. City of New London."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE DEPARTMENT AND USAID MANAGEMENT, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, AND BILATERAL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Ensuring an Efficient and Effective Diplomatic Security Training Facility for the Twenty-first Century."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3192. An act to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 202(a) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146), the Minority Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Care: Ms. Lucretia M. McClenney of Locust Grove, Virginia.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2028

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, following the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2028 on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, en bloc: Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, David R. Gilmour, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Edwin Richard Nolan, Jr., of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Carolyn Patricia Alsup, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, and Susan Coppedge Amato, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

Ordered further, That the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations en bloc, without intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nominations, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2028

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2028.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 338

Ms. AYOTTE asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 338) to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. LEE objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2028

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2028.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2028.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, October 6, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 49, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 278 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

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Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Isakson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2028

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2028.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ADDITIONAL COSPONSOR TO BILL S. 2165

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL.

Ordered, That Mr. WYDEN be added as cosponsor to the bill (S. 2165) to amend title 54, United States Code, to permanently authorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2165

Ms. CANTWELL asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate bill S. 2165, introduced on today by herself (for herself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. MURRAY), and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. LANKFORD objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2028

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2028.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL withdrew the pending motion.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2146

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2146) to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2146; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2146:

MITCH MCCONNELL, DAVID VITTER, JOHN BARRASSO, DAN SULLIVAN, DAVID PERDUE, BILL CASSIDY, RON JOHNSON, STEVE DAINES, JAMES LANKFORD, JAMES RISCH, JOHN BOOZMAN, MICHAEL LEE, RICHARD SHELBY, JOHN CORNYN, JEFF SESSIONS, JOHNNY ISAKSON, PAT TOOMEY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the foregoing motion to bring to a close debate at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS TO BILL S. 1890

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HATCH,

Ordered, That Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BLUNT be added as cosponsors to the bill (S. 1890) to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2146

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2146.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following leader remarks on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Ann Donnelly, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate on the nomination; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BOOKER) to amend the pending concurrent resolution on page 1, lines 8 and 9, by striking "July 8," and inserting "December 8" (being amendment No. 2711).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ROBERT EDWARD SIMON, JR.

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 285) commemorating the life and accomplishments of Robert Edward Simon, Jr., submitted today by Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 286) designating the week beginning on October 11, 2015, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week," submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. FRANKEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

WELCOMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON HER OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 278) welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2165) to amend title 54, United States Code, to permanently authorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, introduced today by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. MURRAY), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2169) to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund, introduced today by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. DAINES), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2015, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; that the Senate then adjourn until 4 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015; that, on Monday, October 19, 2015, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2146.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:49 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015

Mr. JEFF SESSIONS, from the State of Alabama, called the Senate to order at 10:00:03 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Senior Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 9, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF SESSIONS, a Senator from the State of Alabama, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SESSIONS took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 10:00:31 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

Mr. ROY BLUNT, from the State of Missouri, called the Senate to order at 10:34:17 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 13, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROY BLUNT, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. BLUNT took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015,

At 10:34:47 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, October 8, 2015, until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2015.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

Mrs. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, from the State of West Virginia, called the Senate to order at 10:00:03 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 16, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mrs. CAPITO took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015,

At 10:00:35 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, October 8, 2015, until 4 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

Mrs. JONI ERNST, from the State of Iowa, called the Senate to order at 4 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mrs. ERNST led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 19, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JONI ERNST, a Senator from the State of Iowa, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mrs. ERNST took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2146

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, October 8, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2146) to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FLAKE,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1203. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-153).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with

an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1573. A bill to establish regional weather forecast offices, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-154).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1808. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-155).

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1082. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2181. A bill to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached; read the first time.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2182. A bill to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget; read the first time.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2183. A bill to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 288. A resolution commemorating October 22, 2015, as the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Highway Beautification Act of 1965; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 289. A resolution designating the week beginning on October 18, 2015, as "National Chemistry Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1784

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1784, a bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

S. 1822

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1822, a bill to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1876

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1876, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1882

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1882, a bill to support the sustainable recovery and rebuilding of Nepal following the recent, devastating earthquakes near Kathmandu.

S. 1893

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, supra.

S. 2002

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2002, a bill to strengthen our mental health system and improve public safety.

S. 2015

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2015, a bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2119, a bill to provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 2134

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2134, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 2146

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2146, a bill to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes.

S. 2148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 19, 2015, at 3 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "S. 2123, Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2015."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 538. An act to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 702. An act to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913 and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mrs. BLACK of Tennessee.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 451 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128) and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Council on Disability: Lt. Colonel Daniel M. Gade, Ph.D. of New Windsor, New York.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 538. An act to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 702. An act to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. FLAKE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 289) designating the week beginning on October 18, 2015, as "National Chemistry Week," submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2165) to amend title 54, United States Code, to permanently authorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, introduced on Thursday, October 8, 2015 by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. MURRAY), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. FLAKE objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2169) to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund, introduced on Thursday, October 8, 2015 by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. DAINES), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. FLAKE objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. FLAKE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2181) to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. FLAKE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. FLAKE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. FLAKE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2182) to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. FLAKE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. FLAKE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. FLAKE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2183) to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. WARNER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. FLAKE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. FLAKE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FLAKE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Ann Donnelly, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015; and that, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate resume its legislative session to resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2146.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FLAKE,

At 6:46 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2181) to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached, introduced on yesterday by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2182) to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget, introduced on yesterday by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2183) to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. WARNER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2146

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL, on Thursday, October 8, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2146) to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:48 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CORKER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2146

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2146.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, October 8, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2146.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 8, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 280 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2146.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1082

Mr. RUBIO asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S.1082) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes; that the reported amendments be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2146

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2146.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, August 5, 2015,

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 754) to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, August 5, 2015,

On motion by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2716, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BURR (for Mr. COTTON) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 29, by striking line 9 and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2581).

Mr. BURR modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment, as modified, was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for Mr. COONS) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all beginning on page 21, line 23 through line 5, page 31, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2552).

Mrs. FEINSTEIN modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2552, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

On motion by Mr. BURR for Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2582).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. DURBIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all beginning on page 3, line 21 through line 8, page 5, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2612).

Mrs. FEINSTEIN modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2612, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

On motion by Mr. BURR for Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 11, line 22, by striking "knows," and inserting "reasonably believes" (being amendment No. 2548).

Mr. BURR modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2548, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for Mr. LEAHY) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all beginning on page 32, line 17 through line 5, page 33 (being amendment No. 2587).

Mrs. FEINSTEIN modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2587, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

On motion by Mr. BURR for Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 38, after line 19, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2564).

Mr. BURR modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2564, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. WARNER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2557).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2626).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. BALDWIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 16, by striking lines 9 through 21, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2621).

Mrs. FEINSTEIN modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2621, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

Mr. BURR asked unanimous consent that, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the pending amendments to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute); that each amendment that is not germane receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of amendments, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2621, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

Pending debate,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN called for regular order with respect to amendment No. 2626.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2626 to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2626, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 754:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, JOHNNY ISAKSON, RICHARD BURR, JOHN MCCAIN, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ORRIN HATCH, JOHN THUNE, CHUCK GRASSLEY, PAT ROBERTS, JOHN BARRASSO, JEFF FLAKE, LAMAR ALEXANDER, BILL CASSIDY, DEB FISCHER, SUSAN COLLINS, PAT TOOMEY.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 754:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, JOHNNY ISAKSON, RICHARD BURR, JOHN MCCAIN, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ORRIN HATCH, JOHN THUNE, CHUCK GRASSLEY, PAT ROBERTS, JOHN BARRASSO, JEFF FLAKE, LAMAR ALEXANDER, BILL CASSIDY, DEB FISCHER, SUSAN COLLINS, PAT TOOMEY.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2626, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the pending bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2184. A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2185. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2186. A bill to provide the legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 290. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that any protocol to, or other agreement regarding, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of 1992, negotiated at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris will be considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 134

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 370

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 851

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1077

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1077, a bill to provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1315

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1315, a bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 1394

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency a Columbia River Basin Restoration Program.

S. 1493

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1493, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1520

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 1520, a bill to protect victims of stalking from violence.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1624

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1624, a bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment.

S. 1686

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities.

S. 1766

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1766, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1767, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, and for other purposes.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of

S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

S. 1801

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1801, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1882

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1882, a bill to support the sustainable recovery and rebuilding of Nepal following the recent, devastating earthquakes near Kathmandu.

S. 1926

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1926, a bill to ensure access to screening mammography services.

S. 1931

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1931, a bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of certain Indian tribes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.

S. 2002

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2002, a bill to strengthen our mental health system and improve public safety.

S. 2028

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2028, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2034, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to establish the Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2145, a bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

S. 2146

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2146, a bill to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement and for other purposes.

S. 2148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

S. 2163

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2163, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 282

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TOOMEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2015, at 10 a.m., room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Persistent North Korea Denuclearization and Human Rights Challenge."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and

International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2015, at 2:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "2015 Paris International Climate Negotiations: Examining the Economic and Environmental Impacts."

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS ON CALENDAR EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the following bills on the calendar, en bloc:

H.R. 322. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office";

H.R. 323. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office";

H.R. 324. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office";

H.R. 558. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the "Richard 'Dick' Chenault Post Office Building";

H.R. 1442. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building";

H.R. 1884. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the "Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 3059. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the bills be read the third time, en bloc, and passed; and that motions to reconsider, en bloc, be made and laid on the table.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 261) designating the week of October 11 through October 17, 2015, as "National Case Management Week" to recognize the role of case management in improving health care outcomes for patients.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate; that the majority control the first half therein; that the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 754.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:19 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the President pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 20, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1735. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed on October 20, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY IN RELATION TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO -- PM 29

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance

with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2015.

The situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 21, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3199. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3200. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, five (5) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3201. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Implementation of Risk-Based Capital Surcharges for Global Systemically Important Bank Holding Companies" ((RIN7100-AE26)(12 CFR Parts 208 and 217)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3202. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3203. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3204. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Unverified List (UVL)" (RIN0694-AG72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3205. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations to Include Continuation of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 13224" (RIN0694-AG75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3206. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Reliability Standard" ((RIN1902-AF02)-(Docket No. RM15-4-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3207. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: The 2016 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" ((RIN2060-AS44)(FRL No. 9935-69-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3208. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-propen-1-aminium, N, N-dimethyl-N-propenyl-, chloride, homopolymer; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9933-98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3209. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Redesignation Substitute for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 1-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Texas" (FRL No. 9935-68-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3210. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Revisions to State Boards and Conflict of Interest Provisions" (FRL No. 9935-53-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3211. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; 2006 PM2.5 and 2008 Lead NAAQS State Board Infrastructure SIP Requirements" (FRL No. 9935-63-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3212. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High Frequency Program: Application Guidance for Functional Confirmation and Fragility Evaluation" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3213. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force: 2015 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3214. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare Payments for Clinical Laboratory Tests in 2014: Baseline Data"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3215. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collection of Administrative

Debts" (RIN0960-AH36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3216. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Recovery Auditing in Medicare for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3217. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting on Minimum Essential Coverage" (Notice 2015-68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3218. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Assistance for Palestinian Security Forces and Benchmarks for Palestinian Security Assistance Funds"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3219. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0103 - 2015-0116); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3220. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Procedures for Issuing Visas" (RIN1400-AD84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3221. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Environmental Policy Act; Environmental Assessments for Tobacco Products; Categorical Exclusions" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1282) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3222. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3223. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Adjustment to the 2015 Winter II Quota" (RIN0648-XE156) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3224. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XE113) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3225. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper" (RIN0648-XE181) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3226. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper" (RIN0648-XE186) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3227. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XD779) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3228. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reapportionment of the 2015 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Limits for the Trawl Deep-Water and Shallow-Water Fishery Categories" (RIN0648-XE180) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3229. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustment for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XE155) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3230. A communication from the ActingDirector, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery and Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of Massachusetts" (RIN0648-XE189) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3231. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 30 Through No. 36" (RIN0648-XE187) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3232. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XE174) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3233. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3234. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving 911 Reliability; Reliability and Continuity of communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies" ((FCC 15-95)(PS Docket Nos. 13-75 and 11-60)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the

Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3235. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Competitive Bidding in Auction 1000, Including Initial Clearing Target Determinations, Qualifying to Bid, and Bidding in Auctions 1001 (Reverse) and 1002 (Forward)" ((FCC 15-78)(AU Docket No. 14-252, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, and MB Docket No. 15-146)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3236. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Commission's Rules Concerning Market Modification; Implementation of Section 102 of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014" ((FCC 15-111)(MB Docket No. 15-71)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3237. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workforce and Mission Critical Systems Personnel Reliability Program" (RIN2700-AE17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 113th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 114-156).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2187. A bill to establish a third-party quality system assessment program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2188. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the humanitarian device exemption; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2189. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2190. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a scholarship program for educators of rural students and provide for loan forgiveness for rural educators, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide professional development grants for rural elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2191. A bill to establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships to drive down the cost of tuition for millions of American students; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2192. A bill to ensure that States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the national instant criminal background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 2193. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, Mr. KAINE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 291. A resolution honoring the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the El Faro; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 1473

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1473, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to provide for enhanced Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and

introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1631

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to multiemployer pensions, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1964

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1964, a bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to invest in funding prevention and family services to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families, and for other purposes.

S. 1972

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1972, a bill to require air carriers to modify certain policies with respect to the use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2034, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

S. 2041

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2041, a bill to promote the development of safe drugs for neonates.

S. 2066

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2066, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2137

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2137, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families.

S. 2148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

S. 2170

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 274

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 274, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the peaceful and democratic reunification of Germany.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SULLIVAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Agriculture Biotechnology: A Look at Federal Regulation and Stakeholder Perspectives."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Ongoing Migration from Central America: An Examination of FY2015 Apprehensions."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 21, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The GAO Report on 'Indian Energy Development: Poor Management by BIA Has Hindered Development on Indian Lands."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office

Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 21, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Virtual Victims: When Computer Tech Support Becomes a Scam."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND, WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of Regulatory Impact Analyses for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2162. An act to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1315. An act to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1428. An act to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3350. An act to require a terrorism threat assessment regarding the transportation of chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological materials through United States land borders and within the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3493. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that post a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3572. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform, streamline, and make improvements to the Department of Homeland Security and support the Department's efforts to implement better policy, planning, management, and performance, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1315. An act to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

H.R. 1428. An act to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3350. An act to require a terrorism threat assessment regarding the transportation of chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological materials through United States land borders and within the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3493. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3572. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform, streamline, and make improvements to the Department of Homeland Security and support the Department's efforts to implement better policy, planning, management, and performance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 754) to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2621, as modified, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. BALDWIN), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN called for regular order with respect to amendment No. 2612, as modified.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2612, as modified, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. DURBIN), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN further modified the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2612, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. BURR called for regular order with respect to amendment No. 2581, as modified.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, proposed by Mr. BURR (for Mr. COTTON), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3594

Ms. BALDWIN asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3594) to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; that the bill be read twice; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. MCCAIN objected.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 697

Mr. UDALL asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the minority

leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 697) to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes; that the only amendment in order be an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE; that there be two hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment; that, upon disposition thereof, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. BURR objected.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

SUPERSTORM SANDY RELIEF AND DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. VITTER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 208) to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2747).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING ENFORCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 774) to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BURR,

Ordered, That, if the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) is agreed to, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 2564, as modified; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. UDALL asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2717), relative to a 60-day extension of Land Water Conservation Fund.

After debate,

Mr. BURR objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. UDALL asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2717), as modified, relative to a one year extension of Land Water Conservation Fund.

After debate,

Mr. BURR objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 1:45 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Julie Furuta-Toy, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea; Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea; Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zimbabwe; and Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, without intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition thereof, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

HONORING THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE EL FARO

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 291) honoring the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the El Faro, submitted today by Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, Mr. KAINE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ERADICATE POLIO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 108) commemorating the discovery of the polio vaccine and supporting efforts to eradicate the disease.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2193) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. PERDUE), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 754; and that time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) and to the bill until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Kathryn Pocalyko, Pastor of Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, in North Chesterfield, Virginia, offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 754) to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, proposed by Mr. BURR (for Mr. COTTON), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2193) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. RUBIO), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. BURR objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BURR,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived relative to the motions to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) and bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 754.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 83, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 281 Leg.]

YEAS --- 83

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 14

Baldwin, Booker, Brown, Coons, Franken, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Paul, Sanders, Udall, Warren, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2564, as modified, proposed by Mr. BURR for Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. WYDEN), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. PAUL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 32, nays... 65

[Rollcall Vote No. 282 Leg.]

YEAS --- 32

Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Durbin, Enzi, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heller, Leahy, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Murkowski, Murray, Paul, Sanders, Schumer, Sullivan, Udall, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 65

Alexander, Ayotte, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 224

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 224) expressing the sense of the Senate that the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest and Van Ness Street, Northwest and International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Liu Xiaobo Plaza"; that the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mrs. Cole, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 10. An act to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, and for other purposes.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, time for debate on amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) be considered concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the following amendments, in the following order: amendment No. 2612, as modified, amendment No. 2548, as modified, amendment No. 2587, as modified, amendment No. 2582, and amendment No. 2612, as modified.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 2612, as modified, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.; that the time from 2:15 p.m. until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that, at 4 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the following amendments, in the following order: amendment No. 2552, as modified, amendment No. 2581, as modified, and amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 754 is agreed to, time for debate be considered concluded; that the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended, with no intervening action or debate.

PROTECTING OUR INFANTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 799) to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. MCCONNELL, so as to read: "A bill to address problems related to prenatal opioid use".

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HATCH,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3238. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Pesticides; Agricultural Worker Protection Standard Revisions" ((RIN2070-AJ22)(FRL No. 9931-81)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3239. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's 2015 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3240. A communication from the Acting Director of the Legislative Affairs Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRCS Procedures for Granting Equitable Relief" (RIN0578-AA57), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3241. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0105), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3242. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of United States Antitrust Laws, Immunity, and Liability Under Marketing Order Programs" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0072), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3243. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Cotton and Tobacco Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Research and Promotion Program: Procedures for Conduct of Sign-up Period" (Docket No. AMS-CN-12-0059), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3244. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3245. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments Relating to Small Creditors and Rural or Underserved Areas Under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" (RIN3170-AA43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3246. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3247. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. KY-253-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2009-0014)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3248. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ohio Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. OH-254-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2012-0012)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3249. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. PA-154-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2010-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3250. A communication from the Division of Legislative Affairs and Correspondence, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the final map and corridor boundary description for the Crooked Wild and Scenic River, Segment B, in Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3251. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 Annual Report for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3252. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona, Phoenix-Mesa; 2008 Ozone Standard Requirements" (FRL No. 9935-56-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3253. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Low Emission Vehicle Program" (FRL No. 9935-58-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3254. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Minnesota; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO2, 2010 SO2, and 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9935-17-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3255. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Diplacus vandenbergensis (Vandenberg Monkeyflower)" (RIN1018-AZ33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3256. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 4(d) Rule for the Georgetown Salamander" (RIN1018-BA32), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3257. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Trichomanes punctatum ssp. floridanum (Florida Bristle Fern)" (RIN1018-AY97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3258. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Dakota Skipper and Poweshiek Skipperling" (RIN1018-AZ58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3259. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for 16 Species and Threatened Status for 7 Species in Micronesia" (RIN1018-BA13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3260. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015-2016 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations" (RIN1018-BA57), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3261. A communication from the Chief of the Foreign Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Honduran Emerald Hummingbird (Amazilia luciae)" (RIN1018-AY64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3262. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2015-16 Early Season" (RIN1018-BA67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3263. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands" (RIN1018-BA67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3264. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Early-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-BA67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3265. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2015-16 Late Season" (RIN1018-BA67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3266. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-BA67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3267. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended" (RIN1400-AD17), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3268. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1991 (P.L. 102-1) for the June 15, 2015 - August 14, 2015 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3269. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-069); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3270. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's FAIR Act 2012 and 2013 Commercial Activities Inventories, the FAIR Act 2012 and 2013 Inherently Government Inventories, and the 2012 and 2013 FAIR Act Executive Summary; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3271. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Default Investment Fund" (5 CFR Part 1600; 5 CFR Part 1601; 5 CFR Part 1651), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3272. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ensuring Continuity of 911 Communications" ((FCC 15-98)(PS Docket No. 14-174)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3273. A communication from the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, transmitting draft legislation entitled "Antarctic Nongovernmental Activity Preparedness Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3274. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.1216 of the Commission's Rules Related to Broadcast Licensee-Conducted Contests" ((FCC 15-118)(MB Docket No. 14-226)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-78. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the United States Congress to take all necessary action to prohibit any force structure changes, to prohibit any transfer of AH-64 Apache helicopters from the National Guard, and maintain the Army National Guard at 350,200 soldiers until the National Commission on the Future of the Army has reported its findings to Congress in February 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 149

Whereas, The United States Army plans to transfer all National Guard AH-64 Apache helicopters to active duty as part of the United States Army's Restructuring Initiative; and

Whereas, The United States Army has marked Pennsylvania's 55th Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) for inactivation; and

Whereas, The 55th ABCT is headquartered in Scranton, extends over the eastern portion of Pennsylvania and approximately 3,500 Pennsylvanians serve with the 55th ABCT; and

Whereas, Congress established the National Commission on the Future of the Army, which is tasked with completing an independent study on the proper size, force mixture and force generation requirements for the army, and this commission is required to report its findings during February 2016; and

Whereas, This comprehensive assessment will provide Congressional members the opportunity to review and legislate in response to the commission's recommendations; and

Whereas, There are 24 AH-64 Apache helicopters authorized for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG) with a significant portion of the allotment stationed at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport; and

Whereas, Transferring the Apache helicopters would result in the loss of 350 part-time personnel from the 1-104th Attack Battalion and the stationing of PAARNG is an important economic driver in the Johnstown area with an estimated impact of nearly $45 million; and

Whereas, The economic necessity and the maintenance of critical national defense units in the Johnstown area, including the 1-104th Attack Battalion PAARNG and its complement of Apache helicopters, dictates that the United States Army reverse its decision to redeploy the helicopters; and

Whereas, Units from the 55th ABCT have deployed multiple times since 9/11, including deployments to Kosovo, Kuwait, Egypt, Iraq and Afghanistan and units from the brigade have earned multiple Navy Unit Commendations and Meritorious Unit Commendations; and

Whereas, The army's current force proposals reduce the total Army National Guard end strength from 350,200 to 342,000 during fiscal year 2016, and further, from 342,000 to 335,000 during fiscal year 2017; and

Whereas, Since 2000, the army has cut the Army National Guard by 14 Brigade Combat Teams and increased the active army by 12 Brigade Combat Teams, which have resulted in a shift from the majority of force structure residing with the Army National Guard to the majority of the force structure contained within the active army; and

Whereas, The geographical location of Pennsylvania in relation to the entire northeast corridor places the Pennsylvania National Guard in a strategically accessible position that can effectively respond at the Federal and State level when needed for domestic emergencies or armed conflicts; and

Whereas, The National Guard represents the best economic value for the United States validated by the Department of Defense stating in 2013 that a drilling guardsman is about 15% the cost of an active component soldier; and

Whereas, When Title 10 mobilized duty, a national guard soldier only cost 80 to 95% as much as an active component soldier: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the General Assembly urge the United States Army to reverse its decision to deactivate the 55th Armored Brigade Combat Team and to reverse its decision to transfer any National Guard AH-64 Apache helicopters to active duty; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Assembly urge Congress to take all necessary action to prohibit any force structure changes, to prohibit any transfer of AH-64 Apache helicopters from the National Guard, and maintain the Army National Guard at 350,200 soldiers until the National Commission on the Future of the Army has reported its findings to Congress in February 2016; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-79. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to consider imposing tariffs on imported anthracite coal in order to preserve American jobs; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

Whereas, The anthracite coal industry accounts for more than 1,000 Pennsylvania jobs; and

Whereas, The anthracite coal industry contributes $200 million to the Pennsylvania economy; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania anthracite coal production accounts for 2 million tons annually; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania coal fueled a large part of the Industrial Revolution and the industrial efforts which helped to win two world wars; and

Whereas, Government-sponsored anthracite coal production in China, Russia and Ukraine provides unfair competition with domestically mined anthracite coal by providing government subsidies which reduce their prices far below market rates: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President and the Congress of the United States to consider imposing tariffs on imported anthracite coal in order to preserve American jobs; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-80. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware memorializing a commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and Delaware; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

Whereas, Taiwan and the United States are long-standing friends with a shared historical relationship and dearly cherished values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

Whereas; 2015 marks the 15th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Delaware and Taiwan; and

Whereas, for the past 14 years, the sister-state relationship with Taiwan has been strengthened through the efforts of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) resulting in better mutual understanding; and

Whereas, Taiwan is the United States' tenth largest trading partner, with the two-way trade volume between the United States and Taiwan reaching $67 billion in 2014, and the United States is Taiwan's second largest trading partner; and

Whereas, Taiwan signed an agreement with Delaware to recognize driver's licenses issued by each side on June 11, 2014, reflecting the friendship, trust, and cooperation between two sides, and benefitting the people of Taiwan and Delaware in terms of travel and business; and

Whereas, Trade and Investment Framework Agreements (TIFA) are an important channel for dialogue on trade and investment issues between the United States and Taiwan, it not only helps to forge a closer relationship but also boosts Taiwan's chances to participate the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 148th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, That we hereby reaffirm our commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and Delaware; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate; and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

POM-81. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California memorializing the United States Congress to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965 forthwith, with adequate funding to reflect the growing populations of Americans who benefit from the act's programs and services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Older Americans Act of 1965; and

Whereas, During the past 50 years, the implementation of the Older Americans Act of 1965 has contributed to the economic well-being of millions of older Americans, and has improved the quality of life for those individuals; and

Whereas, One of the key elements contributing to the successful implementation of the Older Americans Act of 1965 has been the establishment of an aging network composed of local area agencies on aging, providers of congregate and home-delivered nutrition, and many other community service providers; and

Whereas, The federal Administration on Aging in the United States Department of Health and Human Services was created by the Older Americans Act of 1965, and has been empowered to act as an effective advocate for the concerns and needs of older individuals; and

Whereas, The Older Americans Act of 1965 serves as a model for the development of community-based services, including services that provide alternatives to the institutionalization of older individuals; and

Whereas, Some of the programs authorized under the Older Americans Act of 1965 were created to address the specific concerns of those older Americans with the greatest social and economic needs, especially minority older Americans; and

Whereas, Many services under the Older Americans Act of 1965, including long-term care ombudsman and legal services providers, have acted as powerful advocates for older individuals; and

Whereas, The Older Americans Act of 1965 has brought together thousands of dedicated professionals and volunteers and has provided inspiration to those individuals; and

Whereas, Services authorized under the Older Americans Act of 1965 have provided important part-time community service employment opportunities for low-income older individuals; and

Whereas, Many older individuals, and those who serve them, have benefited greatly from the research, training, and education that programs established under the Older Americans Act of 1965 have provided; and

Whereas, Some of the programs under the Older Americans Act of 1965 were designed to address the special needs of older Native Americans; and

Whereas, In recognition of the changing needs of a rapidly aging society, the Older Americans Act of 1965 has been periodically amended; and

Whereas, The Older Americans Act of 1965 served as the foundation for an effective human services policy for millions of Americans as the United States entered the 21st century: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California and the Senate of the State of California. jointly, That the Legislature recognizes the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Older Americans Act of 1965, and the successful implementation of that act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature applauds the many and varied contributions at all levels of the aging network fostered by the Older Americans Act of 1965; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature affirms support for the Older Americans Act of 1965, and the primary goals of that act of providing services to maintain the dignity of older Californians, and promoting the independence of those individuals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature memorializes the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965 forthwith, with adequate funding to reflect the growing populations of Americans who benefit from the act's programs and services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from the State of California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-82. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the of the State of Illinois affirming support for the Older Americans Act of 1965; and urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 561

Whereas, 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Older Americans Act of 1965; during the past 50 years, the implementation of the Older Americans Act of 1965 has contributed to the economic well-being of millions of older Americans and has improved the quality of life for those individuals; and

Whereas, One of the key elements contributing to the successful implementation of the Older Americans Act of 1965 has been the establishment of an aging network composed of local area agencies on aging, providers of congregate and home-delivered nutrition, and many other community service providers; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging was created by the Older Americans Act of 1965; the agency has been empowered to act as an effective advocate for the concerns and needs of older individuals; and

Whereas, The Older Americans Act of 1965 serves as a model for the development of community-based services, including services that provide alternatives to the institutionalization of older individuals; and

Whereas, Some of the programs authorized under the Older Americans Act of 1965 were created to address the specific concerns of those older Americans with the greatest social and economic needs, especially minority older Americans; and

Whereas, Many services under the Older Americans Act of 1965, including long-term care ombudsman and legal services providers, have acted as powerful advocates for older individuals; and

Whereas, Services authorized under the Older Americans Act of 1965 have also provided important part-time community service employment opportunities for low-income older individuals; and

Whereas, Many older individuals, and those who serve them, have benefited greatly from the research, training, and education that programs established under the Older Americans Act of 1965 have provided; and

Whereas, During Fiscal Year 2015, Illinois Area Agencies on Aging will serve an estimated 515,700 persons 60 and over, accounting for 22% of the 2.3 million seniors in Illinois; the agencies will also develop and coordinate comprehensive systems of home

and community-based services to enable older adults with chronic illnesses and disabilities to live in the least restrictive setting and avoid unnecessary hospital readmissions and placements in long term care facilities; and

Whereas, Thirteen Area Agencies on Aging in Illinois collaborate with 179 provider agencies to provide a myriad of home and community-based services for older adults and their caregivers, including information and assistance for older adults to help them make informed decisions about programs, benefits, and services and live independently for as along as possible, transportation programs, in-home services, home-delivered meals, congregate meals, Multi-Purpose Senior Centers, recreation programs, legal assistance, health promotion and disease prevention, and evidence-based health promotion programs; and

Whereas, In recognition of the changing needs of a rapidly aging society, the Older Americans Act of 1965 has been periodically amended and reauthorized; and

Whereas, The Older Americans Act of 1965 served as the foundation for an effective human services policy for millions of Americans as the United States entered the 21st century: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we affirm our support for the Older Americans Act of 1965 and the primary goals of the Act of providing services to maintain the dignity of older Illinoisans and promoting the independence of those individuals; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge Congress to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965 without delay and with adequate funding to reflect the growing populations of Americans who benefit from the Act's programs and services; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-83. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923, and calling upon the President of the United States and the United States Congress to formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, Armenians have resided in Asia Minor and the Caucasus for approximately four millennia, and have a long and rich history in the region, including the establishment of many kingdoms, and despite Armenians' historic presence, stewardship, and autonomy in the region, Turkish rulers of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey subjected Armenians to severe and unjust persecution and brutality, including wholesale massacres beginning in the 1890s; and

Whereas, The Armenian nation was subjected to a systematic and premeditated genocide officially beginning on April 24, 1915, at the hands of the Young Turk Government of the Ottoman Empire from 1915-1919 and continued at the hands of the Kemalist Movement of Turkey from 1920-1923 whereby over 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children were slaughtered or marched to their deaths in an effort to annihilate the Armenian nation in the first genocide of modern times, while thousands of surviving Armenian women and children were forcibly converted and Islamized, and hundreds of thousands more were subjected to ethnic cleansing during the period of the modern Republic of Turkey from 1924-1937; and

Whereas, During the genocides of the Christians living in the Ottoman Empire and surrounding regions, which occurred during the first one-half of the 20th century, 1.5 million men, women, and children of Armenian descent, and hundreds of thousands of Assyrians, Greeks, and other Christians, lost their lives at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire and the Republic of Turkey, constituting one of the most atrocious violations of human rights in the history of the world; and

Whereas, These crimes against humanity also had the consequence of permanently removing all traces of the Armenians and other targeted people from their historic homelands of more than four millennia, and enriching the perpetrators with the lands and other property of the victims of these crimes, including the usurpation of several thousand churches; and

Whereas, In response to the genocide and at the behest of President Woodrow Wilson and the United States State Department, the Near East Relief organization was founded, and became the first congressionally sanctioned American philanthropic effort created exclusively to provide humanitarian assistance and rescue to the Armenian nation and other Christian minorities from annihilation, who went on to survive and thrive outside of their ancestral homeland all over the world and specifically in this state; and

Whereas, Near East Relief succeeded, with the active participation of the citizens from this state, in delivering $117 million in assistance, and saving more than one million refugees, including 132,000 orphans, between 1915 and 1930, by delivering food, clothing, and materials for shelter, setting up refugee camps, clinics, hospitals, and orphanages; and

Whereas, The Armenian nation survived the genocide despite the attempt by the Ottoman Empire to exterminate it; and

Whereas, Adolf Hitler, in persuading his army commanders that the merciless persecution and killing of Jews, Poles, and other people would bring no retribution, declared, "Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?"; and

Whereas, On November 4, 1918, immediately after the collapse of the Young Turk regime and before the founding of the Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923, the Ottoman Parliament considered a motion on the crimes committed by the Committee of Union and Progress (CUP): "A population of one million people guilty of nothing except belonging to the Armenian nation were massacred and exterminated, including even women and children." The Minister of Interior at the time, Fethi Bey, responded by telling the Parliament: "It is the intention of the government to cure every single injustice done up until now, as far as the means allow, to make possible the return to their homes of those sent into exile, and to compensate for their material loss as far as possible"; and

Whereas, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk made a historic admission in an interview published in the Los Angeles Examiner on August 1, 1926: "These leftovers from the former Young Turk Party, who should have been made accountable for the lives of millions of our Christian subjects who were ruthlessly driven, en masse, from their homes and massacred"; and

Whereas, The Parliamentary Investigative Committee proceeded to collect relevant documents describing the actions of those responsible for the Armenian mass killings and turned them over to the Turkish Military Tribunal. CUP's leading figures were found guilty of massacring Armenians and hanged or given lengthy prison sentences. The Turkish Military Tribunal requested that Germany extradite to Turkey the masterminds of the massacres who had fled the country. After German refusal, they were tried in absentia and sentenced to death; and

Whereas, Unlike other people and governments that have admitted and denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor regimes, and despite the Turkish government's earlier admissions and the overwhelming proof of genocidal intent, the Republic of Turkey inexplicably and adamantly has denied the occurrence of the crimes against humanity committed by the Ottoman and Young Turk rulers for many years, and continues to do so a full century since the first crimes constituting genocide occurred; and

Whereas, Those denials compound the grief of the few remaining survivors of the

atrocities, desecrate the memory of the victims, cause continuing pain to the descendants of the victims, and deprive the surviving Armenian nation, both on individual and collective levels, of their ancestral land, property, culture, heritage, financial assets, and population growth; and

Whereas, The Republic of Turkey has escalated its international campaign of Armenian Genocide denial, maintained its blockade of Armenia, and increased its pressure on the small but growing movement in Turkey acknowledging the Armenian Genocide and seeking justice for this systematic campaign of destruction of millions of Armenians, Greeks, Assyrians, and other Christians upon their biblical-era homelands; and

Whereas, Those citizens of Turkey, both Armenian and non-Armenian, who continue to speak the truth about the Armenian Genocide, such as human rights activist and journalist Hrant Dink, continue to be silenced by violent means; and

Whereas, There is continued concern about the welfare of Christians in the Republic of Turkey, their right to worship and practice freely, and the legal status and condition of thousands of ancient Armenian churches, monasteries, cemeteries, and other historical and cultural structures, sites, and antiquities in the Republic of Turkey; and

Whereas, The United States is on record as having officially recognized the Armenian Genocide in the United States government's May 28, 1951, written statement to the International Court of Justice regarding the Reservations to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, through President Ronald Reagan's April 22, 1981, Proclamation No. 4838, and by congressional legislation including House Joint Resolution 148 adopted on April 9, 1975, and House Joint Resolution 247 adopted on September 12, 1984; and

Whereas, Even prior to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the United States has a record of having sought to justly and constructively address the consequences of the Ottoman Empire's intentional destruction of the Armenian people, including through United States Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 adopted on February 9, 1916, United States Senate Resolution 359 adopted on May 11, 1920, and President Woodrow Wilson's November 22, 1920, decision entitled, "The Frontier between Armenia and Turkey," which was issued as a binding arbitral award, yet has not been enforced to this date despite its legally binding status; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama entered office "calling for Turkey's acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide" and on April 24, 2013, and similarly on April 24, 2014, he further stated, "A full, frank, and just acknowledgment of the facts is in all of our interests. Peoples and nations grow stronger, and build a more just and tolerant future, by acknowledging and reckoning with painful elements of the past"; and

Whereas, California is home to the largest Armenian-American population in the United States, and Armenians living in California have enriched our state through their leadership and contribution in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts, many of whom have family members who experienced firsthand the horror and evil of the Armenian Genocide and its ongoing denial; and

Whereas, Every person should be made aware and educated about the Armenian Genocide and other crimes against humanity, and this state has been at the forefront of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to prevent the recurrence of genocide; and

Whereas, April 24, 1915, is globally observed and recognized as the commencement of the Armenian Genocide and April 24, 2015, will mark the centennial anniversary since the commencement of the Armenian Genocide; and

Whereas, Armenians in this state and throughout the world, have not been provided with justice for the crimes perpetrated against the Armenian nation despite the fact that a century has passed since the crimes were first committed; and

Whereas, The Armenian people, in this state and elsewhere, remain resolved and their spirit continues to thrive a century after their near annihilation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature hereby designates the year of 2015 as "State of California Year of Commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923" and in doing so, intends, through the enactment of legislation, that the Armenian Genocide is properly commemorated and taught to its citizens and visitors through statewide educational and cultural events; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby designates April 24, 2015, as "State of California Day of Commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature commends its conscientious educators who teach about human rights and genocide, and intends for them, through the enactment of legislation, to continue to enhance their efforts to educate students at all levels about the experience of the Armenians and other crimes against humanity; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby commends the extraordinary service which was delivered by Near East Relief to the survivors of the Armenian Genocide and the Assyrian Genocide, including thousands of direct beneficiaries of American philanthropy who are the parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents of many Californian Armenians and Assyrians, and pledges its intent, through the enactment of legislation, to working with community groups, nonprofit organizations, citizens, state personnel, and the community at large to host statewide educational and cultural events; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature deplores the persistent, ongoing efforts by any person, in this country or abroad, to deny the historical fact of the Armenian Genocide; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature respectfully calls upon the President of the United States and the United States Congress to formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature calls on the President of the United States to work toward equitable, constructive, stable, and durable Armenian-Turkish relations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor of California, to every member of the California State Legislature, and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

POM-84. A resolution adopted by the City Council of New Orleans, Louisiana, recognizing August 6, 2015, as the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-85. A resolution adopted by the Michigan Senate encouraging the United States Forest Service to issue the owners of privately-held hunting camps on leased acres within the Ottawa National Forest special use authorization under the Recreation Residence Program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 79

Whereas, Starting in the late 1950s, Michigan residents were offered an opportunity to lease privately-owned land from the Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) to build recreational hunting camps. In 1991, the UPPCO announced intentions to sell the land currently under lease to an intermediary who would simultaneously sell the land to the United States Forest Service (USFS). Existing leaseholders were offered an option to sign a 25-year, nonrenewable lease on the land that

was to be sold or to immediately vacate the property. The leases were signed in March of 1992, and the United States Forest Service (USFS) took control of the land in June 1992. The land currently under private lease accounts for less than 1,100 acres in the Ottawa National Forest; and

Whereas, Hundreds of people have experienced the wonders of Michigan's great outdoors at these hunting camps. The Ottawa National Forest is almost one million acres of rolling hills, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. Those who lease land in the forest have built outdoor recreational traditions with their families. The hunting camps allow them to experience the seclusion and isolated environment of the Ottawa National Forest while engaging in varied recreational activities, including hunting, fishing, canoeing, and snowshoeing; and

Whereas, The USFS has informed leaseholders that leases will not be renewed at the end of 2016 because it is national policy not to lease national forest land to individuals. The holders of the active leases will have 90 days after the leases expire to remove the hunting cabins and return the land to its natural state; and

Whereas, The expiration of the leases will hurt local economies in Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties. It will result in over $35,000 in lost lease fee revenue to the townships and almost $10,000 in tax revenue to the counties. Even a greater loss will be realized by local businesses, including gas stations, grocery stores, hardware stores, and restaurants that benefit from the patronage of the camp families; and

Whereas, The expiration of the leases will eliminate refuge for people from the occasionally harsh and unexpected shifts in weather conditions. The Ottawa National Forest covers a large area in the western Upper Peninsula. Camp owners often leave their cabins or outbuildings unlocked to the relief of individuals stranded in the woods who have sought shelter. A Boy Scout troop once sheltered at the Twin Pines camp after being caught in a storm, and a group of snowmobilers is known to regularly rest at one of the camps; and

Whereas, The USFS Recreation Residence Program provides private citizens an opportunity to own single-family cabins in designated areas of national forests. Currently, 15,570 recreation residences occupy national forest system lands throughout the country; and

Whereas, Although the National Forest Service placed a moratorium on the establishment of new tracts under the Recreation Residence program in 1968, the authority to issue special use authorization under the Recreation Residence program remains in federal regulations (36 CFR Part 251). Therefore, lifting that moratorium for the limited purpose of establishing a Recreation Residence tract in the Ottawa National Forest and issuing special use authorization permits is possible and would allow the many families currently leasing in the Ottawa National Forest an opportunity that is provided to thousands of people elsewhere in the country; and

Whereas, Converting to the Recreation Residence Program would maintain a tax base for local governments, provide continuing support for the local economy, and ensure that hunting and recreational traditions held so dear by Michigan residents continue to be experienced in the Ottawa National Forest: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage the United States Forest Service to issue the owners of privately-held camps on leased acres within the Ottawa National Forest special use authorization under the Recreation Residence Program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief of the United States Forest Service and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-86. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to regulate airline baggage fees and processes for consumers as it relates to transportation of passenger luggage and passenger delays resulting from lost, damaged, or delayed luggage; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 207

Whereas, deregulation of the airline industry in the United States began more than three decades ago in 1978; and

Whereas, a consequence of deregulation was the elimination of federal control over many airline business practices, including pricing and domestic route selection; and

Whereas, though deregulation limits federal control of airline business practices generally, the federal government continues to legislate and enforce certain consumer protections for airline passengers; and

Whereas, the United States Congress largely determines the degree to which certain rights of airline passengers are codified in law or developed through regulatory rulemaking; and

Whereas, since deregulation, the primary means of competition amongst airlines has progressively centered on price, not service; and

Whereas, certain concerns for passengers of airlines include increasing baggage fees and passenger delays resulting from lost, damaged, or delayed passenger luggage; and

Whereas, the airline industry began to charge passengers a checked baggage fee per bag to curtail rising jet fuel costs and to supplement marginal revenue during times of economic decline; and

Whereas, as a result of increasing airline baggage fees charged by airlines for checked luggage, passengers are encouraged to increase the contents of carry-on luggage to avoid the extra cost of baggage fees; and

Whereas, increased carry-on luggage of boarding airline passengers may be correlated to the claims of lost, damaged, or delayed passenger luggage, because passengers are oftentimes asked to check carry-on luggage at the boarding gate, which may require passengers to wait for such luggage after deboarding an aircraft, or luggage and contents may become damaged during the process of fitting carry-on luggage onto boarded aircrafts; and

Whereas, although checked luggage may be lost, damaged, or delayed for a variety of reasons, baggage handling systems, airline negligence, and the act of luggage offloading to accommodate extra fuel have also been discussed as reasons for lost, damaged, or delayed passenger luggage; and

Whereas, the aforementioned concerns of airline passengers are issues of consumer protection for which the United States Congress has the constitutional power to address and determine fair and reasonable solutions through codified law or regulatory rulemaking: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to regulate airline baggage fees and processes for consumers as it relates to transportation of passenger luggage and passenger delays resulting from lost, damaged, or delayed luggage; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-87. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress and the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to take such actions as are necessary to rectify the revenue sharing inequities between coastal and interior energy producing states; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 167

Whereas, since 1920, interior states have been allowed to keep fifty percent of the oil, gas, and coal production revenues generated in their states from mineral production on federal lands within their borders, including royalties, severance taxes, and bonuses; and

Whereas, coastal states with onshore and offshore oil and gas production face

inequities under the federal energy policies because those coastal states have not been party to this same level of revenue sharing partnership with the federal government; and

Whereas, coastal energy producing states have a limited partnership with the federal government that provides for them to retain very little revenue generated from their offshore energy production, energy that is produced for use throughout the nation; and

Whereas, in 2006 congress passed the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) that will fully go into effect in 2017; an act that calls for a sharing of thirty-seven and five tenths percent of coastal production revenues with four gulf states with a cap of $500 million per year; and

Whereas, the Fixing America's Inequities with Revenues (FAIR) Act would have addressed the inequity suffered by coastal oil and gas producing states by accelerating the implementation of GOMESA as well as by gradually lifting all revenue sharing caps but the legislation died with the close of the previous congress; and

Whereas, with the state and its offshore waters taken alone, Louisiana is the ninth largest producer of oil in the United States in 2014 while including offshore oil from federal waters, it was the second largest oil producer in the country; and when taken alone Louisiana was the fourth largest producer of gas in the United States in 2013 while including the Gulf of Mexico waters, it was the second largest producer in the United States; and

Whereas, with nineteen operating refineries in the state, Louisiana was second only to Texas as of January 2014 in both total and operating refinery capacity, accounting for nearly one-fifth of the nation's total refining capacity; and

Whereas, Louisiana's contributions to the United States Strategic Petroleum Reserve with two facilities located in the state consisting of twenty-nine caverns capable of holding nearly three hundred million barrels of crude oil; and

Whereas, with three onshore liquified natural gas facilities, more than any other state in the country, and the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, the nation's only deepwater oil port, Louisiana plays an essential role in the movement of natural gas from the United States Gulf Coast region to markets throughout the country; and

Whereas, it is apparent that Louisiana plays an essential role in supplying the nation with energy and it is vital to the security of our nation's energy supply, roles that should be recognized and compensated at an appropriate revenue sharing level; and

Whereas, the majority of the oil and gas production from the Gulf of Mexico enters the United States through coastal Louisiana with all of the infrastructure necessary to receive and transport such production, infrastructure that has for many decades damaged the coastal areas of Louisiana, an impact that should be compensated through appropriate revenue sharing with the federal government; and

Whereas, because Louisiana is losing more coastal wetlands than any other state in the country, in 2006 the people of Louisiana overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment dedicating revenues received from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund for the purposes of coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly impacted by coastal wetland losses; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana has developed a science-based "Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast" which identifies and prioritizes the most efficient and effective projects in order to meet the state's critical coastal protection and restoration needs; and

Whereas, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is making great progress implementing the projects in the "Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast" with all available funding, projects that are essential to the protection of the infrastructure that is critical to the energy needs of the United States; and

Whereas, in order to properly compensate the coastal states for the infrastructure demands that result from production of energy and fuels that heat and cool the nation's homes, offices, and businesses and fuel the nation's transportation needs, revenue sharing for coastal states needs to be at the same rate as interior states that produce oil, gas, and coal: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to treat mineral and gas production in the Gulf Coastal states in a manner that is at least equal to onshore oil, gas, and coal production in interior states for revenue purposes; and to rectify the revenue sharing inequities between coastal and interior energy producing states in order to address the nationally significant crisis of wetland loss in the state of Louisiana; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-88. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri calling on the President of the United States to support the increased importation of oil from Canadian oil sands and to approve the newly routed TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline to reduce our oil dependency on unstable governments, and to support and facilitate permitting for oil production off the northern coast of Alaska to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and spur investment in the American economy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, high oil prices are having a major detrimental impact on families, farms, and businesses in Missouri and are likely to undercut the prospects for an economic recovery; and

Whereas, the United States currently imports almost half of its oil and petroleum products, making it dependent on foreign sources and subject to interruptions and price fluctuations stemming from geopolitical forces; and

Whereas, such instability has damaging consequences both for our economy and our national security; and

Whereas, the United States Geological Survey estimates a resource of up to 27 billion barrels of oil in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas of Alaska, providing a vast domestic oil reserve, but opposition and regulatory hurdles are keeping energy producers from accessing these resources; and

Whereas, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline project seeks to link expanded oil production from the Canadian oil sands to refineries in the United States and to facilitate the flow of oil from the Dakotas to the Gulf Coast, thereby decreasing our dependence on oil from outside of North America; and

Whereas, Canada is a close friend and ally, with whom we share links of infrastructure and energy networks and other ties, so that dollars spent on Canadian oil will likely contribute to the success of the American economy; and

Whereas, the TransCanada pipeline project is projected to create construction and manufacturing jobs in the United States, adding billions of dollars to the United States economy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby call upon President Barack Obama and administration officials to:

(1) Support the increased importation of oil from Canadian oil sands and to approve the newly routed TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline to reduce our oil dependency on unstable governments, strengthen ties with an important ally, and create jobs for American workers;

(2) Support and facilitate permitting for oil production off the northern coast of Alaska to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and spur investment in the American economy; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John Kerry, United States House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

POM-89. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to reestablish a right-of-way through the Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge in order to provide access to property owned by the Avoyelles Parish School Board; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 228

Whereas, Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge, located in Avoyelles Parish and named for its most prominent water body, the 350-acre Lake Ophelia that was at one time a channel of the nearby Red River, was established in 1988 to protect the Mississippi and Red River floodplain ecosystem; and

Whereas, due to its location in east-central Louisiana, this area is prime waterfowl hunting territory influenced by both the Mississippi and Central Flyways which are the highways in the sky for bringing millions of duck and geese each spring and fall to the area; and

Whereas, another species found in the Avoyelles Parish area is the Louisiana black bear which was listed as threatened within its historic range of southern Mississippi, Louisiana, and east Texas under the Endangered Species Act on January 7, 1992, due to extensive habitat loss and modification, as well as human-related mortality; and

Whereas, Louisiana currently supports three core bear populations; the Tensas River Basin population in the north, the upper Atchafalaya River Basin population in central Louisiana, and the coastal population in the southern Atchafalaya River Basin; and

Whereas, the Black bear management efforts in Louisiana by both the state and the federal agencies have had a great deal of success with a likely result that the central Louisiana and northern Louisiana populations expanding towards each other through the area set aside for the Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas, because of the likelihood that the two populations will merge in the area, the Department of the Interior has designated a certain parcel of land in the Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge as a Black bear habitat which in turn has prevented ingress and egress to a six hundred forty acre tract owned by the Avoyelles Parish School Board; and

Whereas, through the years, this sixteenth-section land owned by the Avoyelles Parish School Board has been available for public hunting, camping, and other recreational activities, activities from which there has been great economic benefit to Avoyelles Parish; and

Whereas, without these outdoor activities, businesses in Avoyelles Parish that rely on recreational activities in the area including hunting, fishing, and camping for their income have been and will continue to be negatively impacted by the loss of access to the acreage owned by the Avoyelles Parish School Board; and

Whereas, simply having the Department of the Interior allow a limited right-of-way access to the school board owned land will solve the problem: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to reestablish a right-of-way through the Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge in order to provide access to property owned by the Avoyelles Parish School Board; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-90. A resolution adopted by the Michigan Senate urging the United States Congress to restore Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding to 300 million dollars for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

Whereas, the Great Lakes are a critical resource for our nation, supporting the economy and a way of life in Michigan and the other seven states with the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes hold 20 percent of the world's surface freshwater and 95 percent of the United States' surface freshwater. This globally significant freshwater resource provides drinking water for more than 30 million people and is an economic driver that supports jobs, commerce, agriculture, transportation, and tourism throughout the region; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) provides essential funding to restore and protect the Great Lakes. This funding has support long overdue efforts to clean up toxic pollution, reduce runoff from cities and farms, combat invasive species like the Asian carp, and restore fish and wildlife habitat. Since 2010, the federal government has invested nearly $2 billion in more then 2,000 projects through the GLRI. Over its first five years, the GLRI has provided more then $280 million for 580 projects in Michigan alone; and

Whereas, GLRI projects are making a significant difference. They have restored more than 115,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat; opened up fish access to more then 3,400 miles of rivers; helped implement conservation programs on more than 1 million areas of farmland; and accelerated the cleanup of toxic hotspots. In Michigan, GLRI funding has been instrumental in removing contaminated sediments from Muskegon Lake, the River Raisin, and the St. Mary's River, restoring habitat along the St. Clair River, Cass River, Boardman River, and the Keweenaw Peninsula; and developing improved methods for sea lamprey control; and

Whereas, While this is a significant investment, there is still more work to be done with numerous ready-to-go projects that need funding. Toxic algal blooms, beach closings, fish consumption advisories, and the presence of contaminated sediments continue to limit the recreational and commercial use of the Great Lakes. The 2014 shutdown of the city of Toledo's drinking water system due to a toxic algal bloom, forcing more than a half million people to find another source of drinking water, is just one example of how much still needs to be done; and

Whereas, Proposed cuts to GLRI funding would jeopardize the momentum from a decade of unprecedented regional and bipartisan cooperation. The FY 2016 executive budget recommends a $50 million cut in federal funding to $250 million. This cut would be a shortsighted, cost-saving measure with long-term implications. Restoration efforts will only become more expensive and more difficult if they are not addressed in the coming years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Congress of the United States to restore Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding to $300 million for fiscal year 2016; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-91. A resolution adopted by the Michigan Senate opposing the United States Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to study or commission a study that could lead to regulations on grills and barbecues; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

Whereas, Barbecues are an American tradition enjoyed by families from all walks

of life across the country. Whether tailgating for a football game, hosting a backyard get-together, or just grilling a summer meal, barbecues are a quintessentially American experience and an opportunity to eat and socialize with family and friends; and

Whereas, Cooking outdoors on a grill during the summer saves electricity. Using a grill prevents the release of heat into the kitchen and other living spaces. while cooking indoors heats up a kitchen, forcing cooling systems. such as the refrigerator and air conditioner, to work harder and use more energy; and

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), our nation's environmental regulatory agency, has funded a University of California-Riverside student project to develop preventative technology to reduce emissions from residential barbecues. By funding this project, the EPA is apparently intent on finding a solution to a problem that does not exist and demonstrating an unnecessary interest and concern over the impact of backyard barbecues on public health: and

Whereas, Based on the EPA's past practices, today's study, no matter how small, is a concern to Michiganders and Americans, as it is inevitably the first step towards tomorrow's regulation of this American pastime. To fulfill its mission to protect human health and the environment, the EPA's primary tool has been, and continues to be, regulatory mandates that I time and again ignore the financial. economic, and social burdens to the state and the country. The regulation of barbecues would be the latest, egregious example of overreach by the EPA; and

Whereas, Funding such a study is a poor use of taxpayer dollars. In the face of record national debts, annual budget deficits, and other profound problems the country is facing, surely the federal government can better use our resources than on a study of grills and backyard barbecues: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we oppose the United States Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to study or commission a study that, if consistent with the agency's past practices, many fear will serve as the first step towards the regulation of grills and barbecues: and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-92. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts promoting a multilateral approach to the potential crisis in the Dominican Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Whereas, Massachusetts, the first cradle of liberty, has a long history of diverse activism and advocacy regarding the issue of equality and civil rights; and

Whereas, The connection between Massachusetts and Haiti dates back to the civil war during which time U.S. Senator Charles Sumner, who served Massachusetts from 1852 to 1874, fought for the passage of federal legislation in 1862 which enabled the United States of America to recognize Haiti as a sovereign nation; and

Whereas, In 1871, in recognition of his diplomatic work on this issue, president of Haiti Nissage Saget presented Senator Sumner with a gold medal on behalf of the Haitian people, which currently resides in the Massachusetts state house in Boston; and

Whereas, Despite their shared history and geographical proximity, Haiti and the Dominican Republic have often faced challenging diplomatic relations; and

Whereas, In September 2013, the constitutional court of the Dominican Republic issued a ruling that would denaturalize people born in the Dominican Republic after 1929 whose parents were noncitizens, the majority of whom are Dominicans of Haitian descent; and

Whereas, The constitutional court's ruling effectively stripped these persons of their identity and affiliation with the Dominican Republic, rendering them stateless and subjecting them to the risk of deportation from the country of their birth; and

Whereas, In May 2014, the Dominican Republic passed special law 169-14, which required persons affected by the 2013 constitutional court's decision to be re-recognized as citizens or apply to gain state recognition based on their birth status and year; and

Whereas, The deadlines set forth in the 2014 naturalization law allowed for only a fraction of this population to be re-recognized thereby rendering tens of thousands of Dominicans of Haitian descent vulnerable to deportation, discrimination and loss of livelihood; and

Whereas, Later that same year, in response to a ruling by the inter-American court of human rights deeming the 2013 and 2014 actions of the Dominican Republic to be in violation of the American convention to which the Dominican Republic is party, the Dominican Republic's constitutional court declared the country would no longer recognize the authority of the inter-American court; and

Whereas, Both the rulings of the constitutional court and special law 169-14 have further separated Dominicans of Haitian descent from the larger Dominican community; and

Whereas, The majority of Dominicans of Haitian descent, threatened by deportation, have no family or support networks in Haiti nor are they fluent in French or Haitian creole; and

Whereas, Article 15 of the universal declaration of human rights, of which the Dominican Republic and the United States of America are signatories, states that, "no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality"; and

Whereas, Recognizing the impact that this crisis will have on all nations in the western hemisphere, the Caribbean community and Common Market Secretariat (Caricom) has called for a moratorium on this law; and

Whereas, At the urging of other concerned nations, the organization of American states sent a special mission to the Dominican Republic and Haiti in order to investigate the situation between the two countries to prepare a report for the secretary general of the organization of American states; and

Whereas, A broad coalition of humanitarian, academic, legal, political and civil rights groups from across Massachusetts, including but not limited to: the Irish International Immigrant Center, Haitian Americans United, Inc., Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, Catholic Charities' Haitian Multi-service Center of Boston, as well as the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti call for immediate action by the Dominican government to reverse the effects of the constitutional court rulings and special law 169-14: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts general court requests the U.S. State department and the U.S. Secretary of State to pursue a multilateral approach to promptly address the potential crisis in the Dominican Republic that could render tens of thousands of dominicans of haitian descent stateless; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States of America, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, Secretary of State John Kerry and United States Ambassador to the Dominican Republic James Brewster.

POM-93. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts supporting the friendship between Massachusetts and Taiwan in the international community; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Whereas, The United States and Taiwan share an important relationship supported by common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law and a free market economy; and

Whereas, President Ma Ying-Jeou has worked to uphold democratic principles in Taiwan, ensure the prosperity of Taiwan's

more than 23 million people, promote Taiwan's international standing and to strengthen relations between the United States and Taiwan; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth has enjoyed a close friendship with Taiwan, marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, scientific and technological development and tourism; and

Whereas, New England exported more than $1 billion in goods to Taiwan of which the Commonwealth exported $825 million in commodities, mostly in machinery, computer and electronic products and chemicals; and

Whereas, the United States has maintained and developed its robust commercial ties with Taiwan and Taiwan is the tenth largest trading partner of the United States while the United States is Taiwan's largest foreign investor, Taiwan has worked to enter a bilateral investment agreement to further enhance its trade and investment relations with the United States; and

Whereas, Taiwan has been a member of the United States visa waiver program since November 1, 2012, reflecting the cooperation between the United States and Taiwan and making travel for business and tourism more convenient; and

Whereas, Taiwan has made significant contributions toward peace in the region through discussions regarding the use of resources in the surrounding seas and has worked diligently to propose East and South China Sea Peace Initiatives; and

Whereas, Taiwan is a key transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region and has jurisdiction over the 176,000 square nautical miles of the Taipei flight information region and has attended the International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO, assembly as a special guest since 2013; and

Whereas, Taiwan is committed to ICAO standards and seeks to expand its meaningful participation in the ICAO, including attending technical and regional meetings and related activities; and

Whereas, Taiwan strives to be included in the work of the United Nations framework convention on climate change and has expressed a keen interest in the global effort to address climate change: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts General Court hereby reaffirms the friendship between the Commonwealth and Taiwan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, to the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and the members thereof from the Commonwealth, to the Honorable Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth, to the Honorable Ma Ying-Jeou, President of Taiwan and Scott Lai, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the City of Boston.

POM-94. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to work to adopt policies that will help with the stability and the viability of the domestic shrimp industry, including support for the Imported Seafood Safety Standards Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 225

Whereas, consumption of seafood is one of the fastest growing areas of our nation's food supply with shrimp being one of the most consumed seafood products in the United States; and

Whereas, over three-fourths of the seafood consumed in the United States is imported from other countries around the world with shrimp as the leading fresh or frozen product imported into the United States accounting for about twenty-eight percent of all seafood imports by weight; and

Whereas, most of the shrimp consumed in the United States is grown in man-made ponds along the coasts of Thailand, Vietnam, Ecuador, and other tropical countries rather than being harvested from the waters of the Gulf of Mexico; and

Whereas, the countries that produce most of the shrimp consumed worldwide support their shrimp hatcheries with large state subsidies to keep the price of their shrimp lower than the prices that our domestic Gulf of Mexico shrimpers need to charge in order to just break even; and

Whereas, the Tariff Act of 1930, a law originally introduced to protect farmers from imports, allows United States industries to "petition the government for relief from imports that benefit from subsidies provided through foreign government programs"; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Commerce launched an investigation in 2013 to determine whether there was sufficient evidence to support the claim that the seven largest shrimp-producing countries were subsidizing their shrimp industries, an investigation that will run concurrently with the International Trade Commission's (ITC) examination of whether the subsidies are causing significant injury to United States producers with both investigations needing to call for countervailing duties before any penalties could be applied; and

Whereas, in September 2013, the ITC voted to throw out the shrimp countervailing duty case based on the fact that injury to the domestic industry was not proven, thus removing the possibility of a countervailing duty and terminating the shrimp subsidy investigation against Ecuador, China, India, Malaysia, and Vietnam; and

Whereas, the ITC's decision has had a devastating impact on the domestic shrimp industry, including the shrimpers trawling the Gulf of Mexico and landing their shrimp at Louisiana docks; and

Whereas, without relief from the unfair foreign competition undercutting the domestic shrimp prices, the prices that shrimpers are getting at the dock have dropped over fifty percent from last year making it almost impossible for shrimpers to earn enough money to provide for their families; and

Whereas, the Imported Seafood Safety Standards Act introduced in the United States Senate by Louisiana Senator David Vitter is being supported by the American Shrimp Processors Association and it specifically targets foreign food imported into the United States with hopes of tightening testing standards, increasing inspection standards on foreign imported seafood, requiring placement of United States safety standards for foreign exporters, and increasing severe penalties for exporters who fail food safety inspections, ultimately benefitting the American shrimp industry: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to work to adopt policies that will help with the stability and the viability of the domestic shrimp industry including support for the Imported Seafood Safety Standards Act; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-95. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to enact legislation that requires uniform and science-based food labeling nationwide; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

Whereas, In the absence of a federal genetically modified organism (GMO) labeling standard, some states and localities have developed a patchwork of labeling proposals that can be confusing and misleading to consumers. Multiple local regulations increase agriculture and food production costs, requiring food companies operating in Michigan to create separate supply chains to be developed for each state; and

Whereas, GMOs are found in 70 to 80 percent of the foods we eat and play a vital role in maintaining Michigan's agriculture, food processing, and other industries. In 2014, 100 percent of all sugar beets, 93

percent of all corn, and 91 percent of all soybeans grown in Michigan were genetically modified; and

Whereas, A maze of regulations would cripple interstate commerce throughout the food supply and distribution chain and ultimately increase grocery prices for consumers by hundreds of dollars each year. A Cornell University study found that a patchwork of state labeling laws would increase food costs for a family by an average of $500 per year; and

Whereas, On July 23, 2015, the U.S. House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation—the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act (H.R. 1599)—to avoid this patchwork of regulations and the costly challenges it creates; and

Whereas, Senate passage of the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act will allow consumers to have access to accurate and consistent information on products that contain GMOs by ensuring that labeling is national, uniform, and science-based. The bill also establishes a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-administered certification and labeling program, modeled after the USDA National Organic Program for non-GMO, organic foods: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Congress to enact legislation that requires uniform and science-based food labeling nationwide; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-96. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California commemorating the 43rd anniversary of Title IX, and commending the national movement toward increased equality and fair treatment of all students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Whereas, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that specifically states that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and

Whereas, All public and private elementary schools and secondary schools, school districts, colleges, and universities receiving any federal funding must comply with Title IX; and

Whereas, Title IX requires equal access in recruitment, admissions, counseling, financial assistance, discipline, employment, and athletics; protection from sex-based harassment; and equitable treatment of pregnant and parenting students; and

Whereas, Prior to the enactment of Title IX, many women and girls faced discrimination and limited opportunities in athletics, academics, and extracurricular activities; and

Whereas, Discrimination on the basis of sex can include sexual harassment or sexual violence, including rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion; and

Whereas, Title IX has been used as a basis in a number of complaints alleging sexual violence on college campuses, as sexual violence interferes with a student's right to receive education free from discrimination; and

Whereas, Of the 109 colleges and universities under investigation by the United States Department of Education for their handling of sexual violence cases, 11 are located in California; and

Whereas, Title IX, which governs educational equity generally, is widely known for ensuring equal access to women and girl athletes; and

Whereas, The members of the United States Women's National Soccer Team, which is ranked #2 in the world and continues to make our nation proud, all played collegiate level soccer; and

Whereas, Title IX regulations require that pregnant and parenting students have equal access to schools and activities, and that all separate programs for pregnant or parenting students be completely voluntary; and

Whereas, Title IX has been the basis for California laws that protect graduate students from discrimination on the basis of pregnancy in research projects in California universities, laws requiring affirmative consent, and current legislation requiring lactation accommodations in California schools; and

Whereas, The educational equity guaranteed in Title IX does not solely apply to women. It protects everyone from sex-based discrimination, regardless of real or perceived sex, gender identity, or gender expression; and

Whereas, Although Title IX has increased opportunities for girls and women in academics, sports, and other educational activities, it has not yet achieved the goal of full equality: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges Californians to continue to work together to achieve the goals set by Title IX of increased opportunities for girls and women in academics, sports, and other educational activities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California, on June 23, 2015, commemorates the 43rd anniversary of Title IX, and commends the national movement toward increased equality and fair treatment of all students; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-97. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to craft a balanced and workable approach to reduce incentives for and minimize unnecessary patent litigation while ensuring that legitimate patent enforcement rights are protected and maintained; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, The principle of intellectual property is enshrined in the United States Constitution, specifically under clause 8 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution, which empowers Congress to "promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries"; and

Whereas, A robust patent system is critical to promote economic growth and innovation and ensure just compensation for the labor and proliferation of beneficial ideas and innovations; and

Whereas, California accounts for 25 percent of the nation's patents; and

Whereas, The state recognizes and respects the importance of patent protections and patent enforcement rights to driving continued research, investment, technological innovation, and job creation across multiple sectors of our economy; and

Whereas, Small businesses depend on patents to secure investments, and firms with fewer than 25 employees hold nearly one-quarter of United States-held patents in innovative emerging technologies; and

Whereas, Enforcement of legitimate patent rights is essential to promoting an innovation environment that fuels economic growth; and

Whereas, There is increasing concern about litigation by predatory Patent Assertion Entities (PAEs), which are built on a rent-seeking business model that exploits the patent legal system for financial gain without producing or manufacturing anything of value for society; and

Whereas, Many PAEs attain ambiguous patents with the sole intent of filing patent infringement lawsuits. PAEs assert these patents against businesses of all sizes and in all industries, often years after the product has become standard and widely used; and

Whereas, PAEs rarely earn successful judgments in court, underscoring the questionable merits of these particular patent cases. However, given the high cost and risks associated with patent litigation, most defendants choose to settle in order to avoid further financial loss. Indeed, many PAEs will offer royalty settlements below market value in order to encourage settlement and avoid trial; and

Whereas, Predatory PAEs have a detrimental impact on the economy and innovation. PAE activities cost businesses $29 billion directly, mostly borne by small- and medium-sized businesses; and

Whereas, The growth of patent litigation is directly tied to aggressive PAEs in recent years. In 2010, PAEs were responsible for 29 percent of patent litigation, and by 2012 PAEs represented 62 percent of all patent suits; and

Whereas, The California economy is especially vulnerable to lawsuits directed at information technology patents; and

Whereas, Federal legislation is necessary to prevent and deter abusive patent litigation; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to craft a balanced and workable approach to reduce incentives for and minimize unnecessary patent litigation while ensuring that legitimate patent enforcement rights are protected and maintained; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, and each member of the California delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-98. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the United States Congress to further amend the GI Bill of Rights to make benefits available to veterans for use as startup capital in the establishment of first businesses; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, Men and women of the State of California volunteer to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States in greater numbers than those from any other state; and

Whereas, California is currently home to more than 1,800,000 veterans of our Armed Forces; and

Whereas, California veterans have been grateful recipients of the financial support of their fellow Americans through the Veterans Administration and the GI Bill; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States passed, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the GI Bill of Rights in 1944 to support our veterans of World War II in their transition back to civilian life; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States in 2008 added significant new benefits for those who enlisted to serve the nation in the wake of the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, Up to 10 percent of veterans choose to start, run, and own their own businesses; and

Whereas, Over 30 percent of veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and other fronts on the war against terrorism are receiving disability ratings from the federal Veterans Administration; and

Whereas, More than five million Americans, including over one-half million Californians, served in those conflicts; and

Whereas, The State of California is the recognized national leader in the establishment and success of veteran business owner procurement support programs, and

Whereas, Veteran businesses make a significant contribution to the state's economy and serve as a source of employment for fellow veterans; and

Whereas, Finding enough capital to successfully launch a new business or buy an existing business is the largest challenge that new business owners face: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature requests that the Congress of the United States of America further amend the GI Bill of Rights to make benefits available, with all appropriate safeguards, to all veterans for use as startup capital in the establishment of first businesses; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 1868. A bill to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program (Rept. No. 114-157).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2194. A bill to promote the use of clean cookstoves and fuels to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2195. A bill to prohibit the indefinite detention of persons by the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2196. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2197. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2198. A bill to establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt certain policies and procedures relating to the transfer and possession of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 2199. A bill to require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2200. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements; read the first time.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2201. A bill to promote international trade, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2202. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2203. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and to provide equitable treatment for residents of Puerto Rico with respect to the refundable portion of the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2204. A bill to respect the Constitutional entitlement to liberty by recognizing the right of an individual to have personal control over the medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2205. A bill to establish a grant program to assist tribal governments in establishing tribal healing to wellness courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 292. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the availability of high-quality childcare for working parents should be increased; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. AYOTTE, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 293. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commending domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence victim service providers, crisis hotline staff, and first responders serving victims of domestic violence for their compassionate support of victims of domestic violence, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to support efforts to end domestic violence and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 294. A resolution designating October 26, 2015, as Day of the Deployed; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COONS, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 295. A resolution designating the week of November 2 through November 6, 2015 as "National Veterans Small Business Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 441

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 564

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 564, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 864

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1122

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1122, a bill to provide that chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code, relating to the enforcement of arbitration agreements, shall not apply to enrollment agreements made between students and certain institutions of higher education, and to prohibit limitations on the ability of students to pursue claims against certain institutions of higher education.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1195, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes at all levels of postsecondary enrollment.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1565

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1565, a bill to

allow the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to provide greater protection to servicemembers.

S. 1617

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1757

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1757, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1775

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1775, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the treatment of the United States territories under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2015

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2015, a bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2066

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2066, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and to express the sense of the Senate that the resulting revenue loss should be offset.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to modify a provision relating to adjustments of certain State apportionments for Federal highway programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2127

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2127, a bill to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, and for other purposes.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 2152, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 2193

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 275

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 275, a resolution calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed and designating October 2015 as "National Dyslexia Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 283

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 283, a resolution designating October 2015 as "Filipino American History Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 287

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name and the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Iowa [Mr.

GRASSLEY], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 287, a resolution condemning the senseless murder and wounding of 18 individuals (sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, students, and teachers) in Roseburg, Oregon, on October 1, 2015.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GARDNER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving Pay Flexibilities in the Federal Workforce."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3116) to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

At 10:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3116. An act to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 10:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1362. An act to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs).

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 692. An act to ensure the payment of interest and principal of the debt of the United States.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Lawrence Joseph Vilardo, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York; that there be 30 minutes for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1493) to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 274) commemorating the 25th anniversary of the peaceful and democratic reunification of Germany.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 283) designating October 2015 as "Filipino American History Month."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS MURDER AND WOUNDING OF 18 INDIVIDUALS IN ROSEBURG, OREGON, ON OCTOBER 1, 2015

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 287) condemning the senseless murder and wounding of 18 individuals (sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, students, and teachers) in Roseburg, Oregon, on October 1, 2015.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That all Senators be added as cosponsors of the resolution.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 288) commemorating October 22, 2015, as the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING DAY OF THE DEPLOYED

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 294) designating October 26, 2015, as Day of the Deployed, submitted today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. PETERS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 295) designating the week of November 2 through November 6, 2015 as "National Veterans Small Business Week," submitted today by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COONS, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2200) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements, introduced today by Mrs. FISCHER, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:55 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2200) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements, introduced on Thursday, October 22, 2015 by Mrs. FISCHER, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 22, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1362. An act to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs).

S. 2162. An act to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress.

H.R. 322. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office".

H.R. 323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office".

H.R. 324. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office".

H.R. 558. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the "Richard 'Dick' Chenault Post Office Building".

H.R. 1442. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building".

H.R. 1884. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the "Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3059. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the "James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, October 26, 2015, he has signed the enrolled bills, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Monday, October 26, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1362. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs).

S. 2162. A bill to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3275. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyrimenthanil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9935-11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3276. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Potassium Salts of Hops Beta acids; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9933-73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3277. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Poly[oxy(methyl-1, 2-ethanediyl)], a-[(9Z)-1-oxo-9-octadecen-1-yl]-w-[[(9Z)-1-oxo-9-octadecen-1yl]oxy]-; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9935-34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3278. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-formula Federal Assistance Programs - Specific Administrative Provisions for the Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grants Program" (RIN0524-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3279. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repeal of the Exempt Commercial Market and Exempt Board of Trade Exemptions" (RIN3038-AE10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3280. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3281. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Distribution of Department of Defense Depot Maintenance Workloads for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2016"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3282. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3283. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Choice Voucher Program: Streamlining the Portability Process" (RIN2577-AC86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3284. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3285. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves" (RIN1024-AE21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3286. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting proposed legislation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3287. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting proposed legislation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3288. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Governmentwide Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" ((RIN2030-AA99)(FRL No. 9926-01-OARM)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3289. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ocean Dumping: Expansion of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site Offshore of Jacksonville, Florida" (FRL No. 9934-57-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3290. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NESHAP for Brick and Structural Clay Products Manufacturing; and NESHAP for Clay Ceramics Manufacturing" ((RIN2060-AP69)(FRL No. 9933-13-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3291. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: 2015 Revisions and Confidentiality Determinations for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems" ((RIN2060-AS37)(FRL No. 9935-50-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3292. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category" ((RIN2040-AF14)(FRL No. 9930-48-OW)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3293. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon; Lane Regional Air Protection Agency Open Burning Rules and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Enforcement Procedures" (FRL No. 9935-48-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3294. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Infrastructure for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9935-44-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3295. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; MI; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO2, 2010 SO2, and 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9935-18-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3296. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9936-00-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3297. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Petroleum Refinery Sector Risk and Technology Review and New Source Performance Standards" ((RIN2060-AQ75)-(FRL No. 9935-40-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3298. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone" ((RIN2060-AP38)(FRL No. 9933-18-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3299. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Late-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-BA67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3300. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the status of the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3301. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "First Report on Section 1115(a) Demonstrations: Transparency in the Review and Approval of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Section 1115 Demonstrations"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3302. A communication from the Lead Regulations Writer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Social Security Number Card Applications" (RIN0960-AG50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3303. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3304. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-041); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3305. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-0027); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3306. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Infant Formula: Addition of Minimum and Maximum Levels of Selenium to Infant Formula and Related Labeling Requirements; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0067), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3307. A communication from the Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apprenticeship Programs; Corrections" (RIN3046-AA72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3308. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the scientific and clinical status of organ transplantation, 2008-2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3309. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Nurse Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3310. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the scientific and clinical status of organ transplantation, 2011-2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3311. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3312. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2015 FAIR Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3313. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criminal Restitution Orders" (5 CFR Part 1653), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3314. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Foreign Workers in the Herding or Production of Livestock on the Range in the United States" (RIN1205-AB70), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3315. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers for Individuals in Immigration Proceedings" (RIN1125-AA62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3316. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Separate Representation for Custody and Bond Proceedings" (RIN1125-AA78), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3317. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Southwest Fisheries Science Center Fisheries Research" (RIN0648-BB87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3318. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species: Final Rulemaking To Revise Critical Habitat for Hawaiian Monk Seals" (RIN0648-BA81), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-99. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, California, commemorating the 71st anniversary of the Port Chicago disaster and urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to exonerate the 50 sailors convicted of mutiny in the incident with the designation of Honorable Discharge; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-100. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City Lauderhill, Florida, condemning the Dominican Republic's impending mass deportation of Haitian immigrants; urging the Dominican Republic to comply with international human rights law, and halt all impending deportations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2123. A bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and

referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. THUNE, Mr. NELSON, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2206. A bill to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COATS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, Mr. VITTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SASSE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CORKER):

S.J. Res. 23. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COATS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, Mr. VITTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SASSE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CORKER):

S.J. Res. 24. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 296. A resolution congratulating Army Reserve Major Lisa Jaster on her graduation from the Army Ranger School; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 297. A resolution congratulating the Minnesota Lynx on their victory in the 2015 Women's National Basketball Association Finals; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 298. A resolution recognizing Connecticut's Submarine Century, the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Naval Submarine Base New London, and Connecticut's historic role in supporting the undersea capabilities of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 28

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 28, a bill to limit the use of cluster munitions.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1597

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1597, a bill to enhance patient engagement in the medical product development process, and for other purposes.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims.

S. 1808

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1808, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and

removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1926

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1926, a bill to ensure access to screening mammography services.

S. 2032

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States.

S. 2055

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2055, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to national health security.

S. 2110

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2110, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2145, a bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

S. 2148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 774. An act to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 3:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1937. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to the United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1937. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

WOUNDED WARRIORS FEDERAL LEAVE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 313) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

IMPROVING REGULATORY TRANSPARENCY FOR NEW MEDICAL THERAPIES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 639) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN (for Mr. ALEXANDER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2748, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE MINNESOTA LYNX ON THEIR VICTORY IN THE 2015 WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION FINALS

On the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 297) congratulating the Minnesota Lynx on their victory in the 2015 Women's National Basketball Association Finals, submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the bill (S. 754) to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; and that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote on tomorrow; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. FRANKEN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:13 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 754) to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, proposed by Mr. BURR (for Mr. COTTON), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BURR,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to raise a point of order, en bloc, against amendment Nos. 2626, as modified, and 2557.

Under the authority of the foregoing order,

Mr. BURR raised a point of order, en bloc, that amendments No. 2626, as modified, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), and No. 2557, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. WARNER), are not germane, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendments (Numbered 2626, as modified, and 2557) not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The hour of 11 a.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2621, as modified, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. MERKLEY), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That Ms. WARREN be added as a cosponsor to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2621, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 41, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 285 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Crapo, Daines, Durbin, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heller, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Udall, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2548, as modified, proposed by Mr. BURR for Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. WYDEN), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 286 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Cassidy, Coons, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Kaine,

Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Peters, Portman, Reed, Sanders, Sullivan, Tester, Toomey, Udall, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Blunt, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Capito, Carper, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Feinstein, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Perdue, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Tillis, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2587, as modified, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. THUNE), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 37, nays... 59

[Rollcall Vote No. 287 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Daines, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heller, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Udall, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2582, proposed by Mr. BURR for Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BURR,

Ordered, That amendments Numbered 2582 and 2552 be modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2582, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2612, as modified, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. DURBIN), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. TILLIS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 35, nays... 60

[Rollcall Vote No. 288 Leg.]

YEAS --- 35

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Daines, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heller, Hirono, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Murray, Peters, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 60

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015, as modified,

At 1:01 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 754.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2552, as modified, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for Mr. COONS), to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The hour of 4 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 41, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 289 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Daines, Durbin, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heller, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Udall, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Nelson, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BURR,

Ordered, That the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 754 be

withdrawn; that, prior to the vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, an amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), be proposed and agreed to; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage thereof, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015, as modified.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding having been agreed to, amendment No. 2582 be further modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2581, as modified, to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 22, nays... 73

[Rollcall Vote No. 290 Leg.]

YEAS --- 22

Boozman, Capito, Cornyn, Cotton, Fischer, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Kirk, Lankford, McCain, McConnell, Perdue, Portman, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 73

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words, and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2749).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 22, 2015,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. TILLIS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 74, nays... 21

[Rollcall Vote No. 291 Leg.]

YEAS --- 74

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 21

Baldwin, Booker, Brown, Cardin, Coons, Crapo, Daines, Franken, Heller, Leahy, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Risch, Sanders, Sullivan, Tester, Udall, Warren, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1326. A bill to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-158).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1789. A bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2207. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards of not less than $10,000,000 for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2208. A bill to promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 2209. A bill to revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2210. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 2211. A bill to authorize additional uses of the Spectrum Relocation Fund; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 12

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 12, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense.

S. 520

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 520, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to include among the principal trade negotiating objectives of the United States regarding commercial partnerships trade negotiating objectives with respect to discouraging activity that discourages, penalizes, or otherwise limits commercial relations with Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 773

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and North Atlantic planning areas.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide protections for active duty military consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1334

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1334, a bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 1565

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1565, a bill to allow the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to provide greater protection to servicemembers.

S. 1719

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 1937

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1937, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve nutrition in tribal areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2009

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2009, a bill to prohibit the sale of arms to Bahrain.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2089

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2089, a bill to provide for investment in clean energy, to empower and protect consumers, to modernize energy infrastructure, to cut pollution and waste, to invest in research and development, and for other purposes.

S. 2145

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2145, a bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

S. 2148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2152, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care.

S. 2184

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2184, a bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUNT,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 27, 2015, 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 27, 2015, at 4 p.m., in room S-207 of the Capitol.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 27, 2015, at 9 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 27, 2015, at 9 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Internal Revenue Service's Response to Committee Recommendations Contained in its August 5, 2015 Report."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 27, 2015, at 10 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 27, 2015, at 2 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:27 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3033. An act to require the President's annual budget request to Congress each year to include a line item for the Research in Disabilities Education program of the National Science Foundation and to require the National Science Foundation to conduct research on dyslexia.

At 12:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 313. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 2:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3819. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3033. An act to require the President's annual budget request to Congress each year to include a line item for the Research in Disabilities Education program of the National Science Foundation and to require the National Science Foundation to conduct research on dyslexia; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:23 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN -- PM 30

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Sudan is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2015.

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan that led

to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, and the expansion of that emergency in Executive Order 13400 of April 26, 2006, and with respect to which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13412 of October 13, 2006, has not been resolved. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13067 with respect to Sudan.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 28, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3319. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Peppers From Ecuador Into the United States" ((RIN0579-AE07)-(Docket No. APHIS-2014-0086)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3320. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3321. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3322. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulations: Export Control" (RIN1991-AB99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3323. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, Horse Management" (RIN1024-AE27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3324. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration Date for State Disability Examiner Authority To Make Fully Favorable Quick Disability Determinations and Compassionate Allowance Determinations" (RIN0960-AH77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3325. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplement to Rev. Proc. 2014-64, Implementation of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2015-50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3326. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - November 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3327. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3328. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Morehouse v. Commissioner, 769 F.3d 616 (8th Cir. 2014), rev'g 140 T.C. 350 (2013)" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3329. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Request for Comments on Definitions of Section 48 Property" (Notice 2015-70), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3330. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 National Pool" (Rev. Proc. 2015-49), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3331. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing Notice - Basket Option Contracts" (Notice 2015-73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3332. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1702); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3333. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1700); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3334. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1701); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3335. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1703); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3336. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-068); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3337. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-090); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3338. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-079); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3339. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-078); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3340. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-076); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3341. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-055); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3342. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-067); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3343. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-012); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3344. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; OR; Portland, Medford, Salem; Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington Counties; Gasoline Dispensing Facilities" (FRL No. 9936-03-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3345. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona; Phased Discontinuation of Stage II Vapor Recovery Program" (FRL No. 9935-66-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3346. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida; Regional Haze Plan Amendment - Lakeland Electric C.D. McIntosh" (FRL No. 9936-05-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3347. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans for Designated Facilities; New York" (FRL No. 9936-09-Region 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3348. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for Maryland" (FRL No. 9917-72-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3349. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Nevada; Infrastructure Requirements for Ozone, NO2 and SO2" (FRL No. 9935-82-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3350. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3351. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-165, "Behavioral Health Coordination of Care Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3352. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-166, "Unemployment Profile Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3353. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-167, "Injured Worker Fair Pay Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3354. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-168, "Grandparent Caregivers Program Subsidy Transfer Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3355. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-169, "1351 Nicholson Street, N.W., Old Brightwood School Lease Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3356. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-170, "4095 Minnesota Avenue, N.E., Woodson School Lease Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3357. A communication from the Acting Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Special Wage Schedules for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Employees of the Vicksburg District in Mississippi" (RIN3206-AN17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3358. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2015 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3359. A communication from the Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address for the Interior Board of Indian Appeals" (42 CFR Part 137), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3360. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Facilitate

Applicant's Authorization of Access to Unpublished U.S. Patent Applications by Foreign Intellectual Property Offices" (RIN0651-AC95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3361. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE224), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3362. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for Red Grouper" (RIN0648-XE217), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3363. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; 'Other Rockfish' in the Central and Western Regulatory Areas of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE213), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3364. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE224), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3365. A communication from the Senior Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazmat Safety Law, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Special Permit and Approvals Standard Operating Procedures and Evaluation Process" (RIN2137-AE99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3366. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Technical, Organizational, Conforming, and Correcting Amendments to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations" (RIN2126-AB83), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3367. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design Standards for Highways" (RIN2125-AF67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3368. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Functions of the Board and Delegations of Authority" (RIN3147-AA03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3369. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-1059)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3370. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0486)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3371. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Viking Air Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0684)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3372. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1046)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3373. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International S.A. Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0277)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3374. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-1419)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3375. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0493)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3376. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lycoming Engines Fuel Injected Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2007-0218)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3377. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc." ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-4085)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3378. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2008-0808)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3379. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. Turboprop Engines (Type Certificate previously held by AlliedSignal Inc., Garrett Engine Division; Garrett Turbine Engine Company; and AiResearch Manufacturing Company of Arizona)" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-0913)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3380. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0677)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3381. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0934)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3382. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3877)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3383. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0656)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3384. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-4203)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3385. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3981)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3386. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-3224)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3387. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0108)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3388. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Restricted Areas R-3601A and R-3601B; Brookville, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3780)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3389. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Restricted Areas R-3602A and R-3602B; Manhattan, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3758)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3390. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Springfield, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0559)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3391. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sheridan, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1338)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3392. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cottonwood, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2270)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3393. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Marshall, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1833)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3394. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Newport, NH" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0037)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3395. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Ponce, PR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0967)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3396. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Nebraska towns: Albion, NE; Bassett, NE; Lexington, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0841)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3397. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class D Airspace; Springfield, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1071)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3398. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Ashland, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0252)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3399. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Iowa towns: Audubon, IA; Corning, IA; Cresco, IA; Eagle Grove, IA; Guthrie Center, IA; Hampton, IA; Harlan, IA; Iowa Falls, IA; Knoxville, IA; Oelwein, IA; and Red Oak, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0368)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3400. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Stockton, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1622)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3401. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace, Revocation of Class E Airspace; Mountain Home, ID" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1136)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3402. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Designations; Incorporation by Reference Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3375)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-101. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress and the United States Department of the Army to accelerate federal funding to improve military vehicle safety from rollover accidents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156

Whereas, The United States Department of Defense is seeking to implement fleet management and modernization solutions to meet light tactical vehicle (LTV) requirements while addressing the challenges associated with improving safety, restoring threshold capabilities, maintaining average fleet age, mitigating major component obsolescence, and reducing sustainment and operating costs; and

Whereas, The Michigan National Guard and Michigan military community have been and will continue to utilize the high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle (HMMWV) in their missions to support and protect the United States. Non-armored and up-armored HMMWVs are projected to be in the fleet through 2048; and

Whereas, Preventable deadly rollover accidents continue in the HMMWV fleet. Data from the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Safety Center indicates that a significant number of HMMWV rollover accidents and crashes continue today, resulting in death and injury. Accidents occur outside the United States and also within U.S. borders during peace missions and training exercises, endangering the lives and property of civilians as well; and

Whereas, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration report data indicates that antilock brake systems (ABS) and electronic stability control (ESC) reduce fatal rollovers by 74 percent and fatal impacts with objects by 45.5 percent. The United States government has mandated ABS and ESC in all road-going passenger vehicles since 2011, and they are now standard equipment on all passenger cars, light trucks, and vans. The technology has been available to the public since 1987; and

Whereas, The HMMWV is not currently equipped with ABS or ESC. The HMMWV threshold operational requirements include ABS and ESC for the entire HMMWV fleet. Therefore, these vehicles need to be brought up to operational requirements; and

Whereas, The Army Product Director Light Tactical Vehicles, the Michigan National Guard, and the industry have successfully developed and tested solutions using commercial off-the-shelf components modified for defense vehicle application. The proven components, obtained from Michigan's high-volume automotive supply base, can be used to retrofit the entire fleet; and

Whereas, Installation of these standard automotive safety enhancement systems will considerably lower the number of HMMWV rollovers and loss-of-control crashes, save lives, and reduce costs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Congress and the U.S. Department of the Army to accelerate federal funding to improve military vehicle safety from rollover accidents; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Chairman of the United States Senate Armed Services Committee; the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee; the

Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Defense; the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Defense; the Under Secretary of the Army; the Commandant of the Marine Corps; the Chief of the National Guard Bureau; the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology; and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KING:

S. 2212. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require all political committees to notify the Federal Election Commission within 48 hours of receiving cumulative contributions of $1,000 or more from any contributor during a calendar year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2213. A bill to prohibit firearms dealers from selling a firearm prior to the completion of a background check; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. WARREN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2214. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require patient medication information to be provided with certain prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2215. A bill to prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees of the Internal Revenue Service who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2216. A bill to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 299. A resolution honoring the life, legacy, and example of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the twentieth anniversary of his death; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HATCH, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. Res. 300. A resolution designating November 7, 2015, as National Bison Day; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 398

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to award grants to encourage State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement and college and career readiness, the skills of teachers and school leaders, and the efficiency and productivity of education systems at all levels.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1192

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1192, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1617

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, supra.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to

create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1773

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1773, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy cases.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. PETERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1966

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1966, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require alternative options for program delivery.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations.

S. 2040

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2040, a bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2104

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2104, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and to prevent the termination of two star plans.

S. 2133

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies' development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments.

S. 2145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2145, a bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

S. 2185

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2185, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to ensure that States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the national instant criminal background check system.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LANKFORD,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 28, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The U.S. Role and Strategy in the Middle East."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 28, 2015, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 28, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Retirement Plan Options for Small Businesses."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 28, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Assessing the State of Our Nation's Biodefense."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 28, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office

Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "VA Mental Health: Ensuring Access to Care".

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The State of Rural Banking: Challenges and Consequences."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 597. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1090. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes.

At 5:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1090. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2165

Mr. MERKLEY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2165) to amend title 54, United States Code, to permanently authorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. LANKFORD objected.

Mr. MERKLEY asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, but not later than Thursday, November 12, 2015, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 2165; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between proponents and opponents thereof; that no amendment or point of order be in order thereto; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass.

After debate,

Mr. LANKFORD objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 697

Mr. UDALL asked unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 697) to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes; that the only amendment in order thereto be an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE; that there be two hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute); that, upon disposition of said amendment (in the nature of a substitute), the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage thereof, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. BURR objected.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3819

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3819; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and the Senate then vote on passage thereof, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition thereof, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of said nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition thereof, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Whereupon,

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TOOMEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3819) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to bill H.R. 1314.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1314:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, LISA MURKOWSKI, JOHN THUNE, LAMAR ALEXANDER, JOHN BARRASSO, ROGER WICKER, ORRIN HATCH, JOHN MCCAIN, THAD COCHRAN, THOM TILLIS, MICHAEL B. ENZI, MIKE ROUNDS, ROY BLUNT, SUSAN COLLINS, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment (Numbered 2750).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2751).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to refer the House message on bill H.R. 1314 to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2752).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the pending motion to refer by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 2753).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the pending amendment by striking "4," and inserting "5" (being amendment No. 2754).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754 to amendment No. 2753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion to refer.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 293) supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commending domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence victim service providers, crisis hotline staff, and first responders serving victims of domestic violence for their compassionate support of victims of domestic violence, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to support efforts to end domestic violence and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING NATIONAL BISON DAY

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 300) designating November 7, 2015, as National Bison Day, submitted today by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HATCH, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. MARKEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 597) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 1314.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 597) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on

yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2753, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 597

Ms. CANTWELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 597; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Novotny, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 455. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a northern border threat analysis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2643. An act to direct the Attorney General to provide State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 504, resolving that the Senate be informed that PAUL D. RYAN, a Representative from the State of Wisconsin, has been elected SPEAKER of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 623) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 455. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a northern border threat analysis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2643. An act to direct the Attorney General to provide State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754 to amendment No. 2753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

HOMELESS VETERANS SERVICES PROTECTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1731) to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of certain benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish such benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces with other than dishonorable conditions, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. HELLER) to amend the pending bill on page 4, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2760).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754 to amendment No. 2753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 222

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 222) expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federation Internationale de Football Association should immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to; that the accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754 to amendment No. 2753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Edward L. Gilmore, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination, without any intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754 to amendment No. 2753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2182

Mr. PAUL asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2182) to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754 to amendment No. 2753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12:01 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, or at 11:55 p.m. on today, whichever comes first, it adjourn until 12:01 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 1314; and that the time until 1:01 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate recess subject to the call of the chair, following remarks by Mr. WHITEHOUSE.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754 to amendment No. 2753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

After debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 7:03 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 8:32 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 1314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754 to amendment No. 2753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CRUZ,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1324. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-159).

S. 1500. A bill to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-160).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 1523, A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-161).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 2217. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments, and to amend the authority to bring proceedings under section 403A; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2218. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2219. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. COONS, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2220. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COATS, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2221. A bill to preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay, and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay, under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2222. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2223. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2224. A bill to establish in the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty to develop a national strategy to eliminate child poverty in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 405

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 405, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 540

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 1132

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1132, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide protections for active duty military consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1286

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1286, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the backlog of appeals of decisions of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans before the United States Court of Veterans Appeals and the Board of Veterans' Appeals, to provide the Secretary with authority to address unreasonably delayed claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1731

At the request of Mr. HELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of certain benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish such benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces with other than dishonorable conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1865

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1865, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to eating disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines

and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1947

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1947, a bill to exclude the discharge of certain Federal student loans from the calculation of gross income.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2066

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2066, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 2148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

S. 2168

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2168, a bill to encourage greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2184

At the request of Mr. COONS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2184, a bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2203, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and to provide equitable treatment for residents of Puerto Rico with respect to the refundable portion of the child tax credit.

S. 2206

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2206, a bill to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

S. 2213

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2213, a bill to prohibit firearms dealers from selling a firearm prior to the completion of a background check.

SENATE RESOLUTION 275

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 275, a resolution calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed and designating October 2015 as "National Dyslexia Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 299

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 299, a resolution honoring the life, legacy, and example of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the twentieth anniversary of his death.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Welfare and Poverty in America."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing on treaties.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders in America: Priorities, Challenges, and Opportunities."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; JOINT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159(i) and section 601(b)(4) of Public Law 94-329, the following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CRUZ,

At 10:07 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12:01 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015

Mr. CORY GARDNER, from the State of Colorado, called the Senate to order at 12:01 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. GARDNER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 30, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CORY GARDNER, a

Senator from the State of Colorado, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. GARDNER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1314

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2753, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur, be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2754 to amendment No. 2753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2752) contained in the motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1314.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 63, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 292 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Toomey.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The motion having been agreed to,

The amendment No. 2752, to the pending motion to concur, and the pending motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Finance with instructions (designated amendment No. 2753, and amendment No. 2754 thereto) being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2751, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to amendment No. 2750, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, contained in the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. PAUL raised a point of order, viz, that the pending motion, violates section 311(a) of S. Con. Res. 11, 114th Congress, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and waiver provisions of applicable Budget resolutions, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending House message.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 64, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 293 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Toomey.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2751 to amendment No. 2750 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending motion to concur with an amendment (Numbered 2750) on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, by Mr. MCCONNELL, to concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. TILLIS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 64, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 294 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune,

Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Coats, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Toomey.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1140

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1140) to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1140:

MITCH MCCONNELL, DEAN HELLER, JEFF FLAKE, STEVE DAINES, JOHNNY ISAKSON, M. MIKE ROUNDS, BEN SASSE, ROY BLUNT, DAN COATS, JOHN CORNYN, JOHN BOOZMAN, RICHARD BURR, CORY GARDNER, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, RICHARD SHELBY, DAVID A. PERDUE, JOHN BARRASSO.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Tuesday, November 3, 2015, Mr. MCCONNELL and Mr. COCHRAN be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2225. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish an H-2B temporary non-agricultural work visa program and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 301. A resolution calling on the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation to modify the accreditation standards of the Council to prevent the standards from negatively impacting Alaska Native and Native American teacher candidates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

JOINT RESOLUTION DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802 (c), the following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1140; and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, on Tuesday next, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1140 at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday next; and that the time from 2:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 3:14 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Mr. TOM COTTON, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, House Chaplain, offered a prayer, and Mr. COTTON led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 3, 2015.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM COTTON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COTTON took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 30, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 30, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1140

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 30, 2015,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Friday, October 30, 2015, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1140) to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule, relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion, be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 30, 2015, as modified,

At 12:37 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1140

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1140.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 30, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Friday, October 30, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1140.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 57, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 295 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 41

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1140.

Mr. MCCONNELL withdrew the pending motion.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2685

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2685) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JIM INHOFE, JOHN HOEVEN, JOHN THUNE, LAMAR ALEXANDER, RICHARD BURR, JOHN CORNYN, JAMES E. RISCH, MIKE CRAPO, STEVE DAINES, JEFF FLAKE, CORY GARDNER, JOHN BOOZMAN, THAD COCHRAN, PAT ROBERTS, DAVID A. PERDUE.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 22

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(1), that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 22) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 55, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 296 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES" UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(1),

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 22) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(2),

The Senate proceeded to a period of 10 hours for debate on the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 30, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the President of the United States:

NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTENT TO TERMINATE THE DESIGNATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AS A BENEFICIARY SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRY UNDER THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (AGOA) -- PM 31

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 506A(a)(3)(B) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, as amended (AGOA) (19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)(3)-(B)), I am providing notification of my intent to terminate the designation of the Republic of Burundi (Burundi) as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under AGOA.

I am taking this step because I have determined that the Government of Burundi has not established or is not making continual progress toward establishing the rule of law and political pluralism, as required by the AGOA eligibility requirements outlined in section 104 of the AGOA (19 U.S.C. 3703). In particular, the continuing crackdown on opposition members, which has included assassinations, extra-judicial killings, arbitrary arrests, and torture, have worsened significantly during the election campaign that returned President Nkurunziza to power earlier this year. In addition, the Government of Burundi has blocked opposing parties from holding organizational meetings and campaigning throughout the electoral process. Police and armed youth militias with links to the ruling party have intimidated the opposition, contributing to nearly 200,000 refugees fleeing the country since April 2015. Accordingly, I intend to terminate the designation of Burundi as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under AGOA as of January 1, 2016.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 30, 2015.*

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 2, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 623. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1314. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of October 30, 2015, the enrolled bills were signed on November 2, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. COCHRAN).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3403. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Teflubenzuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9933-25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3404. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methoxyfenozide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9934-14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3405. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agriculture Priorities and Allocations System" (RIN0560-AH68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3406. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Long Range Strike Bomber (LRS-B) system or program (OSS-2015-1699); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3407. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Designated Countries - Montenegro and New Zealand" ((RIN0750-AI71)(DFARS Case 2015-0049)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3408. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Removal of Cuba from the List of State Sponsors of Terrorism" ((RIN0750-AI67)(DFARS 2015-D032)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3409. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements Relating to Supply Chain Risk" ((RIN0750-AH96)-(DFARS Case 2012-D050)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3410. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3411. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection System, Automatic Reclosing, and Sudden Pressure Relaying Maintenance Reliability Standard" (Docket No. RM15-9-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3412. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Air Plan; Arizona; Stationary Sources; New Source Review" (FRL No. 9930-43-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3413. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3414. A communication from the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, transmitting draft legislation entitled "Antarctic Environmental Liability Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3415. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Programs; Methods for Assuring Access to Covered Medicaid Services" (RIN0938-AQ54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3416. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Programs; Final Waivers in Connection With the Shared Savings Program" (RIN0938-AR30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3417. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending December 31, 2014"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3418. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-098); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3419. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period June 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3420. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0117 - 2015-0133); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3421. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report of the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Combination Products for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3422. A communication from the Principal Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Wage Garnishment Procedures" (RIN1290-AA27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3423. A communication from the Acting Director, Merit System Accountability and Compliance, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solicitation of Federal Civilian and Uniformed Service Personnel for Contributions to Private Voluntary Organizations" (RIN3206-AM68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3424. A communication from the Acting Director, Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Enrollment Options Following the Termination of a Plan or Plan Option" (RIN3206-AN07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3425. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Table of Excluded Nonnarcotic Products: Nasal Decongestant Inhaler/Vapor Inhaler" ((RIN1117-ZA30)(Docket No. DEA-409)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3426. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Table of Excluded Nonnarcotic Products: Vicks VapoInhaler" ((RIN1117-AB39)(Docket No. DEA-367)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3427. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List the Dusky Sea Snake and Three Foreign Corals Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XD370), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3428. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fishery Management Council Freedom of Information Act Requests Regulations; Technical Amendments to Regulations" (RIN0648-BE73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3429. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Fishing Effort and Catch Limits and Other Restrictions and Requirements" (RIN0648-BE84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3430. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable

Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2015-2016 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Amendment 24; Correction" (RIN0648-BE27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3431. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Establishment of Tuna Vessel Monitoring System in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-BD54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3432. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; State Waters Exemption" (RIN0648-BF20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3433. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quotas" (RIN0648-BE81), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3434. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 22" (RIN0648-BE76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3435. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE223), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3436. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measures and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack" (RIN0648-XE182), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3437. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XE168), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-102. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take action to halt the illegal dumping of foreign steel into the U.S. market; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Whereas, Steel is the backbone of the modern economy, and it contributes to every level of daily life. It supports our bridges, takes our buildings to new heights, and can be found in the everyday appliances in our homes. Michigan's strong manufacturing sector, particularly our automotive industry, relies extensively on the metal, as does the energy sector's domestic oil and gas extraction efforts. In fact, in 2014, Michigan and Minnesota shipped 93 percent of usable iron ore products in the United States; and

Whereas, Iron ore mining and manufacturing has been significantly undermined by low-price steel imports from foreign nations. Companies in places like China, South Korea, India, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Taiwan, and Saudi Arabia are selling their products in the United States at predatory prices. Some estimates state that certain Chinese steel firms retail their products in the United States at 75 percent of the domestic cost of production. A South Korean firm recently retailed its products even lower at 48 percent of the domestic cost of production. This unfair trade puts American mills, and the mines that feed them, at risk; and

Whereas, The economic consequences of steel dumping have begun and will have a lasting detrimental impact on the Michigan economy and the entire nation. Across the Midwest, thousands of steelworkers have already been laid off in recent years, and as mills continue to operate well below their operational capacity, more steelworkers and miners are at risk. As the percentage of foreign steel used in the United States increases, the impacts on American manufacturing will only increase. This could lead to the erosion of enterprises that are critical to our economy and national defense; and

Whereas, The dumping of foreign steel into the United States is a violation of international trade agreements and must be halted, Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 states that products from another country shall not be introduced into the commerce of another country at a value less than the product's normal price in the destination country. The Department of Commerce has used the provisions of this article to investigate and take anti-dumping measures against nations in the past. However, this process is slow. So, while nations and companies are being identified, investigated, and punished, American workers are being laid off. Action must be taken to more aggressively identify those violating international trade agreements and punish them accordingly: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the President and Congress of the United States to take action to halt the illegal dumping of foreign steel into the U.S. market; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-103. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to enact S. 664, the Foster Care Tax Credit Act, which would provide tax relief to short-term foster parents by helping to cover the actual costs of caring for a foster child; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Whereas, Foster parents make a positive and tremendous difference in the lives of so many vulnerable children by opening their hearts and homes, and yet California faces constant challenges in recruiting and retaining enough foster families to ensure

each child is placed in a family-like setting; and

Whereas, Caring for a child in foster care can be more expensive than caring for one's own biological children. Children placed into foster care often have experienced significant emotional and physical trauma and have higher incidences of medical and behavioral health issues, resulting in additional costs to foster parents. On average, current foster care rates would have to increase almost 40 percent nationwide to provide for basic care; and

Whereas, Foster parents do not always begin full-time foster parenting immediately. It is not uncommon for foster parents to first provide shorter-term respite or emergency care before "graduating" into more full-time foster parenthood. Likewise, foster parents may intend to be full-time; however, children placed with them may be reunified with their biological families after short lengths of time. Foster parents may have multiple placements for three to four months at a time. According to the Public Policy Institute of California, in California in 2010, 31 percent of children left foster care within three months; and

Whereas, The shortage of foster homes has been widely reported. According to the Los Angeles Times in 2015, "Demand for foster beds exceeds supply by more than 30% nationally. Forty percent of parents withdraw during their first year, and an additional 20% say they want out, national studies show. Those families that remain are often stuck in deep poverty themselves"; and

Whereas, Encouraging individuals to become foster parents can contribute to a greater number of children being adopted from foster care. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, of the children adopted from foster care in 2012, 54 percent were adopted by former foster parents. In 2012, that would have equated to 27,358 children adopted by former foster parents; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 664 of the 114th United States Congress, known as the federal Foster Care Tax Credit Act, would seek to help the many families who care for foster children for six months or less, who unlike longer term foster, families, are not eligible for tax credit assistance under the federal Child Tax Credit, to cover the actual cost of caring for foster children; and

Whereas, The Foster Care Tax Credit Act provides tax relief to short-term foster parents and helps cover the actual costs of caring for a foster child by establishing an inflation-adjusted, refundable tax credit of up to $1,000 per year, per foster child, which is prorated by the number of months a foster child is in a family's care; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That because foster parents make significant and meaningful contributions to the lives of so many vulnerable children by opening their hearts and homes, the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to enact Senate Bill 664 of the 114th United States Congress, known as the Foster Care Tax Credit Act, which would provide tax relief to short term foster parents by helping to cover the actual costs of caring for a foster child; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, and each member of the California delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-104. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to reject the U.S.-led nuclear agreement with Iran and press for a new agreement that will prevent all pathways to an Iranian nuclear weapon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

Whereas, On July 14, 2015, a six-member coalition of nations, including the governments of Great Britain, France, Russia, China, and Germany and led by the United States, reached an agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran. This agreement, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, seeks to limit Iran's capacity to refine, store, and use weapons-grade nuclear material and develop nuclear weapons in exchange for international sanctions relief; and

Whereas, The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, commonly referred to as the Iranian nuclear agreement, is not in the strategic interest of the United States and its allies. With the notable exception of the Arak heavy-water nuclear facility, this agreement leaves in place much of Iran's nuclear infrastructure, including 5,060 centrifuges. Moreover, this deal allows Iran to continue researching and developing advanced centrifuges capable of refining weapons-grade nuclear material for use in intercontinental ballistic missiles that can strike the United States and short-range missiles capable of hitting targets throughout the Middle East. This creates a direct threat to our national security at home and the national security interests of Israel and other allies; and

Whereas, The Iranian nuclear agreement legitimizes Iran's nuclear program and does not definitively block a path to a nuclear weapon. While the agreement restricts the amount of nuclear material Iran may store and allows for international inspections, these provisions will slow—but not halt—the advancement of Iran's weapons program. The inspections also do not meet the "anytime, anywhere" standard needed in this case, but rather uses the "managed access" approach that is insufficient to ensure Iran is not developing or hiding nuclear weaponry and weapon components. Given Iran's history of deceiving the International Atomic Energy Agency and its refusal to recognize its nuclear program's military dimension, the international community will be challenged keeping Iran's nuclear weapons program in line with the agreement. With some of the toughest restrictions ending in ten years, Iran is 15 years from manufacturing a nuclear arsenal, which could sink the Middle East into a nuclear arms race; and

Whereas, International sanctions relief would allow Iran to further support terrorist organizations. The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, if enacted, would unfreeze an estimated $150 billion in assets currently isolated in foreign banks almost immediately. These assets, alongside additional revenue from sanctions relief, could be redirected by the Iranian government to more substantially support terrorist organizations in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Lebanon, Palestine, and others. Sanctions relief could also allow more money to support a domestic military build-up that could be used against area nations, like Israel, which Iran has long committed to destroying. This emboldens the autocratic state to continue its conflict with the United States, destabilize the region, and marginalize Iranian moderates; and

Whereas, The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is not the best agreement for the United States, the Middle East, and the world. The agreement fails to set free imprisoned Michigan resident and former Marine Amir Hekmati and other Americans. It fails to address Iran's human rights situation, a situation that, according to a 2015 State Department report, continues to deteriorate. The agreement does not allow the inspection of Iranian military installations, which are needed to ensure secret research is not conducted and weaponry and components are not hidden; and

Whereas, Israel's support of the Iranian nuclear agreement is crucial to reaching long-term peace. However, the agreement does not have the support necessary to reach that goal. Repeated Israeli public opinion polls have shown a broad consensus, seemingly traversing conventional political divides, against the Iranian nuclear deal: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we to urge the Congress of the United States to reject the U.S.-led nuclear agreement with Iran and press for a new agreement that will prevent all pathways to an Iranian nuclear weapon; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution he transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United

States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-105. A petition by a citizen from the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution which would require both houses of Congress approve, by a three-fifths vote of all members elected and serving in each body, any declaration of martial law, or suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, by the President of the United States, and further providing that such Congressionally-approved martial law declaration, or suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, not exceed 30 days duration, and clearly describe the geographic territory covered by such declaration or suspension; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1550. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-162).

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1082, A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-163).

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with amendments:

S. 2138. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the review and acceptance of subcontracting plans, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2226. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and to establish a pilot program to provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2227. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to permit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to authorize Federal agencies to accept certain payments related to spectrum efficiency and reallocation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2228. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit review of certain Medicare payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2229. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct audits relating to the timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2230. A bill to require the Secretary of State to submit a report to Congress on the designation of the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2231. A bill to express the sense of Congress that the Government of the Maldives should immediately release former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison and release all other political prisoners in the country, as well as guarantee due process for and respect the human rights of all of the people of the Maldives; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 2232. A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2233. A bill to amend section 3716 of title 31, United States Code, to reestablish the period of limitations for claims of the United States that may be collected by garnishing payments received from the Government; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 302. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 303. A resolution designating the week beginning November 8, 2015, as "National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 304. A resolution recognizing November 28, 2015, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 123

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 264

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 265, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 334, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 481

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 481, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and for other purposes.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 540

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] were added as cosponsors of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, supra.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists

in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1079

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1079, a bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve coverage for colorectal screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1711, a bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1714, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1883

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1883, a bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1885

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1885, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing, and for other purposes.

S. 1926

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1926, a bill to ensure access to screening mammography services.

S. 1942

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1942, a bill to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 1970

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for elections for Federal Office.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2044, a bill to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and

efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to modify a provision relating to adjustments of certain State apportionments for Federal highway programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2137

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2137, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families.

S. 2144

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2144, a bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 2145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2145, a bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

S. 2175

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2175, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2220

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2220, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women, and for other purposes.

S. 2221

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2221, a bill to preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay, and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay, under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

S. 2223

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2223, a bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 282

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 299, a resolution honoring the life, legacy, and example of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the twentieth anniversary of his death.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 3, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 3, 2015, at 2:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 3, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 3, 2015, at 2:45 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 3, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Putin's Invasion of Ukraine and the Propaganda that Threatens Europe."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVACY, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE LAW

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 3, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Data Brokers—Is Consumers' Information Secure?"

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1853. An act to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2494. An act to support global anti-poaching efforts, strengthen the capacity of partner countries to counter wildlife trafficking, designate major wildlife trafficking countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3361. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Insider Threat Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3503. An act to require an assessment of fusion center personnel needs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3505. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the management and administration of the security clearance processes throughout the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3598. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the partnership between the Department of Homeland Security and the National Network of Fusion Centers, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1853. An act to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2494. An act to support global anti-poaching efforts, strengthen the capacity of partner countries to counter wildlife trafficking, designate major wildlife trafficking countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3361. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Insider

Threat Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3503. An act to require an assessment of fusion center personnel needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3505. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the management and administration of the security clearance processes throughout the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3598. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the partnership between the Department of Homeland Security and the National Network of Fusion Centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

RECOGNIZING "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 304) recognizing November 28, 2015, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses, submitted today by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MANCHIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2232) to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. PAUL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCOTT), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of joint resolution S.J. Res. 22; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon; and that, at 12 noon, the Senate vote on passage of joint resolution S.J. Res. 22.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. PORTMAN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:18 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2232) to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. PAUL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCOTT), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES" UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 22) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

After debate,

The joint resolution was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the joint resolution.

The hour of 12 noon having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 53, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 297 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the joint resolution do pass.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2685

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2685) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2193

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2193) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2685

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 224

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 224) expressing the sense of the Senate that the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest and Van Ness Street, Northwest and International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Liu Xiaobo Plaza"; that the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2685

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

CONGRATULATING THE KANSAS CITY ROYALS ON THEIR 2015 WORLD SERIES VICTORY

On the request of Mr. BLUNT,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 305) commending and congratulating the Kansas City Royals on their 2015 World Series victory, submitted today by Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. MORAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2685

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3438. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diethofencarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9934-05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3439. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metaflumizone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9934-88), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3440. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nicosulfuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9912-40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3441. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rimsulfuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9912-31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3442. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Services" ((RIN0579-AD77)-(Docket No. APHIS-2013-0021)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3443. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to

persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 23, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3444. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorizations in the People's Republic of China" (RIN0694-AG69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3445. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Conflict of Interest Infrastructure Requirements" (FRL No. 9936-35-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3446. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; WY; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9932-61-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3447. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Large Aboveground Storage Tanks" (FRL No. 9933-89-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3448. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Oklahoma" (FRL No. 9936-37-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3449. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans (SIP); State of Iowa; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)." (FRL No. 9936-33-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3450. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to imported foods for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3451. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disposition of Unclaimed Human Remains, Funerary Objects, Sacred Objects, or Objects of Cultural Patrimony" (RIN1024-AE00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3452. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3453. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0494)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3454. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0929)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3455. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0773)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3456. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2775)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3457. A communication from the Management and Program Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (formerly Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH) (Airbus Helicopters) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0034)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3458. A communication from the Management and Program Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piaggio Aero Industries S,p,A, Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2466)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3459. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; M7 Aerospace LLC Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2207)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3460. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class C Airspace; Portland International Airport, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2905)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3461. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Mackall AAF, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3057)), received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3462. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Poplarville-Pearl River County Airport, MS" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1210)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BURR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RISCH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KING, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. COATS):

S. 2234. A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2235. A bill to repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 2236. A bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as long guns; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2237. A bill to limit the application of Federal laws to the distribution and consumption of marihuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2238. A bill to prohibit drilling in the outer Continental Shelf, to prohibit coal leases on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2239. A bill to restrict funds related to escalating United States military involvement in Syria; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2240. A bill to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2241. A bill to combat the heroin epidemic and drug sample backlogs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. MORAN):

S. Res. 305. A resolution commending and congratulating the Kansas City Royals on their 2015 World Series victory; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. REED):

S. Res. 306. A resolution designating the week beginning November 2, 2015, as "National Apprenticeship Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1524

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1524, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1686

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims.

S. 1719

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1834

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1834, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers

from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes.

S. 1975

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1975, a bill to establish the Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2044, a bill to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes.

S. 2052

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2052, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive the requirement of certain veterans to make copayments for hospital care and medical services in the case of an error by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2152, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 2208

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2208, a bill to promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 282

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 302

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 302, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks.

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 302, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Zero Stars: How Gagging Honest Reviews Harms Consumers and the Economy."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "U.S. Policy in North Africa."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Value of Education Choices for Low-Income Families: Reauthorizing the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, AGENCY ACTION, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights, and Federal Courts be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Justice Forsaken: How the Federal

Government Fails the American Victims of Iranian and Palestinian Terrorism."

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 306) designating the week beginning November 2, 2015, as "National Apprenticeship Week," submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. REED), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon; and that, at 11 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2685

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELLER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2685) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2685.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, November 3, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 298 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCONNELL, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

Mr. MCCONNELL thereupon withdrew the pending motion to proceed.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2029

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 93, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 299 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 2763, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. KIRK to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title IV, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2764).

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILLS S. 552 AND S. 966, EN BLOC

Mrs. SHAHEEN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 552) to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control, and the bill (S. 966) to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, en bloc; that the bills, en bloc, be read the third time, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. TOOMEY objected.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2029.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2764 to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute) to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3463. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C)" (RIN3170-AA10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3464. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3465. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Corporate Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CROWDFUNDING" (RIN3235-AL37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3466. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2016 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model; and Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements" (RIN0938-AS46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3467. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, and Quality Incentive Program" (RIN0938-AS48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3468. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Short Inpatient Hospital Stays; Transition for Certain Medicare-Dependent, Small Rural Hospitals under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System; Provider Administrative Appeals and Judicial Review" (RIN0938-AS42 and RIN0938-AS11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3469. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2016" (RIN0938-AS48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of the danger pay allowance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3471. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the danger pay allowance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3472. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communique" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3473. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Spirulina Extract; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2014-C-1552), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3474. A communication from General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Volunteers in Service to America" (RIN3045-AA36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3475. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3476. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, and the President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Center's financial statements, supplemental schedules of operations, and independent auditor's report for years ended September 28, 2014, and September 29, 2013, and a report relative to the Center's schedule of expenditures of federal awards and independent auditor's reports for the year ended September 28, 2014; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3477. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3478. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures; Correction" (RIN0648-BE91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3479. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Access to NOAA Environmental Data, Information, and Related Products and Services" (RIN0648-BE86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1298. A bill to provide nationally consistent measures of performance of the Nation's ports, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-164).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-165).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 2152. A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. BALDWIN)):

S. 2242. A bill to repeal section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. COATS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2243. A bill to amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2244. A bill to reform the Federal Crop Insurance Act and reduce Federal spending on crop insurance; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 2245. A bill to exclude the Internal Revenue Service from the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to labor-management relations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT:

S. 2246. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to exempt the Internal Revenue Service from certain labor-management relations requirements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2247. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2248. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2249. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to impose criminal penalties for the unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2250. A bill to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Major Charles S. Kettles of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam War; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2251. A bill to provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, supplemental security income beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2252. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2253. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2254. A bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 2255. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to restrict the debt collection practices of certain debt collectors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2256. A bill to establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, to establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, to establish a grant program with respect to naloxone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (by request):

S. 2257. A bill to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 307. A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 308. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2015, as the "National Day on Writing"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 309. A resolution relative to the death of Fred Thompson, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. REID):

S. Con. Res. 24. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the marble bust of Vice President Richard Cheney on December 3, 2015; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 248

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 264

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 417

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 417, a bill to encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available for use by rural and smaller carriers in order to expand wireless coverage.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 591

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 591, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to

improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 966

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 966, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1110, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S. 1520

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1520, a bill to protect victims of stalking from violence.

S. 1685

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1685, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications.

S. 2002

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2002, a bill to strengthen our mental health system and improve public safety.

S. 2040

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2040, a bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2044, a bill to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.

S. 2134

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2134, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2220

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2220, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women, and for other purposes.

S. 2235

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2235, a bill to repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015.

S. 2240

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2240, a bill to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 113

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 113, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend the issuance of, and the United States Postal Service should issue, a commemorative stamp in honor of the holiday of Diwali.

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 113, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 282

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 299, a resolution honoring the life, legacy, and example of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the twentieth anniversary of his death.

SENATE RESOLUTION 302

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 302, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks.

SENATE RESOLUTION 304

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of

Senate Resolution 304, a resolution recognizing November 28, 2015, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Wildfire: Stakeholder Perspectives on Budgetary Impacts and Threats to Natural Resources on Federal, State and Private Lands."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Agency Progress in Retrospective Review of Existing Regulations."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 91. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

At 2:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356.

H. Con. Res. 92. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1356) to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1356 AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 90

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, following the remarks of the two leaders, the chair lay before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 1356) to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions; that Mr. MCCAIN, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur; that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate immediately proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 90) directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356; that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Scott Allen, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL NURSE-MANAGED HEALTH CLINIC WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 303) designating the week beginning November 8, 2015, as "National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 24) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the marble bust of Vice President Richard Cheney on December 3, 2015, submitted today by Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. REID), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 307) recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States, submitted today by Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms.

CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF "NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 308) expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2015, as the "National Day on Writing," submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE DEATH OF FRED THOMPSON, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 309) relative to the death of Fred Thompson, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND A CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 92) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2029; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 5:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of resolution S. Res. 309, as a further mark of respect to the late Senator Fred Thompson, until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2764, proposed by Mr. KIRK, to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2029.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2764 to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute) to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. KIRK proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; and each was agreed to: amendment No. 2772, Mrs. SHAHEEN; amendment No. 2766, Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. HIRONO).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2764 to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KIRK,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2258. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reform the surface transportation project delivery program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2259. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2260. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require that the Congressional Budget Office prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside of the normal scoring periods; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2261. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on services furnished by Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 310. A resolution condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 311. A resolution honoring Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, as Rutgers celebrates its 250th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1110, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

S. 1424

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1424, a bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads.

S. 1426

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1426, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1865

At the request of Mr. KIRK, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1865, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to eating disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2110

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2110, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2145, a bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

S. 2151

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2151, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 2208

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2208, a bill to promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes.

S. 2251

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2251, a bill to provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, supplemental security income beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 2253

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2253, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 282

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 302

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 302, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks.

VETERANS DAY MOMENT OF SILENCE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1004) to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veterans Day.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2029; and that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the chair lay before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 1356) to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel

Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions; that the Senate proceed to consider the House message; and that all other provisions of said order remain in effect.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2764, proposed by Mr. KIRK, to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

OJBECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 312

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution (S. Res. 312) designating the week beginning November 8, 2015, as "National Pregnancy Center Week" to recognize the vital role that community-supported pregnancy centers (also known as pregnancy care and pregnancy resource centers) play in saving lives and serving women and men faced with difficult pregnancy decisions, submitted today by him (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COATS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CRUZ), and at the desk; that the resolution be agreed to; that the accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2029.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2764 to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 1356

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 1356) to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 90

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate proceeds to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 90) directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015, he be recognized to propose an amendment thereto; that the amendment be agreed to; and that all other provisions of said order remain in effect.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 1356

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill S. 1356.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015,

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN that the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to bill S. 1356.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 2029

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KIRK,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 2029, it be in order for the following Senators to propose the following amendments: Mr. MORAN, amendment No. 2774; Ms. MURKOWSKI, amendments Numbered 2775 and 2776; Mr. BLUMENTHAL, amendments Numbered 2779 and 2781; Mr. TOOMEY, amendment No. 2785; Mr. SULLIVAN, amendments Numbered 2786 and 2787; Ms. COLLINS, amendment No. 2788; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 2789; Mr. BENNET, amendment No. 2795; Mr. DURBIN, amendment No. 2794; Mrs. BOXER, amendment No. 2798; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendments, en bloc.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 1356

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill S. 1356.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GARDNER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 91, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 301 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper,

Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 3

Merkley, Sanders, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL S. 1356

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 90) directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, November 5, 2015, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN to amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2796).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015, as modified,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 5, 2015,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2029.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2764 to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. MCCONNELL proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: amendment No. 2774, Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CASEY); amendment No. 2775, Ms. MURKOWSKI; amendment No. 2776, Ms. MURKOWSKI; amendment No. 2779, Mr. BLUMENTHAL; amendment No. 2781, Mr. BLUMENTHAL; amendment No. 2785, Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY; amendment No. 2786, Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI); amendment No. 2787, Mr. SULLIVAN; amendment No. 2788, Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. TESTER); amendment No. 2789, Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ); amendment No. 2795, Mr. BENNET; amendment No. 2794, Mr. DURBIN; amendment No. 2798, Mrs. BOXER.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2764 to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2801 be proposed and agreed to; that amendment No. 2764 be withdrawn; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage thereof.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2764 to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendment was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2801).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2763 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. CRAPO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 93, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 302 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the passage of bill H.R. 2029, as amended, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn; and that notwithstanding said amendment having been withdrawn, amendments thereto remain in status quo.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 22

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes, insisting upon its amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill and asking a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House, and agree to the conference asked by the House thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate thereto.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending

(compound) motion that the Senate disagree in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 22, agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and authorize the PRESIDING OFFICER to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on motion to disagree to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 22, agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and authorize the PRESIDING OFFICER to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate:

MITCH MCCONNELL, M. MIKE ROUNDS, LAMAR ALEXANDER, JOHNNY ISAKSON, DEB FISCHER, JOHN CORNYN, CHUCK GRASSLEY, THAD COCHRAN, JONI K. ERNST, CORY GARDNER, JOHN THUNE, DAN COATS, ORRIN HATCH, JOHN BARRASSO, JIM INHOFE, THOM TILLIS, ROY BLUNT.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; that the time from 2:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. on today be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 2:45 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending (compound) motion; that, if said motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, the Senate agree to the (compound) motion; that, upon disposition of said motion, Mr. WICKER be recognized to move to instruct the conferees; that there be four minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion; that, upon disposition of said motion, Mr. BLUMENTHAL be recognized to move to instruct the conferees; that there be four minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being on agreeing to the (compound) motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 1:39 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WICKER in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 22

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 22.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to disagree to the amendment of the House, agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and authorize the PRESIDING OFFICER to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate thereto.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on today, to bring to a close debate on the motion to disagree to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill, agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 82, nays... 7

[Rollcall Vote No. 303 Leg.]

YEAS --- 82

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Cotton, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 7

Corker, Flake, Lee, Perdue, Risch, Sasse, Shelby.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The motion to bring to a close debate on the (compound) motion having been agreed to,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The (compound) motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. WICKER that the conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 22 be instructed to insist upon the inclusion of the following section in title XXXII:

SEC. 32__. TRUCK TRACTOR-SEMITRAILER-TRAILER COMBINATION LENGTH LIMITATION.

The Secretary may promulgate a rule to increase the minimum length limitation that a State may prescribe for a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination under section 31111(b)(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code, from 28 feet to 33 feet if the Secretary makes a statistically significant finding, based on the final Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study required under section 32801 of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Enhancement Act of 2012 (title II of division C of Public Law 112-141), that such increase would not have a net negative impact on public safety.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 304 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Heinrich, Hirono, Isakson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Daines, Enzi, Hatch, Heitkamp, Hoeven, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BLUMENTHAL that the conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 22 be instructed to insist upon the inclusion of the rail safety provisions contained in the amendment passed by the Senate on July 30,

2015, including the authorization of grants for the installation of positive train control.

After debate,

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair), as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to bill H.R. 22: Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HATCH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHUMER.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUNT,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3480. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetamiprid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9936-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3481. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3482. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Efficiency Standards for New Federal Commercial and Multi-Family High-Rise Residential Buildings' Baseline Standards Update" ((RIN1904-AD39)(Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0047)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3483. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting proposed legislation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3484. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Control of Petroleum Liquid Storage, Loading and Transfer" (FRL No. 9936-72-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3485. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9936-60-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3486. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Major Source Permitting State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9936-45-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3487. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9933-71-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3488. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Test Methods; Error Correction" (FRL No. 9936-54-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3489. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; TN; Knox County Emissions Statements" (FRL No. 9936-57-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3490. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; TN; Reasonably Available Control Measures and Redesignation for the TN Portion of the Chattanooga 1997 Annual PM2.5 Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9936-55-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3491. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Place County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9935-65-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3492. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to enter into a free trade agreement, known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3493. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to suspend the application of duty-free treatment to all African Growth and Opportunity-eligible goods in the agricultural sector for the Republic of South Africa; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3494. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Allocation and Accounting Regulations Under Section 141; Remedial Actions for Tax-Exempt Bonds" ((RIN1545-BB23; RIN1545-BC07; and RIN1545-BH48)(TD 9741)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3495. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) User Fee Update" ((RIN1545-BN03)(TD 9742)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

November 6, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3496. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unpaid Losses Discount Factors and Payment Patterns for 2015" (Rev. Proc. 2015-52) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3497. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Salvage Discount Factors and Payment Patterns for 2015" (Rev. Proc. 2015-54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3498. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-171, "Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 Revised Budget Request Adjustment Temporary Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3499. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-172, "Higher Education Licensure Commission Temporary Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3500. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-173, "Sexual Assault Victim Rights Task Force Report Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3501. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-174, "Rent Control Hardship Petition Limitation Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3502. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-175, "ABLE Program Trust Establishment Temporary Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3503. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-192, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 369, S.O. 13-07989, Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3504. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-193, "Testing Integrity Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3505. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-194, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 197, S.O., 15-23895, Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3506. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-195, "James Bunn Way Designation Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3507. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revitalization of the AM Radio Service" ((FCC 15-142)(MB Docket No. 13-249)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3508. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions; Channel Sharing by Full Power and Class A Stations Outside the Broadcast Television Spectrum Incentive Auction Context" ((FCC 15-139)(GN Docket No. 12-268 and MB Docket No. 15-137)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3509. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Two Decades of Change in Transportation: Reflections from Transportation Statistics Annual Reports, 1994-2014"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 1334, A bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-166).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 302. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2262. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal cancer screening test under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2263. A bill to encourage effective, voluntary private sector investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to private sector employers recognizing such investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 2264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2265. A bill to improve the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2266. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2267. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless children and youths and foster care children and youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2268. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dust Off crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism

and life-saving actions in Vietnam; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2269. A bill to establish the Government Transformation Board to make certain recommendations to improve the economy of the United States and the efficiency and effectiveness of Federal programs; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2270. A bill to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 2271. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2272. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2273. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an incubator and accelerator grant program for veterans and members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. UDALL, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 2274. A bill to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. COATS, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2275. A bill to provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 2276. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2277. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for veteran first-time homebuyers and for adaptive housing and mobility improvements for disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 2278. A bill to promote the availability of additional unlicensed spectrum for innovation and investment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2279. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to increase efficiency in the recruitment and hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of health care workers that are undergoing separation from the Armed Forces, to create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2280. A bill to promote pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence; considered and passed.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2281. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue final rules relating to listing of the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COATS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 312. A resolution designating the week beginning November 8, 2015, as "National Pregnancy Center Week" to recognize the vital role that community-supported pregnancy centers (also known as pregnancy care and pregnancy resource centers) play in saving lives and serving women and men faced with difficult pregnancy decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 122

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 417

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 417, a bill to encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available for use by rural and smaller carriers in order to expand wireless coverage.

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces

while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 640

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 640, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1608

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1608, a bill to protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones, and for other purposes.

S. 1742

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1742, a bill to improve the provision of postal services to rural areas of the United States.

S. 1816

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1816, a bill to provide relief to community banks, to promote access to capital for community banks, and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1883

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1883, a bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1886

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1886, a bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes.

S. 1893

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1916

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1916, a bill to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934.

S. 2021

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2021, a bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to modify a provision relating to adjustments of certain State apportionments for Federal highway programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2147

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2147, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to participant votes on the suspension of

benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status.

S. 2151

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2151, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 2170

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes.

S. 2220

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2220, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women, and for other purposes.

S. 2225

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2225, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish an H-2B temporary non-agricultural work visa program and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 299, a resolution honoring the life, legacy, and example of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the twentieth anniversary of his death.

SENATE RESOLUTION 302

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 302, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks.

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 302, supra.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 302, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 310

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 310, a resolution condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 10, 2015, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 10, 2015, at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Update on the Campaign against ISIS in Syria."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes, further, that the House insists upon its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill, asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House amendment and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SHUSTER, DUNCAN of Tennessee, GRAVES of Missouri, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Messrs. CRAWFORD, BARLETTA, FARENTHOLD, GIBBS, DENHAM, RIBBLE, PERRY, WOODALL, KATKO, BABIN, HARDY, GRAVES of Louisiana, DEFAZIO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Messrs. CUMMINGS, LARSEN of Washington, CAPUANO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Messrs. LIPINSKI, COHEN, and SIRES.

21ST CENTURY VETERANS BENEFITS DELIVERY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1203) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. ISAKSON) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2806).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended, to the bill.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the committee, so as to read: "A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the furnishing of health care to veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the processing by the Department of claims for disability compensation, and for other purposes."

SPACE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2262) to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI for Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GARDNER, and Mrs. MURRAY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2805, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PRO BONO WORK TO EMPOWER AND REPRESENT ACT

On the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2280) to promote pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence, introduced on today by Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LEAHY), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; that there be 30 minutes for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 302) expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. BLUMENTHAL) to amend the pending resolution on page 5, line 1, by striking "the President and" (being amendment No. 2807).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. BLUMENTHAL) to amend the preamble in the eleventh "Whereas" clause, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2808).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn, under the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 92, until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS, for 10 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:05 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 92, until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, November 10, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, November 10, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, November 10, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. BURR, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2282. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2283. A bill to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 313. A resolution condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris and offering thoughts and prayers for the victims, condolences to their families, resolve to support the people of France, and the pledge to defend democracy and stand in solidarity with the country of France and all our allies in the face of this horrific attack on freedom and liberty; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 108

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 108, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve access for students to Federal grants and loans to help pay for postsecondary, graduate, and professional educational opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1567, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge from the Armed Forces of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge.

S. 1789

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1789, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of

the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen the eligibility verification process for the premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidy.

S. 2042

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2042, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2045, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2152, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 2163

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2163, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes.

S. 2232

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] were added as cosponsors of S. 2232, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2235

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2235, a bill to repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015.

S. 2248

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2248, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2251

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2251, a bill to provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, supplemental security income beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 2252

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2252, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications.

S. 2266

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2266, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 282

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MORAN,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 16, 2015, at 5 p.m., to conduct a classified briefing entitled "U.S. Policy Tools to Combat North Korea's Nuclear and Ballistic Missile Capabilities."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 6:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 90) directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), the following joint resolutions were discharged by petition from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 23. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

S.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ``Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, November 10, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, November 10, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2577

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2577) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2577:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, MIKE CRAPO, RICHARD SHELBY, RICHARD BURR, DAN COATS, BEN SASSE, THOM TILLIS, JOHN HOEVEN, ROGER F. WICKER, C. GRASSLEY, SUSAN M. COLLINS, THAD COCHRAN, JAMES LANKFORD, LAMAR ALEXANDER, ROY BLUNT, STEVE DAINES.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 313) condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris and offering thoughts and prayers for the victims, condolences to their families, resolve to support the people of France, and the pledge to defend democracy and stand in solidarity with the country of France and all our allies in the face of this horrific attack on freedom and liberty, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then observe a moment of silence for the victims of the Paris attacks of Friday, November 13, 2015; and that, following the moment of silence, and leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:07 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate observed a moment of silence for the victims of the Paris attacks of Friday, November 13, 2015.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, November 17, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1356. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mrs. Neimann, one of his secretaries:

2015 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY -- PM 32

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the 2015 National Drug Control Strategy, my Administration's 21st century approach to drug policy that works to reduce illicit drug use and its consequences in the United States. This evidence-based plan, which balances public health and public safety efforts to prevent, treat, and provide recovery from the disease of addiction, seeks to build a healthier, safer, and more prosperous country.

Since the release of my Administration's inaugural National Drug Control Strategy in 2010, we have seen significant progress in addressing challenges we face along the entire spectrum of drug policy—including prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery support, criminal justice reform, law enforcement, and international cooperation. However, we still face serious drug-related challenges. Illicit drug use is a public health

issue that jeopardizes not only our well-being, but also the progress we have made in strengthening our economy—contributing to addiction, disease, lower student academic performance, crime, unemployment, and lost productivity.

Therefore, we continue to pursue a drug policy that is effective, compassionate, and just. We are working to erase the stigma of addiction, ensuring treatment and a path to recovery for those with substance use disorders. We continue to research the health risks of drug use to encourage healthy behaviors, particularly among young people. We are reforming our criminal justice system, providing alternatives to incarceration for non-violent, substance-involved offenders, improving re-entry programs, and addressing unfair sentencing disparities. We continue to devote significant law enforcement resources to reduce the supply of drugs via sea, air, and land interdiction, and law enforcement operations and investigations. We also continue to partner with our international allies, helping them address transnational organized crime, while addressing substance use disorders and other public health issues.

I thank the Congress for its continued support of our efforts. I look forward to joining with them and all our local, State, tribal, national and international partners to advance this important undertaking.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *November 17, 2015.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3510. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tamarind seed gum, 2-hydroxypropyl ether polymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9936-25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3511. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amitraz, Carfentrazone-ethyl, Ethephon, Malathion, Mancozeb, et al.; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 9935-01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3512. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's draft strategic plan for fiscal years 2016 through 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3513. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Membership in a Registered Futures Association" (RIN3038-AE09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3514. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) as of September 30, 2015 (OSS-2015-1808); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3515. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a delay in submission of a report relative to Department of Defense 2015 purchases from foreign entities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3516. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3517. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program: Payment of Fees to Cover Credit Subsidy Costs" (RIN2506-AC35), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3518. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3519. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 on May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3520. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Responsibilities of Boards of Directors, Corporate Practices and Corporate Governance Matters" (RIN2590-AA59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3521. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons and Modifications of Certain Entries to the Entity List; and Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG74), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3522. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an Executive Order that terminates the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004, and revokes Executive Order 13348, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3523. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3524. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines; Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities" ((RIN1902-AF08)-(Docket Nos. RM96-1-038 and RM14-2-003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3525. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Worker Safety and Health Program; Technical Amendments" (RIN1992-AA50), received in the Office of the President of Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3526. A communication from the Executive Director, the United States World

War One Centennial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States World War One Centennial Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3527. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters" ((RIN2060-AS09)(FRL No. 9936-20-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3528. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9935-43)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3529. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Additional Regulations for the Benton Clean Air Agency Jurisdiction" (FRL No. 9936-97-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3530. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9936-65-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3531. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Plans; California; Multiple Districts; Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9934-89-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3532. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Nonattainment New Source Review Permitting State Implementation Plan Revisions for the City of Albuquerque-Bernalillo County" (FRL No. 9936-86-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3533. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona; Phased Discontinuation of State II Vapor Recovery Program" (FRL No. 9936-77-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3534. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocations of Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Allowances from New Unit Set-Asides for the 2015 Compliance Year" (FRL No. 9936-99-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3535. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Sewer Sludge Incinerators State Plan and Small Municipal Waste Combustors Negative Declaration for Designated Facilities and Pollutants" (FRL No. 9936-96-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3536. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of 1-Bromopropane; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting" ((RIN2025-AA41)(FRL No. 9937-12-OEI)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3537. A communication from the Endangered Species Listing Branch Chief, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for Black Pinesnake With 4(d) Rule" (RIN1018-BA03), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3538. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Recovery and State Grants, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Black-footed Ferrets in Wyoming" (RIN1018-BA42), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3539. A communication from the Endangered Species Listing Branch Chief, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Brickellia mosieri (Florida Brickell-bush) and Linum carteri var. carteri (Carter's Small-flowered Flax)" (RIN1018-AZ64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3540. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Administration, Cost and Impact of Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program for Medicare Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3541. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Awarding Agency Regulatory Implementation of Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" (RIN0960-AH73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3542. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2016 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts" (RIN0938-AS36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3543. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2016 Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" (RIN0938-AS37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3544. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2016" (RIN0938-AS38), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3545. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customs and Border Protection's Bond Program" (RIN1515-AD56), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3546. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1809); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3547. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-018); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3548. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-111); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3549. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-089); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3550. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-085); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3551. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to loan guarantees to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3552. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-053); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3553. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-054); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3554. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-063); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3555. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-071); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3556. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-080); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3557. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Food and Drug Administration's reports relative to the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Reviews of the Backlog of Postmarketing Requirements and Postmarketing Commitments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3558. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules under the Affordable Care Act for Grandfathered Plans, Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Dependent Coverage, Appeals, and Patient Protections" (RIN1210-AB72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3559. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3560. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Public Assistance Program Alternative Procedures: Fiscal Year 2015 Report to Congress - Second Quarterly Status Report"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3561. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Public Assistance Program Alternative Procedures: Fiscal Year 2015 Report to Congress - First Quarterly Status Report"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3562. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department of Defense (DoD) Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3563. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3564. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's fiscal year 2015 Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3565. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3566. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2015 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3567. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Financial Report for the Office of Government Ethics for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3568. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3569. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Eluxadoline into Schedule IV" (Docket No. DEA-419F), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3570. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Extension of Temporary Placement of Three Synthetic Phenethylamines in Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-424), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3571. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3572. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2015; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-3573. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction for Gag Grouper" (RIN0648-XE245), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3574. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coral, Coral Reefs, and Live/Hard Bottom Habitats of the South Atlantic Region; Amendment 8; Correction" (RIN0648-BD81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3575. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2015-2016 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BF40), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3576. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Technical Amendment to Regulations" (RIN0648-BF30), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3577. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XE242), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3578. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Georges Bank Haddock Catch Cap Harvested" (RIN0648-XE266), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3579. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island Management Area" (RIN0648-XE269), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3580. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Yellowtail Snapper" (RIN0648-XE216), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3581. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2015 Gulf of Alaska Pollock Seasonal Apportionments" (RIN0648-XE293), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3582. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wakeeney, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1832)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3583. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Vancouver, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3322)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3584. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Vadalia, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1389)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3585. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tomah, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1387)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3586. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hart/Shelby, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1835)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3587. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tekamah, Nebraska" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1394)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3588. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Louisiana towns: Jonesboro, LA and Winnfield, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0843)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3589. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Missouri towns: Chillicothe, MO; Cuba, MO, Farmington, MO; Lamar, MO; Mountain View, MO; Nevada, MO; and Poplar Bluff, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0842)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3590. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Columbus, Ohio State University Airport, OH, and Amendment of Class E Airspace" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1649)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3591. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Vincennes, IN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2049)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3592. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (78); Amdt. No. 3664" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3593. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (33); Amdt. No. 3663" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3594. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (9); Amdt. No. 3661" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3595. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (50); Amdt. No. 3662" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3596. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Production Certificates and Approvals" (RIN2120-AK20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3597. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Seat Dimensions to Facilitate Use of Child Safety Seats on Airplanes During Passenger-Carrying Operations" (RIN2120-AK17), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3598. A communication from the Senior Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazmat Safety Law, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Carriage of Battery-Powered Electronic Smoking Devices in Passenger Baggage" (RIN2137-AF12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3599. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allowing Importers to Provide Information to U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Electronic Format" (RIN2127-AL63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3600. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defect and Noncompliance Notification" (RIN2127-AL60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3601. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final Listing of 2016 Light Duty Truck Lines Subject to the Requirements of This Standard and Exempted Vehicle Lines for Model Year 2016" (RIN2127-AL59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3602. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Final Rulemaking Procedures" (RIN2127-AL32), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3603. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction Scheduled to Begin on March 29, 2016; Technical Formulas for Competitive Bidding" ((DA 15-1183)(AU Docket No. 14-252, GN Docket No. 12-268, and WT Docket No. 12-269)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3604. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-4209)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3605. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0498)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3606. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1985)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3607. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Technify Motors GmbH Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-1383)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3608. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0869)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3609. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0933)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3610. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3940)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3611. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Sikorsky-Manufactured Transport and Restricted Category Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-1088)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 515. A bill to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 310. A resolution condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2184. A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2284. A bill to suspend the admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect the national security of the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 2285. A bill to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2286. A bill to address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System land and public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 2287. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to improve technology transfer at the Department of Energy by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, as well as ensure that public investments in research and development generate the greatest return on investment for taxpayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2288. A bill to prohibit members and staff of the Federal Reserve System from lobbying for or against legislation, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2289. A bill to modernize and improve the Family Unification Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2290. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to authorize block grants to States for prekindergarten education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2291. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish procedures within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the processing of whistleblower complaints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2292. A bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2293. A bill to enhance Social Security benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2294. A bill to create a division within the Congressional Budget Office to perform regulatory analysis of economically significant rules; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2295. A bill to extend the termination date for the authority to collect certain records and make permanent the authority for roving surveillance and to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S.J. Res. 25. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 314. A resolution expressing support for designation of the third Tuesday in November as "National Entrepreneurs' Day"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 627

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1390

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 1540

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1540, a bill to improve the enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls.

S. 1685

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1685, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1926

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 1926, a bill to ensure access to screening mammography services.

S. 2021

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2021, a bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2044, a bill to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2072

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2072, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which the Administrator shall defer the designation of an area as a nonattainment area for purposes of the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard if the area achieves and maintains certain standards under a voluntary early action compact plan.

S. 2095

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2095, a bill to establish certain requirements with respect to pollock and golden king crab.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2193

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2200

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2200, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements.

S. 2213

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2213, a bill to prohibit firearms dealers from selling a firearm prior to the completion of a background check.

S. 2234

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2234, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 2263

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 2263, a bill to encourage effective, voluntary private sector investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to private sector employers recognizing such investments, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 237

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 237, a resolution condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for continuing to perpetrate crimes against humanity, war crimes, and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government, the African Union, and governments and regional organizations in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield and promote protection and recovery of affected communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 282

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 302

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 302, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Physician Owned Distributors: Are They Harmful to Patients and Payers?"

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Options for Reforming U.S. Overseas Broadcasting."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled the nomination of Dr. Robert Califf to serve as FDA Commissioner.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2015, at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, AGENCY ACTION, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights, and Federal Courts be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The War on Police: How the Federal Government Undermines State and Local Law Enforcement."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Ongoing Challenges at the U.S. Secret Service and their Government-Wide Implications."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 799. An act to address problems related to prenatal opioid use.

S. 2036. An act to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1073. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1317. An act to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1338. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1384. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

H.R. 1478. An act to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2583. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3032. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal a certain reporting requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

H.R. 3144. An act to require consultation with the Aviation Security Advisory Committee regarding modifications to the prohibited item list, require a report on the Transportation Security Oversight Board, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3996. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 24. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the marble bust of Vice President Richard Cheney on December 3, 2015.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 599. An act to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 639) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2262) to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 208) to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration.

At 4:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1356. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military

construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1073. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1317. An act to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 1338. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1384. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1478. An act to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2583. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3032. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal a certain reporting requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3144. An act to require consultation with the Aviation Security Advisory Committee regarding modifications to the prohibited item list, require a report on the Transportation Security Oversight Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF A RULE RELATING TO "CARBON POLLUTION EMISSION GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING STATIONARY SOURCES: ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATING UNITS"

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(1), that the Senate proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 24.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(1),

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 24) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units"; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(2),

The Senate proceeded to a period of 10 hours for debate on the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

Ordered, That he be recognized to speak for 10 minutes, followed by Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. MANCHIN, for 10 minutes each; that, upon conclusion thereof, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.; and that the time during said recess count against the majority time for debate, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(2).

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 1:17 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WICKER in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF A RULE RELATING TO "CARBON POLLUTION EMISSION GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING STATIONARY SOURCES: ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATING UNITS"

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution S.J. Res. 24.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, at 5:30 p.m. on today, time for debate on the pending joint resolution, as pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(2), be considered concluded; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and the Senate vote on passage thereof; that, upon disposition thereof, the majority leader be recognized to move to proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 23) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units"; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(2), be considered concluded; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and the Senate vote on passage thereof.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to the order of today, and the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(2), be concluded.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The joint resolution was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 52, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 306 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the joint resolution do pass.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF A RULE RELATING TO "STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM NEW, MODIFIED, AND RECONSTRUCTED STATIONARY SOURCES: ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATING UNITS"

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 23.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(1),

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 23) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units"; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(d)(2), was concluded.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The joint resolution was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 307 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the joint resolution do pass.

HEZBOLLAH INTERNATIONAL FINANCING PREVENTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2297) to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. DAINES for Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KIRK, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. ROUNDS) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2810, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. DAINES for Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN), so as to read: "An act to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes".

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DAINES,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2288) to prohibit members and staff of the Federal Reserve System from lobbying for or against legislation, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DAINES asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DAINES objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2577) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 2577.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DAINES,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. DURBIN, for 15 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:48 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2288) to prohibit members and staff of the Federal Reserve System from lobbying for or against legislation, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL S. 1177

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives insisting upon its amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, asking for a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appointing conferees on the part of the House.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate disagree to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House, and agree to the conference asked by the House thereon; and that the PRESIDING OFFICER be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate thereto.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on said (compound) motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to disagree to the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 1177, agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and authorize the PRESIDING OFFICER to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate:

MITCH MCCONNELL, DAVID A. PERDUE, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, DAN COATS, JOHN CORNYN, JOHN BARRASSO, JOHN HOEVEN, CORY GARDNER, JOHNNY ISAKSON, LAMAR ALEXANDER, MICHAEL B. ENZI, KELLY AYOTTE, MARK KIRK, JOHN THUNE, JOHN BOOZMAN, CHUCK GRASSLEY, WILLIAM CASSIDY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the (compound) motion.

After debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on today, to bring to a close debate on the motion to disagree to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to bill S. 1177, agree to the conference asked by the House thereon, and authorize the PRESIDING OFFICER to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 91, nays... 6

[Rollcall Vote No. 308 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 6

Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Lee, Paul, Risch.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the (compound) motion.

The (compound) motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair), as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate: Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. PAUL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2577) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2812, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 55, line 22, by striking "2015," and inserting "2016" (being amendment No. 2813).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon

disposition thereof, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS OF BOTH NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY AND NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

On the request of Mr. BLUNT,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 315) expressing support for the goals of both National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children, submitted today by Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. THUNE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KING, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. SCOTT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2577.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 310

Mr. CASSIDY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 310) to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID objected.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2577.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That it be in order for the following amendments to be proposed and agreed to en bloc: amendment No. 2809 and amendment No. 2817.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Ms. COLLINS proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; and each was agreed to: amendment No. 2809, Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE); amendment No. 2817, Ms. MIKULSKI.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all beginning with page 45, line 16, through line 9, page 46, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2815).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

Whereupon,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 5:05 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 6:25 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2577.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 2577; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 2577:

MITCH MCCONNELL, SUSAN COLLINS, JERRY MORAN, JOHN BOOZMAN, STEVE DAINES, JOHN HOEVEN, CORY GARDNER, DAN SULLIVAN, JONI K. ERNST, DAN COATS, JOHNNY ISAKSON, ORRIN HATCH, LAMAR ALEXANDER, MIKE CRAPO, RICHARD BURR, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, MICHAEL B. ENZI.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill H.R. 2577; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2577:

MITCH MCCONNELL, SUSAN COLLINS, JERRY MORAN, JOHN BOOZMAN, STEVE DAINES, JOHN HOEVEN, CORY GARDNER, DAN SULLIVAN, DAN COATS, JOHNNY ISAKSON, ORRIN HATCH, LAMAR ALEXANDER, MIKE CRAPO, RICHARD BURR, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, MICHAEL B. ENZI, JONI K. ERNST.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-106. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio requesting the United States Congress to renew funding for Save the Dream Ohio to help homeowners in the state of Ohio avoid foreclosure; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NUMBER 107

Whereas, The national housing crisis that began in 2007 led to unprecedented home price declines and sustained and higher unemployment in certain parts of the country, including Ohio; and

Whereas, Families in these areas, including Ohio, struggled to make their monthly mortgage payments and to get out from under deeply underwater mortgages; and

Whereas, In 2008, Save the Dream Ohio was created as a multi-agency foreclosure prevention outreach initiative involving partners from state government, nonprofit housing counseling agencies, and legal aid organizations to address this crisis; and

Whereas, In 2010, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency received $570.4 million from the United States Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund to administer Ohio's foreclosure prevention program through Save the Dream Ohio; and

Whereas, Save the Dream Ohio has worked with 32 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development-approved nonprofit counseling agencies and over 350 mortgage servicers nationwide to provide assistance to over 24,000 homeowners at risk of foreclosure; and

Whereas, An additional $60 million was designated for the Neighborhood Initiative Program to stabilize property values and prevent future foreclosures by removing and greening vacant and blighted properties; and

Whereas, Save the Dream Ohio had to stop accepting applications in August 2014, and payments on behalf of homeowners are expected to end in late 2016; United States Department of the Treasury guidelines specify that funds must be dispersed by December 31, 2017; and

Whereas, The Ohio Housing Finance Agency continues to administer the Save the Dream Ohio hotline to connect homeowners with HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and other resources: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio request the Congress of the United States to renew funding for Save the Dream Ohio through the United States Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund, to continue to provide assistance to homeowners in the state of Ohio at risk of foreclosure; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-167).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2296. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 2297. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2298. A bill to specify the state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2299. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to improve enforcement of the trade laws of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2300. A bill to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2301. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to strengthen requirements related to nutrient information on food labels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2302. A bill to temporarily restrict the admission to the United States of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territory; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 2303. A bill to exempt the Department of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2304. A bill to provide for tribal demonstration projects for the integration of early childhood development, education, including Native language and culture, and related services, for evaluation of those demonstration projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. THUNE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KING, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. Res. 315. A resolution expressing support for the goals of both National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KIRK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 316. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Education

Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. Res. 317. A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the American Visionary Art Museum; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 318. A resolution to authorize deposition testimony and representation in Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 237

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify the circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 627

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 1714, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1719

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1886

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1886, a bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes.

S. 1893

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to improve college affordability.

S. 2000

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2000, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers if the Secretary is not feasibly able to provide health care in facilities of the Department or through contracts or sharing agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 2071

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2104

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2104, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and to prevent the termination of two star plans.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2206

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2206, a bill to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2206, supra.

S. 2216

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2216, a bill to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes.

S. 2248

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2248, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2279

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2279, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to increase efficiency in the recruitment and

hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of health care workers that are undergoing separation from the Armed Forces, to create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to extend the termination date for the authority to collect certain record and make permanent the authority for roving surveillance and to treat individual terrorist as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2015, at 11 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the International Climate Negotiations."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a classified briefing entitled "The Aftermath of Paris: America's Role."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "National Adoption Month: Stories of Success and Meeting the Challenges of International Adoptions."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 511. An act to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

H.R. 1694. An act to amend MAP-21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3114. An act to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3762. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. KLINE, Ms. FOXX, Messrs. ROE of Tennessee, THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, GUTHRIE, ROKITA, MESSER, GROTHMAN, RUSSELL, CURBELO of Florida, SCOTT of Virginia, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. POLIS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BONAMICI, and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.

The message further announced that the SPEAKER appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of section 1111 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THORNBERRY, ROGERS of Alabama, and Ms. LORETTA Sanchez of California.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 1109, 1201, 1202, 3003, division B, sections 31101, 31201, and division F of the House amendment and sections 11005, 11006, 11013, 21003, 21004, subtitles B and D of title XXXIV, sections 51101 and 51201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. UPTON, MULLIN, and PALLONE.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of section 32202 and division G of the House amendment and sections 52203 and 52205 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HENSARLING, NEUGEBAUER, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 1313, 24406, and 43001 of the House amendment and sections 32502 and 35437 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, MARINO, and Ms. LOFGREN.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 1114-16, 1120, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1305, 1307, 1308, 1310-13, 1316, 1317, 10001, and 10002 of the House amendment and sections 11024-27, 11101-13, 11116-18, 15006, 31103-05, and 73103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, LAHOOD, and GRIJALVA.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 5106, 5223, 5504, 5505, 61003, and 61004 of the House amendment and sections 12004, 21019, 31203, 32401, 32508, 32606, 35203, 35311, and 35312 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. MICA, HURD of Texas, and CONNOLLY.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sections 3008, 3015, 4003, and title VI of the House amendment and sections 11001, 12001, 12002, 12004, 12102, 21009, 21017, subtitle

B of title XXXI, sections 35105 and 72003 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Ms. EDWARDS.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 31101, 31201, and 31203 of the House amendment, and sections 51101, 51201, 51203, 52101, 52103-05, 52108, 62001, and 74001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BRADY of Texas, REICHERT, and LEVIN.

At 5:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 799. An act to address problems related to prenatal opioid use.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1694. An act to amend MAP-21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3114. An act to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

On the request of Ms. COLLINS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 93) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 282) supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING DEPOSITION TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION

On the request of Ms. COLLINS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 318) to authorize deposition testimony and representation in Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al., submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Ms. COLLINS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Ms. COLLINS asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Ms. COLLINS objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 11 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2577.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

At 6:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Jeff Wheeler, Pastor of Central Baptist Church, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 19, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 799. An act to address problems related to prenatal opioid use.

S. 2036. An act to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3612. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutriafol; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9933-61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3613. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic Acid, Polymer with Ethenylbenzene and (1-methylethenyl)benzene; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9936-48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3614. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Protection of Military Installations"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3615. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Photovoltaic Devices From the United States" ((RIN0750-AI41)(DFARS Case 2015-D007)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3616. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Eliminate Data Collection Requirement" ((RIN0750-AI73)-(DFARS Case 2015-D031)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3617. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commencement of Assessment of Annual Charges" (Docket No. RM15-18-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3618. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3619. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9936-98)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3620. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Prevention Significant Deterioration; Plantwide Applicability Limits for Greenhouse Gases" (FRL No. 9937-25-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3621. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Algal Toxin Risk Assessment and Management Strategic Plan for Drinking Water"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3622. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules for Grandfathered Plans, Preexisting Condition Exclusion, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Dependent Coverage, Appeals, and Patient Protections under the Affordable Care Act" (TD 9744), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3623. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model for Acute Care Hospitals Furnishing Lower Extremity Joint Replacement Services" (RIN0938-AS64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3624. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transitional Amendments to Satisfy the Market Rate of Return Rules for Hybrid Retirement Plans" ((RIN1545-BL62)(TD 9743)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3625. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Student Loan Bonds" (Notice 2015-78), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3626. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Guidance in Notice 2013-7 for Participants in the HFA Hardest Hit Fund" (Notice 2015-77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3627. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3628. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0134 - 2015-0149); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3629. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules for Grandfathered Plans, Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Dependent Coverage, Appeals, and Patient Protections" (RIN0938-AS56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3630. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3631. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act Procedures" ((CBP Dec. 15-16)(RIN1651-AB05)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3632. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's consolidated report addressing the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA or Integrity Act) and the Inspector General Act of 1978 (IG Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3633. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Improvement Program" (RIN1076-AF22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3634. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secretarial Election Procedures" (RIN1076-AE93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3635. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exempting Mental Health Peer Support Services from Copayments" (RIN2900-AP11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3636. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Access to Non-VA Care through the Veterans Choice Program" (RIN2900-AP24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3637. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3638. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2015 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3639. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions; Office of Engineering and Technology Releases and Seeks Comment on Updated OET-69 Software; Office of Engineering and Technology Seeks to Supplement the Incentive Auction Proceeding Record Regarding Potential Interference Between Broadcast Television and Wireless Services" ((ET Doc. No. 13-26)(ET Doc. No. 14-14)(GN Doc. No. 12-268)(FCC 15-141)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3640. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2015 Management Area 1A Seasonal Annual Catch Limit Harvested" (RIN0648-XE292), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-107. A petition by a citizen from the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution which would clarify that a declaration of martial law, or a suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, does not prevent presidential and congressional elections from proceeding as scheduled and does not perpetuate a term-limited or a defeated presidential or congressional incumbent in office beyond the expiration of the term to which that incumbent was last elected; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2305. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2306. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake remediation oversight of the West Lake Landfill located in Bridgeton, Missouri; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2307. A bill to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2308. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2309. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2310. A bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2311. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2312. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments for durable medical equipment under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 2313. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate program-related investments by private foundations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2314. A bill to provide for the conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2315. A bill to provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2316. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and to improve oversight of fiduciaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2317. A bill to amend title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen minority-serving institutions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 2318. A bill to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund for 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2319. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2320. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create Universal Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2321. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2322. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under the maximum hours requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2323. A bill to clarify the definition of nonimmigrant for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2324. A bill to provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2325. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2326. A bill to designate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2327. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Act of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2328. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2329. A bill to prevent the entry of extremists into the United States under the refugee program, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2330. A bill to allow the Attorney General additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2331. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements with respect to controversies arising under provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 319. A resolution designating November 29, 2015, as "Drive Safer Sunday"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 320. A resolution congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. Res. 321. A resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the founding of CARE; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SASSE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Con. Res. 25. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should submit the Paris climate change agreement to the Senate for its advice and consent; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 108

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 108, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve access for students to Federal grants and loans to help pay for postsecondary, graduate, and professional educational opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 927

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 927, a bill to provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 954

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 954, a bill to establish procedures regarding the approval of opioid drugs by the Food and Drug Administration.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1133, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1392

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1392, a bill to require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1431, a bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1455, a bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1719

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 1849

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1849, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits.

S. 1855

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1855, a bill to provide special foreign military sales status to the Philippines.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1893

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 1913

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish programs to prevent prescription drug abuse under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1926

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1926, a bill to ensure access to screening mammography services.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Oklahoma

[Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1944, a bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.

S. 2021

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2021, a bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2045, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.

S. 2055

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2055, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to national health security.

S. 2097

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2097, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for payment for Medicaid services furnished by Ryan White part C grantees under a cost-based prospective payment system.

S. 2099

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2099, a bill to provide for the establishment of a mechanism to allow borrowers of Federal student loans to refinance their loans, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2145, a bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2152, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 2185

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2185, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2200

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2200, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements.

S. 2240

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2240, a bill to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

S. 2284

At the request of Mr. DAINES, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2284, a bill to suspend the admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect the national security of the United States and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to extend the termination date for the authority to collect certain record and make permanent the authority for roving surveillance and to treat individual terrorist as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 310

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 310, a resolution condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "ISIS's Impacts on the Homeland and Refugee Resettlement."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Human Trafficking Investigation."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Democratic Transitions in Southeast Asia."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2262. An act to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 12:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1210. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1737. An act to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending.

At 12:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2036. An act to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes.

H.R. 208. An act to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration.

H.R. 639. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3996. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 2:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4038. An act to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 799. An act to address problems related to prenatal opioid use.

At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1210. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1737. An act to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 247

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 247) to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and for other purposes; that the bill be considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2302

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2302) to temporarily restrict the admission to the United States of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territory; that the bill be considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2577) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813, proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED), to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED), to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, a Career Member of the

Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Libya; Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Tajikistan; Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Sultanate of Oman; Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uganda; Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Swaziland; H. Dean Pittman, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mozambique; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of said nominations, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2577.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2844).

After debate,

Mr. PAUL objected.

Mr. PAUL asked unanimous consent that he pending amendment be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2843).

After debate,

Ms. COLLINS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2820); and that the amendment be modified.

Mr. PAUL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the motions to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2812 (in the nature of a substitute) and bill H.R. 2577 be withdrawn.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT, PART II

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3996) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2303

Mr. MCCAIN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on the Budget be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 2303) to exempt the Department of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration; that the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. REED objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 2 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, had appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Karlos R. LaSane II, of Nevada.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1550) to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mrs. ERNST) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 11, line 22, by striking "in accordance,"

and inserting "consistent" (being amendment No. 2873).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2328) to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Ms. CANTWELL), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "DRIVE SAFER SUNDAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 319) designating November 29, 2015, as "Drive Safer Sunday," submitted today by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. COONS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND A CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 599

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 599) to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the bill.

A motion to reconsider was made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF "NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURS' DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 314) expressing support for designation of the third Tuesday in November as "National Entrepreneurs' Day."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME, CONSIDERED READ THE SECOND TIME, AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4038) to exclude the Internal Revenue Service from the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to labor-management relations, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, bill H.R. 4038 be considered read the second time and placed on the calendar, as pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2329) to prevent the entry of extremists into the United States under the refugee program, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn, under the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 95, until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015; that, on Monday, November 30, 2015, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator

of the United States Agency for International Development, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 95, until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 19, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 19, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to request the return, from the President of the United States, of the papers on the nomination of Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors; and that the confirmation of said nomination, of Thursday, November 19, 2015, be vitiated.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2329) to prevent the entry of extremists into the United States under the refugee program, and for other purposes, introduced on Thursday, November 19, 2015 by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 19, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 23, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 599. An act to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed same on said date.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR PAY INCREASES FOR CIVILIAN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE GENERAL SCHEDULE AND CERTAIN OTHER PAY SYSTEMS IN JANUARY 2016—PM 33

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am transmitting an alternative plan for pay increases for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2016.

Title 5, United States Code, authorizes me to implement alternative pay plans for pay increases for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems if, because of "national emergency or serious economic conditions affecting the general welfare," I view the adjustments that would otherwise take effect as inappropriate.

Civilian Federal employees have already made significant sacrifices as a result of 3-year pay freeze that ended in January 2014. In January 2014 and again in January 2015, increases for civilian Federal employees were limited to a 1.0 percent overall pay increase, an amount lower than the private sector pay increases and statutory formula for adjustments to the base General Schedule for 2014 and 2015. However, as the country's economic recovery continues, we must maintain efforts to keep our Nation on a sustainable fiscal course. This is an effort that continues to require tough choices.

Under current law, locality pay increases averaging 28.74 percent and costing $26 billion would go into effect in January 2016. Federal agency budgets cannot sustain such increases. Accordingly, I have determined that under the authority of section 5304a of title 5, United States Code, locality-based comparability payments for the locality pay areas established by the President's Pay Agent, in the amounts set forth in the attached table, shall become effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2016. These rates are based on an allocation of 0.3 percent of payroll as indicated in my August 28, 2015, alternative pay plan for adjustments to the base General Schedule. These decisions will not materially affect our ability to attract and retain a well-qualified Federal workforce.

The adjustments described above shall take effect on the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *November 30, 2015.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1611. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-168).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1115. A bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts (Rept. No. 114-169).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2093. A bill to provide that the Secretary of Transportation shall have sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Board of

Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Rept. No. 114-170).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 2128. A bill to require the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to submit to Congress a report on Inspector General mandates (Rept. No. 114-171).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 2332. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 2333. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayer protection and assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 2334. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in the tracking and procurement of biological implants by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KAINE, Mr. REID, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. SASSE):

S. Res. 322. A resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the refusal of Rosa Louise Parks to give up her seat on a bus on December 1, 1955; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 466

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 542

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 542, a bill to enhance the homeland security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 574

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 574, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1714, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1796

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1796, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to allow States to certify infants for participation in that program for a period of 2 years, and for other purposes.

S. 1817

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1817, a bill to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and for other purposes.

S. 1818

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1818, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies.

S. 1820

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1820, a bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1865

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1865, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to eating disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1945, a bill to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to

authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2031

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2031, a bill to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and to express the sense of the Senate that the resulting revenue loss should be offset.

S. 2267

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2267, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless children and youths and foster care children and youth.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2295, a bill to extend the termination date for the authority to collect certain records and make permanent the authority for roving surveillance and to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

S. 2311

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2311, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression.

S. 2323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2323, a bill to clarify the definition of nonimmigrant for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3189. An act to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 19, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote, during which the following occurred:)

TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN EUGENICS COMPENSATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

As in legislative session,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1698) to exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, Federal public benefits.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFUSAL OF ROSA LOUISE PARKS TO GIVE UP HER SEAT ON A BUS

On the request of Mr. INHOFE,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 322) recognizing the 60th anniversary of the refusal of Rosa Louise Parks to give up her seat on a bus on December 1, 1955, submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KAINE, Mr. REID, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. SASSE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, upon disposition of the nomination of Gayle Smith.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 19, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:14 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, December 1, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 599. A bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1719. A bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2335. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2336. A bill to modernize laws, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. COATS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BENNET, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WARNER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2337. A bill to improve homeland security by enhancing the requirements for participation in the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 2338. A bill to award grants to States for the development of innovative long-term services and supports programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2339. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land, to prohibit the export of coal produced on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 323. A resolution supporting the designation of December 1, 2015, as "#GivingTuesday" and supporting strong incentives for all people of the United States to give generously; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Con. Res. 26. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions against Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 85

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes.

S. 247

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 247, a bill to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and for other purposes.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1495, a bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2283

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2283, a bill to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements.

S. 2308

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2308, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2323, a bill to clarify the definition of nonimmigrant for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code.

S. 2327

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2327, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Act of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 25

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 25, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should submit the Paris climate change agreement to the Senate for its advice and consent.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 322

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 322, a resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the refusal of Rosa Louise Parks to give up her seat on a bus on December 1, 1955.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COATS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 1, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 1, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 1, 2015, at 2:45 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "International Tax: OECD BEPS & EU State Aid."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on December 1, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 1, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Puerto Rico's Fiscal Problems: Examining the Source and Exploring the Solution."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 1, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 611. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1541. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs.

H.R. 1755. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans.

H.R. 2212. An act to take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2270. An act to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2288. An act to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3279. An act to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3490. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. TIBERI of Ohio, to rank before Mr. AMASH.

At 6:41 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 611. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1541. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1755. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2212. An act to take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2288. An act to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3279. An act to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3490. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the period for the transaction of morning business continue, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3762

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3762.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2874, in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That time during the consideration of the pending bill, on today, be for debate only.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 427) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on July 29, 2015, and

remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3762.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JOHNSON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 427) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That majority and minority managers of the pending bill, while seated or standing at the managers' desks, be permitted to deliver floor remarks, retrieve, review, and edit documents, send email and other data communications from text displayed on wireless personal digital assistant and tablet devices; and that said managers be permitted the use of calculators and other electric devices on the floor during consideration of the pending bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, and Ms. STABENOW) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 101, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2876).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2875).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, December 2, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 611. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with amendments:

S. 2139. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for the procurement of covered contracts.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 2340. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Mr. PETERS, Mr. LEAHY, Ms.

KLOBUCHAR, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2341. A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2342. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income Medicare part D beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another territory of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 2343. A bill to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test the effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2344. A bill to provide authority for access to certain business records collected under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 prior to November 29, 2015, to make the authority for roving surveillance, the authority to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 permanent, and to modify the certification requirements for access to telephone toll and transactional records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2345. A bill to establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives of the Internal Revenue Service based on performance or misconduct; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 2346. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 324. A resolution designating December 3, 2015, as "National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 325. A resolution permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 170

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 542

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 542, a bill to enhance the homeland security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 737

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 786

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 786, a bill to provide paid and family medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1832

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1832, a bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1928

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1928, a bill to support the education of Indian children.

S. 1935

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1935, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2051, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

S. 2163

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2163, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2178, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain provisions of the Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2008 relating to timber, and for other purposes.

S. 2203

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2203, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and to provide equitable treatment for residents of Puerto Rico with respect to the refundable portion of the child tax credit.

S. 2230

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2230, a bill to require the Secretary of State to submit a report to Congress on the designation of the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes.

S. 2232

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2232, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2235

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2235, a bill to repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015.

S. 2243

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2243, a bill to amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables.

S. 2311

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2311, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression.

S. 2337

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2337, a bill to improve homeland security by enhancing the requirements for participation in the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SESSIONS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room 328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Agriculture's Role in Combating Global Hunger."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2015, at 4 p.m., to conduct a classified briefing entitled "JCPOA Oversight: The IAEA's Report on the Possible Military Dimensions of the Iranian Nuclear Program."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2015, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA)—5 Years Later: How have the justice systems in Indian Country improved?"

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting Trade Secrets: the Impact of Trade Secret Theft on American Competitiveness and Potential Solutions to Remedy This Harm."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Administration's Criminal Alien Removal Policies."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolutions, without amendment:

S. 1170. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 23. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

S.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4127. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 611. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4127. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PHENYLKETONURIA AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 324) designating December 3, 2015, as "National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day," submitted today by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PERMITTING THE COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 325) permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings, submitted today by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3762; that the time until 1:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that time for debate, pursuant to section 310(e) of the Congressional Budget Act, on the pending bill be considered concluded at 1:30 p.m. on tomorrow.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. TILLIS and Mrs. ERNST.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:46 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2875, proposed by Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. GARDNER), to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the bill.

OBJECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. CARDIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs); that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; and that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. CRUZ objected.

Mr. CARDIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; and that, if said nomination

is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. CRUZ objected.

Mr. CARDIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of David Malcolm Robinson, of Connecticut, to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, and David Malcolm Robinson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations); that the Senate vote on the confirmations thereof, without intervening action or debate; and that, if said nominations are confirmed, motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. CRUZ objected.

Mr. CARDIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Sweden; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; and that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. CRUZ objected.

Mr. CARDIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Samuel D. Heins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Norway; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; and that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Mr. CRUZ objected.

Mr. CARDIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; and that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. CRUZ objected.

RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3762.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2875 to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to votes on passage of the pending bill, and in relation to amendments thereto; that the first votes on said amendments be in relation to pending amendments Numbered 2876, and 2875; and that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2875 to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2876, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. WARREN), to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 54, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 311 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That remaining votes relative to the pending bill be 10 minutes in duration; and that, upon disposition of amendment No. 2875, the following amendments be in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 2883), intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN; and

An amendment (Numbered 2885), intended to be proposed by Ms. COLLINS.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2875 to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 56, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 312 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. HIRONO) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2883).

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. BROWN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 313 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Carper, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following amendments be in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 2893), intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY; and

An amendment (Numbered 2882), intended to be proposed by Mr. HELLER.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. KIRK) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 101 (being amendment No. 2885).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 48, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 314 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2893).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That Mrs. MURRAY and Mr. REED be added as cosponsors of the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2893 to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. CASEY, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. CASEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 315 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RUBIO in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following amendment be in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 2892), intended to be proposed by Mrs. SHAHEEN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. HELLER to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 5, striking all beginning on line 24, through line 3 on page 6 (being amendment No. 2882).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. HELLER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 90, nays... 10

[Rollcall Vote No. 316 Leg.]

YEAS --- 90

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Casey, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Lee, Markey, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 10

Boxer, Carper, Coats, Corker, Durbin, Kaine, Manchin, McCaskill, Sasse, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following amendments be in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 2912), intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN; and

An amendment (Numbered 2910), intended to be proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. STABENOW) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2892).

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mrs. SHAHEEN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mrs. SHAHEEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 47, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 317 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2912).

After debate,

Mr. REID raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN, under section 904(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget Resolution, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 55, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 318 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. REID.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 2914), intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY; and

An amendment (Numbered 2908), intended to be proposed by Mr. MANCHIN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. BALDWIN) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 2910, in the nature of a substitute).

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 319 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the aforementioned amendments, the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 2907), intended to be proposed by Mr. BENNET; and

An amendment (Numbered 2899), intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2914).

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 53, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 320 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. DURBIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. KIRK) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2908).

After debate,

Mr. GRASSLEY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 48, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 321 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Lankford, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. GRASSLEY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. SANDERS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2907).

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. BENNET, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. BENNET,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 322 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 2913), intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN; and

An amendment (Numbered 2888), intended to be proposed by Mr. COATS.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. PAUL to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2899).

Pending debate,

Mr. LEAHY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. PAUL, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act, for consideration of the pending amendment.

Mr. PAUL requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

There was not a sufficient second.

Mr. LEAHY withdrew his point of order, taking with it the pending motion to waive in relation thereto.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2899 to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the pending amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2899 to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PAUL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 10, nays... 89

[Rollcall Vote No. 323 Leg.]

YEAS --- 10

Barrasso, Cruz, Enzi, Kirk, Lee, Moran, Paul, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

NAYS --- 89

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sanders, Sasse, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That Mr. MCCAIN be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2884).

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2884).

After debate,

Mr. MCCAIN withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2913).

After debate,

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2888).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 60, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 324 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 39

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 2915, intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL, Mr. MCCONNELL, or his designee, be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2916); that Mr. REID, or his designee, then be recognized to make points of order relative to the "Byrd rule" against said amendment; that Mr. MCCONNELL, or his designee, then be recognized to make a relevant motion to waive in relation thereto; and that the following be the only remaining amendments in order to be proposed to the pending bill:

An amendment (Numbered 2917), intended to be proposed by Mr. REID;

An amendment (Numbered 2919), intended to be proposed by Ms. BALDWIN; and

An amendment (Numbered 2918), intended to be proposed by Mr. MURPHY.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 22

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, following the disposition of bill H.R. 3762, the chair lay before the Senate the conference report on the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; that it be in order for the majority leader, or his designee, to present a motion to bring to a close debate on the conference report; that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to bring to a close debate; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; and that the Senate then vote on

the question of agreeing to the conference report.

RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3762.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2915, intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL, receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. PAUL to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2915).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. PAUL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 325 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to; the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. MCCONNELL) to further amend (perfect) the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2916).

After debate,

Mrs. MURRAY raised a point of order, viz, that section 105(b) of the pending (perfecting) amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(d) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget Resolution, for consideration of the pending (perfecting) amendment.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 52, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 326 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 47

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mrs. MURRAY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and section 105(b) of the pending (perfecting) amendment was stricken.

The question then being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 2916, as altered by the foregoing point of order, to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending (perfecting) amendment, as altered, in section 209, by striking subsection (c) (being amendment No. 2917).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 2916, as altered and amended, to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. BALDWIN to further amend the pending (perfecting) amendment, as altered, in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2919).

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Ms. BALDWIN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Ms. BALDWIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 327 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 2916, as altered and amended, to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order today,

On motion by Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to further amend the

pending (perfecting) amendment, as altered, in section 202, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2918).

After debate,

Mr. ENZI raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. MURPHY, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MURPHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 328 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kirk, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENZI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 2916, as altered and amended, to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The (perfecting) amendment, as altered and amended, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2874 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 52, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 329 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Capito, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Lankford, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 47

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 22

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the conference report receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Mr. FLAKE raised a point of order, viz, that paragraph 32205 of the pending conference report violates scope of conference provisions of rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE, under rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to waive the point of order against paragraph 32205 of the pending conference report, for consideration thereof.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 77, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 330 Leg.]

YEAS --- 77

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Donnelly, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Markey, McConnell, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Peters, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Sasse, Schatz, Scott, Shelby, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Udall, Vitter, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 22

Ayotte, Booker, Carper, Coons, Corker, Durbin, Flake, Gillibrand, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Perdue, Reed, Reid, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Toomey, Warner, Warren.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 83, nays... 16

[Rollcall Vote No. 331 Leg.]

YEAS --- 83

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Daines, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 16

Carper, Corker, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Flake, Lankford, Lee, Paul, Perdue, Risch, Rubio, Sasse, Scott, Shelby, Warren.

So the conference report was agreed to.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, December 3, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1170. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3641. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2014 Annual Report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3642. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, Solid Waste Disposal" (RIN1024-AE09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3643. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Recovery and State Grants, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrel From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AY83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3644. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in De Minimis Safe Harbor Limit for Taxpayers Without an Applicable Financial Statement" (Notice 2015-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3645. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Rules Regarding Inversions and Related Transactions" (Notice 2015-79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3646. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Publication of the Tier 2 Tax Rates" (Railroad Retirement Tax Act sections 3201(b), 3221(b), and 3211(b)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3647. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Guidance Regarding Certain Provisions of the Proposed Regulations Relating to Qualified ABLE Programs" (Notice 2015-81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3648. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0150 - 2015-0165); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3649. A communication from Director, Office of Government Relations, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" (RIN3045-AA61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3650. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-049); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3651. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-060); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3652. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3653. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Administration's fiscal year 2015 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3654. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Homeland Security Privacy Office 2015 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3655. A communication from the Acting Director, Pay and Leave, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Schedule Locality Pay Areas" (RIN3206-AM88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3656. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3657. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation's response; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3658. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Response and Report on Final Action for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3659. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3660. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3661. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3662. A communication from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3663. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3664. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3665. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "Servicemembers Legislative Package"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3666. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-092); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3667. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-106); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3668. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2461)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3669. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-4207)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3670. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-4205)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3671. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0498)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3672. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0649)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3673. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0454)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3674. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0593)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3675. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Missouri Towns: Chillicothe, MO; Cuba, MO; Farmington, MO; Lamar, MO; Mountain View, MO; Nevada, MO; and Poplar Bluff, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0842)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3676. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's eleventh annual report on ethanol market concentration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3677. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment to List of Field Offices: Expansion of San Ysidro, California Port of Entry to include the Cross Border Xpress User Fee facility" (CBP Dec. 15-17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-108. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the President of the United States and United States Congress and the United States Office of Management and Budget to support plans to upgrade the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and approve the United States Army Corps of Engineers' reprogramming request to fund an Economic Reevaluation Report for replacing the Davis and Sabin locks; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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Whereas, The Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, are of the utmost importance to Michigan and play a critical role in our nation's economy and security. Each year, approximately 10,000 Great Lakes vessels, carrying 80 million tons of iron ore,

coal, grain, and other cargo, safely and efficiently traverse the locks. Nearly 80 percent of domestic iron ore, the primary material used to manufacture steel, travels from mines in Minnesota and Michigan's Upper Peninsula through the Soo Locks; and

Whereas, Only one of the four Soo Locks is large enough to accommodate the modern vessels that commonly traverse the Great Lakes. Seventy percent of cargo is carried on these large ships that can only pass through the Poe Lock. The remainder of cargo goes through the smaller MacArthur Lock, with the smallest 100-year-old Davis and Sabin locks rarely used; and

Whereas, The reliance on one lock poses a serious risk to national security and the economies of the state of Michigan and the United States. A long-term outage of the Poe Lock due to lock failure or terrorist attack could cripple the economy and disrupt steel production in the United States. It is estimated that a 30-day outage would result in economic losses of $160 million; and

Whereas, Upgrades to the Soo Locks are needed to ensure national security and unfettered commerce through the Great Lakes. To this end, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has requested funding to conduct a study crucial to moving forward with the construction of a second, large lock. The Economic Reevaluation Report would examine the economic benefits and costs of replacing the Davis and Sabin locks with a lock similar in size to the current Poe Lock: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage the President and Congress of the United States and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to support plans to upgrade the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and approve the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' reprogramming request to fund an Economic Reevaluation Report for replacing the Davis and Sabin locks; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1704. A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Justice Act to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-172).

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2820. A bill to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2136. A bill to establish the Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2347. A bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEE, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2348. A bill to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 2349. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2350. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for full expensing of tangible property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 2351. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2352. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require mandatory reporting of incidents of child abuse or neglect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2353. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the incentives for biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 2354. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2355. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting certain positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. COTTON):

S. 2356. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to require an electronic communication service provider that generates call detail records pursuant to an order under that Act to notify the Attorney General if the provider intends to retain such records for a period less than 18 months; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2357. A bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2358. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities that are seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet wastewater and stormwater obligations under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2359. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; read the first time.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. HATCH, and Mrs. ERNST):

S.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its associated forces; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 326. A resolution celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Mr. TESTER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 327. A resolution condemning violence that targets healthcare for women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 328. A resolution supporting the December 3, 2015, National Day of Remembrance for victims of drunk and drugged driving and for victims of the consequences of underage drinking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 236

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication.

S. 290

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 290, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations.

S. 1127

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1127, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1315

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1315, a bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to restore long-standing United States policy that the Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling, and for other purposes.

S. 1698

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1698, a bill to exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, Federal public benefits.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to protect communities from destructive Federal overreach by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 2006

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2006, a bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents.

S. 2022

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2022, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER]

were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2170

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes.

S. 2275

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2275, a bill to provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2337

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2337, a bill to improve homeland security by enhancing the requirements for participation in the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2344, a bill to provide authority for access to certain business records collected under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 prior to November 29, 2015, to make the authority for roving surveillance, the authority to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 permanent, and to modify the certification requirements for access to telephone toll and transactional records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2015, at 9 a.m., to conduct a closed briefing entitled "The U.S. Role in the Middle East."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2015, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolutions:

S. 1170. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 23. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

S.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The enrolled bill and joint resolutions were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 10:34 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 644) to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes, agreed to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and on December 2, 2015, appoints Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 1:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL S. 1177

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending conference report; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report on bill S. 1177:

MITCH MCCONNELL, LAMAR ALEXANDER, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, DEB FISCHER, DAN SULLIVAN, LISA MURKOWSKI, ORRIN HATCH, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, PAT ROBERTS, CHUCK GRASSLEY, R. BURR, CORY GARDNER, JOHN HOEVEN, JOHN CORNYN, DAVID A. PERDUE, JOHNNY ISAKSON, DAN COATS.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2359) to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

NATIONAL BISON LEGACY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2032) to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Travis Randall McDonough, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee; that there be 30 minutes for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nomination, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 9:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 3, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 3, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 3, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 4, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. COMSTOCK) had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 22. An act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bill was signed on December 4, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2109. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-173).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) (by request):

S. 2360. A bill to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Ms. AYOTTE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2361. A bill to enhance airport security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2362. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide enhanced security measures for the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S.J. Res. 27. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 329. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding an agreement reached at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Paris in December 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 330. A resolution congratulating the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for winning the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 574

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 574, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. COTTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1152

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1152, a bill to make permanent the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.

S. 2002

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2002, a bill to strengthen our mental health system and improve public safety.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and to express the sense of the Senate that the resulting revenue loss should be offset.

S. 2185

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2185, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2292

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2292, a bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2311

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2311, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] were added as cosponsors of S. 2344, a bill to provide authority for access to certain business records collected under the Foreign

Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 prior to November 29, 2015, to make the authority for roving surveillance, the authority to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 permanent, and to modify the certification requirements for access to telephone toll and transactional records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 2357

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2357, a bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 25

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 25, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should submit the Paris climate change agreement to the Senate for its advice and consent.

SENATE RESOLUTION 113

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 113, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend the issuance of, and the United States Postal Service should issue, a commemorative stamp in honor of the holiday of Diwali.

SENATE RESOLUTION 189

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 189, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 199

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 199, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding establishing a National Strategic Agenda.

SENATE RESOLUTION 326

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 326, a resolution celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania.

SENATE RESOLUTION 327

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 327, a resolution condemning violence that targets healthcare for women.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8. An act to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 8. An act to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2359) to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia, introduced on Thursday, December 3, 2015 by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Travis Randall McDonough, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, on today, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Kenneth Damian Ward, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and Linda I. Etim, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, en bloc, without intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition thereof, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the conference report on bill S. 1177; and that, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the conference report.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORKER,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following resumption of legislative session upon conclusion of the vote on the nomination of Linda I. Etim.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 3, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:05 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, on today, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to bill S. 1177 is agreed to, the time during said recess count against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL S. 1177

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on Thursday, December 3, 2015, to bring to a close debate on the conference report on bill S. 1177.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 3, 2015,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 84, nays... 12

[Rollcall Vote No. 333 Leg.]

YEAS --- 84

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 12

Blunt, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Sasse, Scott, Shelby, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the pending conference report at 10:45 a.m. on tomorrow.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 551

Mr. MURPHY asked unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 551) to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists; that the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. CORNYN objected.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL S. 1177

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on bill S. 1177.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:48 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL S. 1177

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on bill S. 1177.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3678. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0035), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30,

2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3679. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Cotton and Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defining Bona Fide Cotton Spot Markets for the World Cotton Futures Contract" ((RIN0581-AD38)(Docket No. AMS-CN-14-0050)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3680. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Soybean Promotion and Research: Amend the Order to Adjust Representation on the United Soybean Board" (Docket No. AMS-LPS-15-0016), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3681. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Deceased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0034), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3682. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Revision of Exemption Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0046), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3683. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Relaxation of Handling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0031), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3684. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hardwood Lumber and Hardwood Plywood Promotion, Research, and Information Order: Termination of Rulemaking Proceeding" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0074), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3685. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal year 2011 Procurement, Marine Corps and Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps, funds, and was assigned Navy case number 14-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3686. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3687. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3688. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3689. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Accounting Requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program" (RIN2506-AC39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3690. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Burundi; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3691. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Export Administration Regulations to Add XBS Epoxy System to the List of 0Y521 Series; Technical Amendment to Update Other 0Y521 Items." (RIN0694-AG70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3692. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wassenaar Arrangement 2014 Plenary Agreements Implementation and Country Policy Amendments; Correction" (RIN0694-AG44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3693. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Walnuts Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0026), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3694. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Refinements to Policies and Procedures for Market-Based Rates for Wholesale Sales of Electric Energy, Capacity and Ancillary Services by Public Utilities" ((RIN1902-AE85)(Docket No. RM14-14)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3695. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyber Security Event Notifications" (Regulatory Guide 5.83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3696. A communication from the Admiral, Naval Reactors, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports relative to the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program's reports on environmental monitoring and radioactive waste disposal, radiation exposure, and occupational safety and health; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3697. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Contract Year 2016 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs" (RIN0938-AS20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3698. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food; Clarification of Compliance Date for Certain Food Establishments" ((RIN0910-AG36)(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0920)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3699. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Artificially Sweetened Fruit Jelly and Artificially Sweetened Fruit Preserves and Jams; Revocation of Standards of Identity" (Docket No. FDA-1997-P-0007, formerly Docket No. 1997P-0142), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3700. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Safety and Health Research and Related Activities: Removal of Regulations Regarding Administrative Functions, Practices, and Procedures" (RIN0920-AA55), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3701. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Family Education Loan Program, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AD18), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3702. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program Integrity and Improvement" (RIN1840-AD14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3703. A communication from the Special Counsel, United States Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Special Counsel's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3704. A communication from the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Performance and Accountability Report for the year ended September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3705. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3706. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3707. A communication from the Chairwoman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3708. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action Resulting from Audit Reports, Inspection Reports, and Evaluation Reports for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3709. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3710. A communication from the President, African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3711. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3712. A communication from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3713. A communication from the Acting Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance, Quality, and Management, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Administration's Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act Inventory for fiscal years 2012 and 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3714. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3715. A joint communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3716. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2015 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3717. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Operating Officer of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit of the Garden for the period from January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3718. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Updating References" (RIN2900-AP03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3719. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Access to Non-VA Care through the Veterans Choice Program" (RIN2900-AP60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3720. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3721. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA FAR Supplement: Safety and Health Measures and Mishap Reporting" (RIN2700-AE16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3722. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2014; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2013; Procedures for Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees" ((FCC 14-88)(MD Docket No. 14-92; MD Docket No. 13-140; MD Docket No. 12-201)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3723. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus" ((FCC 15-156)(MB Docket No. 12-108)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3724. A communication from the Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibiting Coercion of Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers" (RIN2126-AB57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3725. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Nonconforming Vehicles Decided to be Eligible for Importation" (Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0087), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3726. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electronic Stability Control Systems for Heavy Vehicles" (RIN2127-AK97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3727. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments." ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0783)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3728. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Simferopol (UKFV) and Dnipropetrovsk (UKDV) Flight Information Regions" ((RIN2120-AK78)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0225)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3729. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Docket No. 31048)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3730. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Placida, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-2890)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3731. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Van Nuys, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1138)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3732. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Burbank, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1140)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3733. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3969)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3734. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3620)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3735. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Type Certificate Previously Held by Schweizer Aircraft Corporation) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-1008)), received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3736. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-4345)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3737. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GA 8 Airvan (Pty) Ltd Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-1123)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3738. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3877)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3739. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0128)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3740. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0574)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3741. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-0244)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3742. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-4211)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3743. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-1425)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3744. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fiberglas-Technik Rudolf Lindner GmbH and Co. KG Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3300)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3745. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2015-3224)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3746. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Division Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-0787)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3747. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2015-1658)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-109. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to enact legislation for the purpose of enhancing hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and other outdoor recreational opportunities, as well as strengthen conservation efforts nationwide; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

Whereas, To this day, conservation is funded primarily by sportsmen and women. This American System of Conservation Funding is a user pays-public benefits approach that includes excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and boating equipment. This strategy is widely recognized as the most successful model of fish and wildlife management funding in the world; and

Whereas, Through the pursuit of their outdoor passions, sportsmen and women support hundreds of thousands of jobs and contribute billions to our economy annually through salaries, wages, and product purchases; and

Whereas, The United States Congress has worked on several pieces of legislation over the years to boost a number of key conservation priorities that are supported by millions in the outdoor recreational community; and

Whereas, Currently pending legislation in both the U.S. House and Senate would create or renew several important programs that are vital to the continued conservation of our natural resources, the health of America's local economies, and the enhancement and protection of our time-honored outdoor pastimes. Known as the Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act (H.R. 2406) and the Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act (S. 405), these bills contain a broad array of bipartisan measures, including the Recreational Fishing and Hunting Opportunities Act; the Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act; the Target Practice and Marksmanship & Training Support Act; and the Recreational Lands Self-Defense Act; and

Whereas, A complementary piece of pro-sportsmen legislation also exists in the U.S. House, called the Sportsmen's Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Enhancement (SCORE) Act (H.R. 3173). It shares several similar titles with the SHARE Act and Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act. Provisions in the SCORE Act include: the National Fish

Habitat Initiative Sense of Congress, the Federal Lands Transaction Facilitation Act reauthorization, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act reauthorization, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation reauthorization, the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act reauthorization, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Act reauthorization, and the Making Public Lands Public authorization; and

Whereas, By renewing or creating these programs, these bills will enhance opportunities for hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts, improve access to public lands, and help boost the outdoor recreation economy. Conserving our fish and wildlife resources and their habitats and ensuring that future generations have access to public lands and continued recreational opportunities are of great importance and are bipartisan issues: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Congress to enact legislation for the purpose of enhancing hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and other outdoor recreational opportunities, as well as strengthen conservation efforts nationwide; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-110. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support the National Breast Cancer Coalition's goal of knowing how to end breast cancer by 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 144

Whereas, Michigan Breast Cancer Coalition and breast cancer prevention advocates across the country are joining their collective voices in the call for an end to breast cancer. State level advocates in conjunction with the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) are undertaking the challenge referred to as Breast Cancer Deadline 2020; and

Whereas, Breast Cancer Deadline 2020, created by the NBCC has set the goal and developed a strategic plan to know how to end breast cancer by January 1, 2020. NBCC developed a blueprint that involves research, access and influence. This includes leveraging financial resources, ensuring individuals at risk have access to information and medical care; and harnessing the influence of leaders in government and industry; and

Whereas, Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in women in the United States. Michigan counties have some of the highest incidences of breast cancer in the country. This disease affects women of all ages, claimin 'yes of thousands each year; and

Whereas, The advancement of the NBCC strategic plan for eradicating this disease is imperative. This plan focuses on prevention, including how to prevent the often fatal metastasis of cancer once it is detected. All elements of the NBCC strate ic plan are necessary to find an end to this disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the President and the Congress of the United States to support the National Breast Cancer Coalition's goal of knowing how to end breast cancer by 2020; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-111. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan encouraging the United States Forest Service to issue the owners of privately-held hunting camps on leased acres within the Ottawa National Forest special use authorization under the Recreation Residence Program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 79

Whereas, Starting in the late 1950s, Michigan residents were offered an opportunity to lease privately-owned land from the Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) to build recreational hunting camps. In 1991, the UPPCO announced intentions to sell the land currently under lease to an intermediary who would simultaneously sell the land to the United States Forest Service (USFS). Existing leaseholders were offered an option to sign a 25-year, nonrenewable lease on the land that was to be sold or to immediately vacate the property. The leases were signed in March of 1992 and the United States Forest Service (USFS) took control of the land in June 1992. The land currently under private lease accounts for less than 1,100 acres in the Ottawa National Forest; and

Whereas, Hundreds of people have experienced the wonders of Michigan's great outdoors at these hunting camps. The Ottawa National Forest is almost one million acres of rolling hills, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. Those who lease land in the forest have built outdoor recreational traditions with their families. The hunting camps allow them to experience the seclusion and isolated environment of the Ottawa National Forest while engaging in varied recreational activities, including hunting, fishing, canoeing, and snowshoeing; and

Whereas, The USFS has informed leaseholders that leases will not be renewed at the end of 2016 because it is national policy not to lease national forest land to individuals. The holders of the active leases will have 90 days after the leases expire to remove the hunting cabins and return the land to its natural state; and

Whereas, The expiration of the leases will hurt local economies in Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties. It will result in over $35,000 in lost lease fee revenue to the townships and almost $10,000 in tax revenue to the counties. Even a greater loss will be realized by local businesses, including gas stations, grocery stores, hardware stores, and restaurants that benefit from the patronage of the camp families; and

Whereas, The expiration of the leases will eliminate refuge for people from the occasionally harsh and unexpected shifts in weather conditions. The Ottawa National Forest covers a large area in the western Upper Peninsula. Camp owners often leave their cabins or outbuildings unlocked to the relief of individuals stranded in the woods who have sought shelter. A Boy Scout troop once sheltered at the Twin Pines camp after being caught in a storm, and a group of snowmobilers is known to regularly rest at one of the camps; and

Whereas, The USFS Recreation Residence Program provides private citizens an opportunity to own single-family cabins in designated areas of national forests. Currently, 15,570 recreation residences occupy national forest system lands throughout the country; and

Whereas, Although the National Forest Service placed a moratorium on the establishment of new tracts under the Recreation Residence program in 1968, the authority to issue special use authorization under the Recreation Residence program remains in federal regulations (36 CFR Part 251). Therefore, lifting that moratorium for the limited purpose of establishing a Recreation Residence tract in the Ottawa National Forest and issuing special use authorization permits is possible and would allow the many families currently leasing in the Ottawa National Forest an opportunity that is provided to thousands of people elsewhere in the country; and

Whereas, Converting to the Recreation Residence Program would maintain a tax base for local governments, provide continuing support for the local economy, and and ensure that hunting and recreational traditions held so dear by Michigan residents continue to be experienced in the Ottawa National Forest: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage the United States Forest Service to issue the owners of privately-held camps on leased acres within the Ottawa National Forest special use authorization under the Recreation Residence Program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief of the United States Forest Service and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-112. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the United States Senate to concur with the United States House of Representatives and repeal the country-of-origin labeling regulations; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Whereas, The United States and Canada have the largest trading relationship in the world, with bilateral trade valued at $759 billion in 2014, an association that benefits the economies of both countries. Michigan's merchandise exports to Canada in 2014 were valued at $25.4 billion, and 259,000 Michigan jobs depend on trade and investment with Canada; and

Whereas, The U.S. has implemented mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL) rules requiring meats sold at retail stores to be labeled with information on the source of the meat. The World Trade Organization (WTO) has repeatedly ruled that COOL discriminates against imported livestock and is not compliant with international trade obligations. Due to the WTO rulings, the U.S. may be subject to $3.6 billion in retaliatory tariffs sought by Canada and Mexico; and

Whereas, COOL regulations also jeopardize the viability of the U.S. packing and feeding industries. The additional $500 million in annual compliance costs could lead to significant job losses and plant closures with potentially devastating impacts to local and state economies. All this for an issue the United States Department of Agriculture has clearly indicated is not about food safety; and

Whereas, The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 2393 to repeal the mandatory labeling for certain meats in June 2015 with 300 votes, showing a strong recognition across party lines, as well as regionally, that COOL must be repealed. However, the U.S. Senate appears less inclined to repeal the COOL requirement, risking the American economy to billions of dollars in retaliatory tariffs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Senate to concur with the United States House of Representatives and repeal the country-of-origin labeling regulations; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-113. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support legislation which will provide a comprehensive solution to allow banks and credit unions to perform financial services for cannabis businesses without federal retribution; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, Cannabis use for medical purposes is legal in 23 states and is legal for recreational purpose in four states and in the District of Columbia. The expansion of cannabis businesses across the United States requires action from Congress and the federal government; and

Whereas, While many states have laws permitting various degrees of commercial activity using cannabis, it remains illegal under federal law. The conflict between federal and state laws has left financial institutions serving cannabis-related businesses on uncertain legal ground. Banks and credit unions are concerned that providing financial services for businesses selling a product that is illegal under federal law exposes them to possible charges of money laundering and drug trafficking; and

Whereas, Federal laws, including the Controlled Substances Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, and the Annunzio-Wylie Anti-Money Laundering Act, prohibit financial institutions from providing financial services to cannabis and hemp businesses. Directives from federal regulatory agencies such as the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency also prohibit bankers from accepting deposits from cannabis or hemp businesses; and

Whereas, In February 2014, the United States Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, or FinCEN, in coordination with the United States Department of Justice, also issued a memo outlining expectations for compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act. Despite this progress, remaining uncertainties under current federal as still prevent banks and credit unions from accepting cannabis-based businesses as customers; and

Whereas, The medical, retail, and hemp agricultural businesses are unable to accept credit or debit cards from customers because electronic payments are handled through the banking system. Therefore, transactions must be conducted in cash. Further, these businesses cannot deposit cash from sales into financial institutions. This is a major problem in California as many businesses now have hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash at their locations, which poses a public safety risk to businesses, employees, and customers; and

Whereas, The lack of financial services makes paying taxes to local governments and the California State Board of Equalization a challenge because tax payments must be made in cash by cannabis-related businesses, leading to hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash being brought directly into government offices. It is difficult for the State Board of Equalization to audit cash-based businesses, especially when records of wholesale transactions are not available; and

Whereas, Cannabis businesses cannot easily comply with California tax laws, which has led to a significant underpayment of revenue owed the state. In response, the State Board of Equalization launched the Cannabis Compliance Pilot Project in January 2015 to help determine both the degree of noncompliance with state tax law and the amount of lost tax revenue. However, state efforts alone cannot solve the problem: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature respectfully urges the President and Congress to support legislation which will provide a comprehensive solution to allow banks and credit unions to perform financial services for cannabis businesses without federal retribution. The current system that requires cash-based transactions poses a risk to public safety and leads to reduced collection of taxes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Minority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-114. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the United States Congress to permanently reauthorize and fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

Whereas, The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was created by Congress in 1965 as a bipartisan commitment for protection of natural areas, water resources, cultural heritage, and outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the country; and

Whereas, Over the 50 years since the LWCF was created, billions of dollars in funding have been provided to protect valuable land and water resources, including, but not limited to, parks, forests, rivers, lakes, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities. These investments have resulted in the permanent protection of nearly five million acres of public lands and working landscapes; and

Whereas, Despite being chronically underfunded, the LWCF has had several positive conservation and recreation impacts throughout the country, has protected lands in each state, and has supported over 41,000 state and local park projects; and

Whereas, Since its inception, the LWCF has delivered over $2 billion to California, and has provided hundreds of millions of dollars more for projects through its matching fund program; and

Whereas, The LWCF has helped conserve some of California's most treasured and iconic natural resources in each region of the state, including, but not limited to, Lake Tahoe, the Mojave Desert, Point Reyes National Seashore, the Headwaters Forest Reserve, the San Diego and Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuges, working forests in the Sierra Nevada, and Central Valley wetlands; and

Whereas, The LWCF has provided funding for outdoor recreational and park programs benefitting underserved youth and others in urban and rural communities throughout the state, and has established a critical federal partnership with state and local parks and communities; and,

Whereas, Forest Legacy Program grants are also funded through the LWCF to protect working forests, which support jobs and sustainable forest operations and enhance wildlife habitat, water quality, and recreation. The Forest Legacy Program grants have provided $12 million in federal funds, which along with matching funds have provided a total of $62 million in investments in California forests; and

Whereas, The LWCF is critical to the quality of life in California. The LWCF protects watersheds and drinking water supplies; provides sustainable jobs in urban and rural communities; protects the economic asset that federal, state, and local public lands represent; conserves natural areas, wildlife habitats, and open space from urban parks to large landscapes; improves access for sportsmen, sportswomen, and recreationists to natural lands; stimulates local economies and jobs that support tourism and outdoor recreation sectors; preserves wetlands, forests, and watersheds; and provides state and local grants to support healthy communities; and

Whereas, According to the Outdoor Industry Association, active outdoor recreation supports $85.4 billion of consumer spending and 723,000 jobs in California, which annually generates $27 billion in wages and salaries and $6.7 billion in state and local tax revenue; and

Whereas, The United States Census Bureau reports that each year 7.4 million people engage in outdoor recreation in California, which contributes over $8 billion of wildlife-related recreation spending to the state economy; and

Whereas, Despite the LWCF's successes, many more lands and resources remain vulnerable and in critical need of investment, and many urban and rural populations remain underserved; and

Whereas, The LWCF will expire if not reauthorized by Congress before September 30, 2015: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges Congress to permanently reauthorize and fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-115. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to restore Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding to $300 million for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

Whereas, The Great Lakes are a critical resource for our nation, supporting the economy and a way of life in Michigan and the other seven states within the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes hold 20 percent of the world's surface freshwater and 95 percent of the United States' surface freshwater. This globally significant freshwater resource provides drinking water for more than 30 million people and is an economic driver that supports jobs, commerce, agriculture, transportation, and tourism throughout the region; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) provides essential funding to restore and protect the Great Lakes. This funding has supported long overdue efforts to clean up toxic pollution, reduce runoff from cities and farms, combat invasive species like the Asian carp, and restore fish and wildlife habitat. Since 2010, the federal government has invested nearly $2 billion in more than 2,000 projects through the GLRI. Over its first five years, the GLRI has provided more than $280 million for 580 projects in Michigan alone; and

Whereas, GLRI projects are making a significant difference. They have restored more than 115,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat; opened up fish access to more than 3,400 miles of rivers; helped implement conservation programs on more than 1 million acres of farmland; and accelerated the cleanup of toxic hotspots. In Michigan, GLRI funding has been instrumental in removing contaminated sediments from Muskegon Lake, the River Raisin, and the St. Mary's River; restoring habitat along the St. Clair River, Cass River, Boardman River, and the Keweenaw Peninsula; and developing improved methods for sea lamprey control; and

Whereas, While this is a significant investment, there is still more work to be done with numerous ready-to-go projects that need funding. Toxic algal blooms, beach closings, fish consumption advisories, and the presence of contaminated sediments continue to limit the recreational and commercial use of the Great Lakes. The 2014 shutdown of the city of Toledo's drinking water system due to a toxic algal bloom, forcing more than a half million people to find another source of drinking water, is just one example of how much still needs to be done; and

Whereas, Proposed cuts to GLRI funding would jeopardize the momentum from a decade of unprecedented regional and bipartisan cooperation. The FY 2016 executive budget recommends a $50 million cut in federal funding to $250 million. This cut would be a shortsighted, cost-saving measure with long-term implications. Restoration efforts will only become more expensive and more difficult if they are not addressed in the coming years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Congress of the United States to restore Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding to $300 million for fiscal year 2016; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-116. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President of the United States to encourage the Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt policies to repeal the current and upcoming discriminatory donor suitability policies of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding blood donations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, Since 1983, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), an agency under the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has prohibited the donation of blood by any man who has had sex with another man (MSM) at any time since 1977; and

Whereas, in December 2014, based on recommendation from the HHS Advisory Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability, the FDA announced its intent to promulgate regulations to allow an MSM to donate blood only if he has not been sexually active for the past 12 months. Despite these recent steps toward a policy change, a double standard would still exist under the policy as it is proposed to be revised because it would still treat gay and bisexual men differently from heterosexual men; and

Whereas, California law prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender identity. and gender-related appearance and behavior, and

Whereas, Spain, Italy, Russia, Mexico, and Portugal have adopted blood donor policies that measure risk against a set of behaviors sexual and otherwise, rather than the sex of a person's sexual partner or partners; and

Whereas, The FDA does not allow gay and bisexual men in committed relationships to donate blood because, while one partner may be monogamous, that individual cannot guarantee that the other partner is monogamous. The FDA does not apply this same logic to heterosexual relationships, which in effect discriminates against gay and bisexual men; and

Whereas, a 12-month deferral policy for gay and bisexual men to donate blood is overly stringent given the scientific evidence, advanced testing methods, and the safety and quality control measures in place within the different FDA-qualified blood donating centers. The techniques can identify within 7 to 10 days with 99.9 percent accuracy whether or not a blood sample is HIV-positive, and the chance of the blood test being inaccurate within the 10-day window is about 1 in 2,000,000; and

Whereas, The General Social Survey conducted by NORC by NORC at the University of Chicago estimates that 8.5 percent of men in the United States have had at least one male sexual partner since 18 years of age, 4.1 percent of men report at least one male sex partner in the last 5 years, and 3.8 percent report a male sex partner in the last 12 months; and

Whereas, An estimated 45.4 percent of men (54 million) in the United States are eligible to donate blood, but only 8.7 percent of eligible men actually do. There are 15.7 million donations of blood per year made by 9.2 million donors, yielding approximately 1.7 donations per donor; and

Whereas, The Williams Institute of the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law estimates that, based on the population of eligible and likely donors among the MSM community, lifting the federal lifetime deferral policy on blood donation by an MSM would result in 4.2 million newly eligible male donors, of which 360,600 would likely donate, generating 615,300 additional pints of blood. Applying national estimates to the California population, the Institute further estimates that lifting the ban on MSM blood donations would add an additional 510,000 eligible men to the current blood donor pool, of which 43,917 would likely donate, resulting in an additional 74,945 donated pints in California: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the California State Legislature calls upon the President of the United States to encourage the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to adopt policies to repeal the current and upcoming discriminatory donor suitability policies of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding blood donations by men who have had sex with another man and, instead, direct the FDA to develop science-based policies such as criteria based on risky behavior in lieu of sexual orientation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-117. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to enact legislation that requires uniform and science-based food labeling nationwide; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

Whereas, In the absence of a federal genetically modified organism (GMO) labeling standard, some states and localities have developed a patchwork of labeling proposals that can be confusing and misleading to consumers. Multiple local regulations increase agriculture and food production costs, requiring food companies operating in Michigan to create separate supply chains to be developed for each state; and

Whereas, GMOs are found in 70 to 80 percent of the foods we eat and play a vital role in maintaining Michigan's agriculture, food processing, and other industries. In 2014, 100 percent of all sugar beets, 93 percent of all corn, and 91 percent of all soybeans grown in Michigan were genetically modified; and

Whereas, A maze of regulations would cripple interstate commerce throughout the food supply and distribution chain and ultimately increase grocery prices for consumers by hundreds of dollars each year. A Cornell University study found that a patchwork of state labeling laws would increase food costs for a family by an average of $500 per year; and

Whereas, On July 23, 2015, the U.S. House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation—the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act (H.R. 1599)—to avoid this patchwork of regulations and the costly challenges it creates; and

Whereas, Senate passage of the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act will allow consumers to have access to accurate and consistent information on products that contain CMOs by ensuring that labeling is national, uniform, and science-based. The bill also establishes a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-administered certification and labeling program, modeled after the USDA National Organic Program for non-GMO, organic foods: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Congress to enact legislation that requires uniform and science-based food labeling nationwide; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-118. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take steps to reform the outdated and inadequate Official Poverty Measure to better reflect poverty and the unmet needs demonstrated by the Supplemental Poverty Measure; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas, The Official Poverty Measure is determined by the United States Census Bureau and is instrumental in determining an individual's eligibility for a number of government programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Medicaid; School Lunch Program; Women, Infants, and Children Program; Housing Assistance; and others; and

Whereas, The method we use today was developed in 1964 by Mollie Orshansky of the Social Security Administration; and

Whereas, Orshansky's method used before-tax cash income to deterimine a family's resources, which was then compared to a poverty threshold; and

Whereas, In determining this poverty threshold, Orshansky used a food plan developed by the federal Department of Agriculture that was designed for "temporary or emergency use when funds are low," and then multiplied the cost of the plan by three because, at the time, a family typically used about a third of their income on food; and

Whereas, Other than minor changes, the method has remained the same over time, despite significant economic and governmental changes, including the introduction of Medicare and Medicaid, the shift from a manufacturing to a service economy, welfare reform of the 1990s, and the general stagnation of wages; and

Whereas, The Official Poverty Measure is a one-size-fits-all policy that leads to a distorted perception of poverty and an inefficient allocation of resources to fight poverty; and

Whereas, The Official Poverty Measure has failed to accurately measure poverty because it has not kept up with the changes to our economy and social science research; and

Whereas, The Official Poverty Measure does not take into account that families no longer spend one-third of their income on food; they currently spend between 5 to 10 percent; and

Whereas, The Official Poverty Measure does not account for noncash transfers, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Medicaid, as income; and

Whereas, The Official Poverty Measure does not account for variations in cost of living in different regions of our country; and

Whereas, Low-income working families in California are especially disadvantaged by the Official Poverty Measure due to our state's high cost of living, which results in the denial of federally funded assistance to families living above the federal poverty line, but who are unable to meet their basic needs; and

Whereas, The Official Poverty Measure does not account for the increase in child care expenses due to the rise in the workforce participation of both parents; and

Whereas, The Official Poverty Measure does not account for variations in health care coverage and out-of-pocket medical costs; and

Whereas, Historically, there has been widespread agreement among analysts, advocates, and policymakers that the Official Poverty Measure is inadequate, leading to a 1990 Congressional appropriation that was made for an independent scientific study on a new calculation method; and

Whereas, This study was performed by The National Academy of Sciences, which established the Panel on Poverty and Family Assistance. The panel released a report in 1995 entitled "Measuring Poverty: A New Approach" which established guidelines for creating a new method; and

Whereas, Fifteen years later, in 2010, the Interagency Technical Working Group on Developing a Supplemental Poverty Measure and the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor developed an alternative poverty measure known as the Supplemental Poverty Measure; and

Whereas, The Supplemental Poverty Measure was designed to take into account changes in the United States economy over time, cost-of-living variations in different parts of the country, and the changing role of government; and

Whereas, The Supplemental Poverty Measure more accurately measures poverty by using a basic set of goods that includes food, clothing, shelter, and utilities, adjusted to reflect the needs of different family types and to account for geographic differences in living costs to establish what is known as a poverty threshold; and

Whereas, The Supplemental Poverty Measure defines family resources as the value of cash income from all sources, plus the value of noncash benefits, including nutrition assistance, subsidized housing, home energy assistance, tax credits, and other benefits that are available to buy the basic bundle of goods, minus the necessary expenses for critical goods and services not included in the thresholds; and

Whereas, Necessary expenses include income taxes, Social Security payroll taxes, childcare and other work-related expenses, child support payments, and contributions toward the cost of medical care and health insurance premiums or out-of-pocket medical costs; and

Whereas, The Supplemental Poverty Measure offers a more accurate measure of poverty than the general Official Poverty Measure; and

Whereas, The use of the Official Poverty Measure can have a detrimental effect on policies to combat poverty because it results in less efficient and less accurately targeted policies and expenditures; and

Whereas, It is vital that we implement a fair poverty measure that allows us to efficiently allocate resources and focus on regions and populations that need help the most; and

Whereas, Given the numerous inadequacies of the Official Poverty Measure as a tool to accurately target and efficiently allocate antipoverty resources, the Supplemental Poverty Measure should guide the reform and updating of the Official Poverty Measure for administrative purposes in determining financial eligibility for programs intended to reduce poverty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California jointly, That the Legislature of California urges the President and the Congress of the United States to take steps to reform the outdated and inadequate Official Poverty Measure to better reflect poverty and the unmet needs demonstrated by the Supplemental Poverty Measure; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies' of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor of California, and to the author of this resolution.

POM-119. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California memorializing August 6, 2015, as the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to continue to secure citizens' right to vote and remedy any racial discrimination in voting; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas, Signed into law on August 6, 1965, by President Lyndon B. Johnson, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a landmark piece of federal legislation in the United States; and

Whereas, One hundred and forty-five years ago, in 1870, Congress ratified the 15th Amendment, which declared that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on the basis of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; and

Whereas, By 1910, violence and intimidation resulted in nearly all black citizens being disenfranchised and removed from the voter rolls in the former Confederate States, undermining the promise of equal protection under the law; and

Whereas, Native American, Latino, and Asian American/Pacific Islander communities experienced similar attempts to disenfranchise citizens in their communities throughout the United States; and

Whereas, Between 1870 and 1965, voters faced, "first-generation barriers," such as poll taxes, literacy tests, vouchers of "good character," disqualification for "crimes of moral turpitude", and other tactics intended to keep African Americans from the polls on Election Day; and

Whereas, During the 1920s, African Americans in Selma, Alabama formed the Dallas County Voters League (DCVL). During the 1960s in partnership with organizers from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the DCVL held registration drives and classes to help African Americans in Dallas County pass the literacy tests required to register to vote. On March

7th, 1965, the first march from Selma to Montgomery took place. The march, nicknamed "Bloody Sunday" for the horrific attack on unarmed marchers by armed police, was broadcast nationwide and led to a national outcry for the passage of the Voting Rights Act, and

Whereas, Often regarded as one of the most effective civil rights laws, the Voting Rights Act was passed with the intent to ban discriminatory voting policies at all levels of government; and

Whereas, The Voting Rights Act is credited for the enfranchisement of millions of minority voters as well as the diversification of the electorate and legislative bodies throughout all levels of government; and

Whereas, Before Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act was added in 1975, language minorities were disenfranchised from the electoral process. Section 203 required certain jurisdictions to provide registration or voting notices, forms, instructions, assistance, or other materials and information regarding the electoral process in the language of the applicable minority group; and

Whereas, In June of 2013, the Supreme Court struck down key sections of the Voting Rights Act that were designed to prevent discriminatory voting policies that can disenfranchise minority voters; and

Whereas, Despite 50 years of progress, racial minorities continue to face voting barriers in jurisdictions with a history of discrimination; and

Whereas, To build a stronger and more cohesive state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of voter equality and equal access to the political process for all people in order to protect the rights of every American and

Whereas, We must continue to educate the next generation about the importance of civic engagement in our communities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature recognizes August 6, 2015, as the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and recognizes the significant progress made by the Voting Rights Act to protect every citizen's right to vote; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature honors and remembers those who struggled and died for this freedom; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the Congress and the President of the United States to continue to secure citizens' right to vote and remedy any racial discrimination in voting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit, copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority leader of the United States Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-120. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California memorializing the United States Congress to ban the sale or display of any Confederate flag, including the Confederate Battle Flag, on federal property and encourage states to ban the use of Confederate States of America symbolism from state flags, seals, and symbols, and would encourage the donation of Confederate artifacts to museums; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Whereas, According to the 1860 United States Census, the United States population was 31,443,321. The total number of slaves in the Lower South was 2,312,352, comprising 47 percent of the total population, and the total number of slaves in the Upper South was 1,208,758, comprising 29 percent of the total population; and

Whereas, South Carolina had a clear Black majority from about 1708 through most of the 18th century. By 1720, there were approximately 18,000 people living in South Carolina and 65 percent of those were African American slaves. South Carolina's slave population grew to match the success of its rice culture. Whereas in 1790, there were slightly more Whites than Blacks, with 140,178 Whites and 108,806 Blacks living in South Carolina. By 1860, the Black population had grown, with 291,300 Whites and 412,320 Blacks, to nearly double the White population; and

Whereas, The Southern United States, including the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas, West Virginia, Virginia, and South Carolina, seceded, from the greater union in 1860 to join the Confederate States of America under President Jefferson Davis and General Robert E. Lee; and

Whereas, The symbolism of the Confederate flag when the states seceded in 1860 represented, in its personification, secession and treason; and

Whereas, The first official national flag of the Confederacy, often called the Stars and Bars, was flown from March 4, 1861, to May 1, 1863, inclusive. The Stars and Bars flag was adopted March 4, 1861, in the first temporary national capital of Montgomery, Alabama, and was raised over the dome of that first Confederate Capitol; and

Whereas, At the First Battle of Manassas, the first battle of the Civil War, the similarity between the Stars and Bars and the Stars and Stripes caused confusion and military problems. Regiments carried flags to help commanders observe and assess battles in the warfare of the era. At a distance, the two national flags were hard to tell apart. In addition, Confederate regiments carried many other flags, which added to the possibility of confusion; and

Whereas, After the battle, General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard, a prominent general of the Confederate States Army during the Civil War, wrote that he was resolved then to have the Confederate flag changed if possible, or to adopt for his command a "battle flag," the Stars and Bars, that would be entirely different from any state or federal flag. His aide William Porcher Miles, the former chair of the Committee on the Flag and Seal, described his rejected national flag design to Beauregard. Miles also told the Committee on the Flag and Seal about the general's complaints and request for the national flag to be changed. The committee rejected this idea by a four to one vote, after which Beauregard proposed the idea of having two flags. He described the idea in a letter to his commander General Joseph E. Johnston: "How would it do for us to address the War Dept. on the subject for a supply of Regimental or badge flags made of red with two blue bars crossing each other diagonally on which shall be introduced the stars, ... We would then on the field of battle know our friends from our enemies"; and

Whereas, Although the soldiers of the Confederacy were never tried by the United States government after the Civil War, Jefferson Davis and General Robert E. Lee were indicted and later acquitted of all charges by President Andrew Johnson as he left office in 1869; and

Whereas, After the Civil War ended, groups such as the Ku Klux Klan were formed to promote White supremacy and racial hatred. The Ku Klux Klan, perhaps the most infamous, was one of the first groups to continue using the Confederate flag after the war. The Ku Klux Klan rallied others still vexed after the war to instill fear and spout hate against freed African Americans; and

Whereas, The flag was later resurrected in the 1950s to rally resistance to the Civil Rights movement and support the South's desire to maintain segregation and further the policies of Jim Crow; and

Whereas, In South Carolina the Confederate flag was moved to the top of their State Capitol building in 1962, after President John F. Kennedy called on the Congress of the United States to end poll taxes and literacy tests for voting, and the United States Supreme Court struck down segregation in public transportation; and

Whereas, According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, there are 788 "hate groups" in the United States. Of these, 57 are located in the State of California, which is the highest of any state. There are a total of 283 of these hate groups in the former Confederate states. Nineteen of these hate groups reside in South Carolina. Of these 19

hate groups, 16 use the Confederate flag as one of their symbols. These hate groups include the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis, and Neo-Confederates; and

Whereas, African Americans make up 15.6 percent of the population of the United States, or 45 million people, but in 2013, they were victims of one-third of all hate crimes in the United States, which is the highest number of any group in America; and

Whereas, On June 17, 2015, Dylann Roof went to Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and opened fire during a Wednesday Bible study, killing nine of the church's attendees; and

Whereas, Over the last five years, friends of Dylann Roof had seen him become increasingly aligned with White supremacist ideologies. They observed his behavior becoming more fanatical than that of the most notorious hate groups in his native South Carolina. Dylann Roof believed that it was up to him to do the work that other hate groups were failing to do. Dylann Roof believed that African Americans were "stupid and violent" people and viewed Hispanics and Latinos as the "enemy"; and

Whereas, Dylann Roof has been photographed on various occasions with the same Confederate flag that many of these hate groups proudly display; and

Whereas, Sixty-nine percent of those surveyed by Public Policy Polling believe that the shooting attack at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, was a hate crime and 34 percent surveyed believe it was a form of terrorism; and

Whereas, Since the end of the Civil War, private and official use of the Confederacy's flags, and of flags with derivative designs, has continued and generated philosophical, political, cultural, and racial controversy in the United States. These include flags displayed in states, cities, towns, counties, schools, colleges, or universities, or by private organizations, associations, or by individuals; and

Whereas, In some American states the Confederate flag is given the same protection from burning and desecration as the United States flag. It is protected from being publicly mutilated, defiled, or otherwise cast in contempt by the laws of five states: Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina. However, laws banning the desecration of any flag, even if technically remaining in effect, were ruled unconstitutional in 1989 by the United States Supreme Court in Texas v. Johnson and are not enforceable; and

Whereas, In 2000, South Carolina passed a bill to remove the Confederate flag from the top of the state house dome. It had been placed there since the early 1960s by an all-White South Carolina Legislature to mark the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. The flaw was moved to the north end of the state house as part of a compromise. However, to this day, there have been protests to have the flag removed from there as well; and

Whereas, To many groups, especially African Americans, the Confederate flag is a symbol of hate, racism, exclusion, oppression, and violence. Its symbolism and history are directly linked to the enslavement, torture, and murder of millions of African Americans; and

Whereas, Today, as in the past, public display of the Confederate flag is believed to instill fear, intimidation, and a direct threat of violence towards others, though a minute number of groups disagree, claiming that the Confederate flag commemorates Southern heritage; and

Whereas, In 2014, the State of California, through the enactment of Assembly Bill 2444, became the first state to ban the state sale and display of the Confederate flag. The State of California may not sell or display the Battle Flag of the Confederacy, also referred to as the Stars and Bars, or any similar image, or tangible personal property inscribed with that image unless the image appears in a book, digital medium, or state museum that serves an educational or historical purpose; and

Whereas, On June 22, 2015, Governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina called upon her state to remove the Confederate flag from the capitol grounds in the wake of the Emanuel AME Church shooting: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of California encourages the United States Congress to identify the states that have a Confederate symbol embedded into their state's flag; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature memorializes the United States Congress to encourage states to ban the use of the former Confederate States of America symbolism and seals from all state flags, seals, and symbols; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature memorializes the United States Congress to ban the sale and display of any Confederate flag, including the Confederate Battle Flag, on federally owned properties and buildings and to urge those states that sell or display the flag at their capitols to have the flag removed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages the United States Congress to encourage businesses to urge their states to take down any Confederate flag, including the Confederate Battle Flag, from their capitols; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages the donation of any effects representing the former Confederate States of America to local, state, and national museums; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Minority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California, and to the governors of the southern states including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

POM-121. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan opposing the United States Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to study or commission a study that, if consistent with the agency's past practices, many fear will serve as the first step towards the regulation of grills and barbecues; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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Whereas, Barbecues are an American tradition enjoyed by families from all walks of life across the country. Whether tailgating for a football game, hosting a backyard get-together, or just grilling a summer meal, barbecues are a quintessentially American experience and an opportunity to eat and socialize with family and friends; and

Whereas, Cooking outdoors on a grill during the summer saves electricity. Using a grill prevents the release of heat into the kitchen and other living spaces, while cooking indoors heats up a kitchen, forcing cooling systems, such as the refrigerator and air conditioner, to work harder and use more energy; and

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), our nation's environmental regulatory agency, has funded a University of California-Riverside student project to develop preventative technology to reduce emissions from residential barbecues. By funding this project, the EPA is apparently intent on finding a solution to a problem that does not exist and demonstrating an unnecessary interest and concern over the impact of backyard barbecues on public health; and

Whereas, Based on the EPA's past practices, today's study, no matter how small, is a concern to Michiganders and Americans, as it is inevitably the first step towards tomorrow's regulation of this American pastime. To fulfill its mission to protect human health and the environment, the EPA's primary tool has been, and continues to be, regulatory mandates that time and again ignore the financial, economic, and social burdens to the state and the country. The regulation of barbecues would be the latest, egregious example of overreach by the EPA; and

Whereas, Funding such a study is a poor use of taxpayer dollars. In the face of record national debts, annual budget deficits, and other profound problems the country is facing, surely the federal government can better use our resources than on a study of grills and backyard barbecues: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we oppose the United States Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to study or commission a study that, if consistent with the agency's past practices, many fear will serve as the first step towards the regulation of grills and barbecues; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-122. A resolution passed by the City Council of San Jose, California, urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 2140, the "Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2015", to hold individuals who commit egregious human rights violations accountable by imposing financial and travel sanctions upon those citizens of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and their family members, who are complicit in human rights abuse committed in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-123. A resolution passed by the City Council of Sebastopol, California urging passage of meaningful, common sense gun control measures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1616. A bill to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards (Rept. No. 114-174).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2044. A bill to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-175).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Report to accompany S. 2152, A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-176).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 2368. An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the efficiency of the Medicare appeals process, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-177).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2363. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the Governor of a State to reject the resettlement of a refugee in that State unless there is adequate assurance that the alien does not present a security risk and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2364. A bill to permit occupational therapists to conduct the initial assessment visit under a Medicare home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2365. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect American jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 2366. A bill to promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 2367. A bill to provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2368. An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the efficiency of the Medicare appeals process, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 2369. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an Office for Community Partnerships; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2370. A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying or amending the standards and regulations governing the substantiation of charitable contributions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 2371. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of locum tenens physicians as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages in underserved areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2372. A bill to require reporting of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2373. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2374. A bill to amend the Defense Base Act to require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism occurring on or after September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2375. A bill to decrease the deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 331. A resolution designating December 12, 2015, as "Wreaths Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 71

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER]

were added as cosponsors of S. 71, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 150

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1152

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1152, a bill to make permanent the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 2102

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2102, a bill to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority.

S. 2200

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2200, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements.

S. 2263

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2263, a bill to encourage effective, voluntary private sector investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to private sector employers recognizing such investments, and for other purposes.

S. 2292

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2292, a bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2312

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2312, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments for durable medical equipment under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 2323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2323, a bill to clarify the definition of nonimmigrant for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2344, a bill to provide authority for access to certain business records collected under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 prior to November 29, 2015, to make the authority for roving surveillance, the authority to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 permanent, and to modify the certification requirements for access to telephone toll and transactional records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 2353

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2353, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the incentives for biodiesel.

S. 2354

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2354, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave, and for other purposes.

S. 2357

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2357, a bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

S. 2362

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2362, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide enhanced security measures for the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 320

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 320, a resolution congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 8, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 8, 2015, at 3 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Data or Dogma? Promoting Open Inquiry in the Debate over the Magnitude of Human Impact on Earth's Climate."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 8, 2015, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 8, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Millennium Challenge Corporation: Lessons Learned after a Decade and Outlook for the Future."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Opioid Abuse in America: Facing the Epidemic and Examining Solutions."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 8, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 8, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Ensuring Competition Remains on Tap: The AB InBev/SABMiller merger and the State of Competition in the Beer Industry."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:26 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 614. An act to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1321. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the manufacture and introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of rinse-off cosmetics containing intentionally-added plastic microbeads.

RENAMING THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER IN GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1719) to rename the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Great Falls, Montana, the Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THREATS TO FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND EXPRESSION AROUND THE WORLD AND REAFFIRMING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AS A PRIORITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 207) recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CASEY) to amend the preamble by striking the fifth whereas clause, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2921).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY"

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 331) designating December 12, 2015, as "Wreaths Across America Day", submitted today by Ms.

COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 114-4, received from the President on today.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the conference report on bill S. 1177; and that the time until 10:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. SASSE and Ms. WARREN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:26 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL S. 1177

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR PERIOD OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report on bill S. 1177, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 6 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL S. 1177

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on bill S. 1177.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

After debate,

The hour of 10:45 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 85, nays... 12

[Rollcall Vote No. 334 Leg.]

YEAS --- 85

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cassidy, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Ernst, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 12

Blunt, Crapo, Daines, Flake, Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Sasse, Scott, Shelby, Vitter.

So the conference report was agreed to.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 6 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, December 9, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 614. A bill to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes.

S. 1177. An original bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves.

S. 1461. A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3748. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polyester Polyol Polymers; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9936-91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3749. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9937-02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3750. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Etoxazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9934-60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3751. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polyamide ester polymers; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9939-28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3752. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Inspection of Fish of the Order Siluriformes and Products Derived From Such Fish" (RIN0583-AD36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3753. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to previously closed positions and units across all Services and U.S. Special Operations Command; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3754. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Stanley E. Clarke III, Air National Guard of the United States, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3755. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2014 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3756. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities Joint Agency Final Rule" (RIN2590-AA45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3757. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities Joint Agency Interim Final Rule" (RIN2590-AA45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3758. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability Minority and Women Outreach Program Contracting" (RIN3064-AE35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3759. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program; Unlimited Deposit Insurance Coverage for Noninterest-Bearing Transaction Accounts" (RIN3064-AE34), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3760. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing Requirements and Processing Procedures for Changes in Control with Respect to State Nonmember Banks and State Savings Associations" (RIN3064-AE24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3761. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Transferred OTS Regulations Regarding Safety and Soundness Guidelines and Compliance Procedures; Rules on Safety and Soundness" (RIN3064-AE28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3762. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Transferred OTS Regulations Regarding Fair Credit Reporting and Amendments; Amendment to the 'Creditor' Definition in Identity Theft Red Flags Rule; Removal of FDIC Regulations Regarding Fair Credit Reporting Transferred to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau" (RIN3064-AE29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3763. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stress Testing of Regulated Entities" (RIN2590-AA74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3764. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3765. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Consumer Credit Card Market"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3766. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations and Standards Branch, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf--Decommissioning Costs" (RIN1014-AA24), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3767. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Natural Gas Act Pipeline Maps" ((RIN1902-AE89)(Docket No. RM14-21-000)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23,

2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3768. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; SC; Redesignation of the Charlotte-Rock Hill, 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9939-66-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3769. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wisconsin; Disapproval of Infrastructure SIP with respect to oxides of nitrogen as a precursor to ozone provisions for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9939-77-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3770. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2014, 2015, and 2016 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2017" ((RIN2060-AS22)(FRL No. 9939-72-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3771. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Wisconsin State Board Requirements" (FRL No. 9939-78-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3772. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Minnesota; Transportation Conformity Procedures" (FRL No. 9939-80-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3773. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aureobasidium pullalans strains DSM 14940 and DSM 14941; Exemption the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9936-50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3774. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Saflufenacil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9936-71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3775. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "PM10 Plans and Redesignation Request; Truckee Meadows, Nevada; Deletion of TSP Area Designation" (FRL No. 9939-48-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3776. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NESHAP for Brick and Structural Clay Products Manufacturing; and NESHAP for Clay Ceramics Manufacturing: Correction" ((RIN2060-AP69)(FRL No. 9939-35-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3777. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Facilities Risk and Technology Review" ((RIN2060-AQ99)(FRL No. 9936-64-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3778. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revision to the Definition of Volatile Organic Compound" (FRL No. 9939-38-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3779. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; ME; Repeal of the Maine's General Conformity Provision" (FRL No. 9939-24-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3780. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9939-20)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3781. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, Feather River Air Quality Management District and Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9936-67-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3782. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9937-29-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3783. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9936-83-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3784. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque-Bernalillo County; Infrastructure and Interstate Transport State Implementation Plan for the 2008 Lead

National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9939-47-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3785. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Transit System Improvements" (FRL No. 9936-08-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3786. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; ND; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9932-60-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3787. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Manhattan, Kansas, Local Protection Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3788. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Computation of Annual Liability Insurance (Including Self-Insurance) Settlement Recovery Threshold"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3789. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2016 Section 1274A CPI Adjustments" (Rev. Rul. 2015-24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3790. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Mechanized Claims Processing and Information Retrieval Systems" (RIN0938-AS53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3791. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - December 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3792. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safe Harbor Method of Accounting for Retail Establishments and Restaurants" (Rev. Proc. 2015-56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3793. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revoking the designation of a group designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (OSS-2013-1913); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3794. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1858); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3795. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1859); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3796. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1860); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3797. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1895); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3798. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Progress Report to Congress on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3799. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Health Service Corps Report to the Congress for the Year 2014"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3800. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals" ((RIN0910-AG64)(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0143)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3801. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption" ((RIN0910-AG35)(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0921)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3802. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accreditation of Third-Party Certification Bodies To Conduct Food Safety Audits and To Issue Certifications" ((RIN0910-AG66)-(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0146)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3803. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretive Bulletin Relating to the Fiduciary Standard Under ERISA in Considering Economically Targeted Investments" (RIN1210-AB73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3804. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretive Bulletin

Relating to State Savings Programs That Sponsor or Facilitate Plans Covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974" (RIN1210-AB74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3805. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-204, "Early Learning Quality Improvement Network Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3806. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-205, "Extension of Time to Dispose of the Strand Theater Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3807. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-206, "Grocery Store Restrictive Covenant Prohibition Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3808. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-207, "Emergency Medical Services Contract Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3809. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-208, "Truancy Referral Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3810. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-209, "Wage Theft Prevention Correction and Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3811. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-210, "Ward 5 Paint Spray Booth Conditional Moratorium Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3812. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-211, "N Street Village, Inc. Tax and TOPA Exemption Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3813. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-213, "Extension of Time to Dispose of Property Located at Sixth and E Streets, S.W., Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3814. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-203, "ABLE Program Trust Establishment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3815. A communication from the Acting Director, Pay and Leave, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Harrisburg, PA and Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, PA Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AN18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3816. A communication from the Acting Director, Pay and Leave, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Resources Management Reporting Requirements" (RIN3206-AM69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3817. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3818. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corps' Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3819. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3820. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3821. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Management's Response for the period from April 1, 2015, through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3822. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3823. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3824. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3825. A communication from the Acting Director, Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program Eligibility Changes" (RIN3206-AN05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3826. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3827. A communication from the Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3828. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3829. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3830. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2015, including the Office of Inspector General's Auditor's Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3831. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3832. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections" ((RIN9000-AM56)(FAC 2005-85)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3833. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Updating Federal Contractor Reporting of Veterans' Employment" ((RIN9000-AN14)(FAC 2005-85)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3834. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Further Amendments to Equal Employment Opportunity" ((RIN9000-AN01)(FAC 2005-85)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3835. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Prohibition on Contracting with Corporations with Delinquent Taxes or a Felony Conviction" ((RIN9000-AN05)(FAC 2005-85)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3836. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-85; Introduction" (FAC 2005-85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3837. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendment" (FAC 2005-85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3838. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-85; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3839. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors" ((RIN9000-AM82)(FAC 2005-85)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3840. A communication from the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Performance and Accountability Report for the year ended September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3841. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Retention Periods" ((RIN9000-AN12)(FAC 2005-85)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3842. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-212, "Gas Station Advisory Board Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3843. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Report to Congress on Outcome Evaluations of Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Projects"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3844. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3845. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Correction" (RIN0648-XE223), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3846. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reapportionment of the 2015 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Limits for the Trawl Deep-Water and Shallow-Water Fishery Categories; Correction" (RIN0648-XE180), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3847. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Media Bureau Finalizes Reimbursement Form for Submission to OMB and Adopts Catalog of Expenses" (GN Docket No. 12-268, DA 15-1238), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3848. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts - III"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 571. A bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 2376. A bill to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2377. A bill to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and protect and secure the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2378. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2379. A bill to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2380. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by the Bureau of Land Management; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2381. A bill to provide assistance and support to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2382. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. Res. 332. A resolution commemorating the 140th anniversary of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 215

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1865

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1865, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to eating disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1913

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish programs to prevent prescription drug abuse under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1926

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1926, a bill to ensure access to screening mammography services.

S. 2002

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2002, a bill to strengthen our mental health system and improve public safety.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2109

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2109, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2127

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2127, a bill to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, and for other purposes.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2178, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain provisions of the Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2008 relating to timber, and for other purposes.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2215

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2215, a bill to prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees of the Internal Revenue Service who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability.

S. 2312

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2312, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments for durable medical equipment under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 2351

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2351, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage.

S. 2353

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2353, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the incentives for biodiesel.

S. 2357

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2357, a bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

S. 2367

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2367, a bill to provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas.

S. 2372

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2372, a bill to require reporting of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "United Nations Peacekeeping and Opportunities for Reform."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening the Visa Waiver Program After the Paris Attacks."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Political and Security Crisis in Burundi."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2015, in room SDG-50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Sudden Price Spikes in Off-Patent Drugs: Perspectives from the Front Lines."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:56 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole,

one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1461. An act to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 158. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide enhanced security measures for the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2693. An act to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum".

H.R. 3766. An act to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3842. An act to improve homeland security, including domestic preparedness and response to terrorism, by reforming Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to provide training to first responders, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3859. An act to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

At 12:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 614. An act to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 1:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1177. An act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves.

S. 1461. An act to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2693. An act to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3842. An act to improve homeland security, including domestic preparedness and response to terrorism, by reforming Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to provide training to first responders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3859. An act to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3766. An act to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on today.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1774

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1774) to amend title 11 of the United States Code to treat Puerto Rico as a State for purposes of chapter 9 of such title relating to the adjustment of debts of municipalities; that the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, without intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. HATCH objected.

OBJECTIONS TO PROCEEDING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes; that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order in relation thereto; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. SHELBY objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the nomination of Adewale Adeyemo, to be Assistant Secretary for International Markets and Development; that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order in relation thereto; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. SHELBY objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the nomination of Patricia Loui-Schmicker, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order in relation thereto; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. SHELBY objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the nomination of Amias Moore Gerety, to be an Assistant Treasury for Financial Institutions; that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order in relation thereto; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. SHELBY objected.

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and

Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the nomination of Therese W. McMillan, to be Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration; that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order in relation thereto; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. SHELBY objected.

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the nomination of Jay Neal Lerner, to be Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof, without intervening action or debate; that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order in relation thereto; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. SHELBY objected.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 1 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2:01 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

STEM CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RESEARCH REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2820) to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 317) commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the American Visionary Art Museum.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no further intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order relative to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. PETERS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 5:54 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-124. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alabama applying to the United States Congress, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal government officials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 112

Whereas, the Founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of Alabama, both houses thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of Alabama hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials. This is an application for a Convention of States. By definition, a Convention of States requires the equality of all state parties necessitating a rule of one state, one vote. Congress has no authority to adopt any rule to the contrary; and be it further

Resolved, This application is adopted with the understanding that the Legislature will, by law or rule, create rules for its appointment of delegates to any Convention of States, including rules that govern the duty of commissioners or delegates to strictly adhere to the limited subject matter of the convention contained in the state's application; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States Congress from this state; and to also transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the Legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

POM-125. A communication from a citizen of the State of Illinois memorializing the State of Illinois's petition to the United States Congress calling for a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Special Report entitled "Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, One Hundred Thirteenth Congress" (Rept. No. 114-178).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 189. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble:

S. Res. 320. A resolution congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 326. A resolution celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 2383. A bill to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Utah from all forms of public appropriation, to provide for the shared management of the withdrawn land by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force to facilitate enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, enhance public safety, and provide for continued public access to the withdrawn land, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2384. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for the consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for the deployment, construction, maintenance, or operation of a customer-side technology; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2385. A bill to strengthen protections for the remaining populations of wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching efforts and anti-trafficking strategies, to promote the value of wildlife and natural resources, to curtail the demand for illegal wildlife products in consumer countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2386. A bill to authorize the establishment of the Stonewall National Historic Site in the Sate of New York as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2387. A bill to restore protections for Social Security, Railroad retirement, and Black Lung benefits from administrative offset; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 2388. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that

are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2389. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the rural add-on payment in the Medicare home health benefit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2390. A bill to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2391. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend certain energy tax provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2392. A bill to enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2393. A bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2394. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the H-1B visa program, to repeal the diversity visa lottery program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2395. A bill to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 2396. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the "Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2397. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2398. A bill to provide benefits and services to workers who have lost their jobs or have experienced a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2399. A bill to provide for emissions reductions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S.J. Res. 28. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 333. A resolution to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (S. Ct.); considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 469

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 706

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 706, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1455, a bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which

States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1697, a bill to provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual health insurance market, and for other purposes.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2186

At the request of Mr. COATS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2186, a bill to provide the legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education, and for other purposes.

S. 2193

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2336

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2336, a bill to modernize laws, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes.

S. 2337

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2337, a bill to improve homeland security by enhancing the requirements for participation in the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2348, a bill to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, and for other purposes.

S. 2351

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2351, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage.

S. 2363

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the Governor of a State to reject the resettlement of a refugee in that State unless there is adequate assurance that the alien does not present a security risk and for other purposes.

S. 2373

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

S. 2377

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2377, a bill to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and protect and secure the United States, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Independent South Sudan: A Failure of Leadership."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Implementing Solutions: The Importance of Following Through on GAO and OIG Recommendations."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2130. An act to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2130. An act to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in

Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2250) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was withdrawn.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2922, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. MCCONNELL, so as to read: "Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016".

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 3:06 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 4:30 p.m.

AT 4:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the nomination of Alissa Starzak; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of the nominations, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

CHILD NICOTINE POISONING PREVENTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 142) to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2924, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE), so as to read: "A bill to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes".

COMPREHENSIVE JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 993) to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) to amend the pending bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words, and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2926).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

INDIAN TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT AMENDMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 209) to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BARRASSO) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2714, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CHURCH PENSION PLAN CLARIFICATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "PHYLLIS E. GALANTI ARBORETUM"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2693) to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

FORECLOSURE RELIEF AND EXTENSION FOR SERVICEMEMBERS ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2393) to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DIRECTING THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE IN THE NAME OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 333) to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (S. Ct.), submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:32 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 10, 2015,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 10, 2015,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 10, 2015,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 11, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2250. An act entitled Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016.

H.R. 2693. An act to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bills were signed on December 11, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Under the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 11, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 808. An act to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

Under the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 11, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 644) to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes.

Under the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 11, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the

House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 2250) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, and agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3849. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0032), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3850. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0036), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3851. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3852. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General John F. Kelly, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3853. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the redevelopment potential of military properties and facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3854. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account" and a semiannual listing of personal property contributed by coalition partners; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3855. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account" and a semiannual listing of personal property contributed by coalition partners; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3856. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations to Include Continuation of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 12938" (RIN0694-AG78), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3857. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3858. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports entitled "Progress of the Federal Government in Meeting the Renewable Energy Goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005" for fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and fiscal years 2011 and 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3859. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for High-Intensity Discharge Lamps" ((RIN1904-AD36)(Docket No. EERE-2010-BT-STD-0047)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3860. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3861. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3862. A communication from the Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3863. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3864. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3865. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Foundation's fiscal year 2015 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3866. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3867. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; American Lobster Fishery" (RIN0648-BF16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3868. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Process for Divestiture of Excess Quota Shares in the Individual Fishing Quota Fishery" (RIN0648-BF11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3869. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Pelagic Fisheries; 2015 Territorial Longline Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits for Guam" (RIN0648-XD998), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3870. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions Number 37 and Number 39" (RIN0648-XE259), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3871. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole for Vessels Participating in the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE312), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3872. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Delaware River; New Castle, DE" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-1032)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3873. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Witt-Penn Bridge Construction, Hackensack River; Jersey City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-1008)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3874. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Titan SPAR, Mississippi Canyon 941, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0320)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3875. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Turritella FPSO, Walker Ridge 551, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0318)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3876. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Unknown substance in the vicinity of Kelley's Island Shoal, Lake Erie; Kelley's Island, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0994)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3877. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Rich Passage, Manchester, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0943)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3878. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Shell Arctic Drilling/Exploration Vessels, Puget Sound, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0295)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3879. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Grounded Vessel, Atlantic Ocean, Port St. Lucie, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0992)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3880. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pago Pago Harbor, American Samoa" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0906)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3881. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Mississippi River between mile 467.0 and 472.0; Transylvania, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0893)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3882. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Mississippi River between mile 488.0 and 480.5; Lake Providence, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0894)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3883. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 520 Bridge Construction, Lake Washington; Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0570)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3884. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Oak Island, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0809)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3885. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; West Larose Vertical Lift Bridge; Houma, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0886)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3886. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Labor Day Long Neck Style Fireworks, Indian River Bay; Long Neck, DE" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0823)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3887. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Mad Dog Truss Spar, Green Canyon 782, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0512)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3888. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 520 Bridge Construction, Lake Washington; Seattle WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0570)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3889. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Intermedix IRONMAN 70.3 Event, Savannah River; August, GA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0604)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3890. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Kaskaskia River MM 28 to 29; New Athens, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0777)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3891. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Snake Creek, Islamorada, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0046)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3892. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Celebration Fireworks; Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0833)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3893. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Delaware River; Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0732)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3894. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Dredging Rouge River, Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0835)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3895. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Mavericks Surf Competition, Half Moon, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0949)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3896. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation for Battle of Hampton; Hampton River, Hampton, VA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0820)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3897. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Temporary Change for Recurring Marine Event in the Fifth Coast Guard District" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0400)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3898. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone: Escorted Vessels, Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA, Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA87)-(Docket No. USCG-2015-0880)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3899. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Herbert C. Bonner Bridge, Oregon Inlet, NC" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0987)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3900. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Rancocas Creek, Centerton, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2015-0423)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3901. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Eagle Foothills Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3902. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; U. S. Navy Training and Testing Activities in the Northwest Training and Testing Study Area" (RIN0648-BD89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3903. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ballast Water Management Reporting and Recordkeeping" ((RIN1625-AB68)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0924)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1250. A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-179).

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2400. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the financing for the Hazardous Substance Superfund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 334. A resolution congratulating the Pennsylvania State University women's soccer team for winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Soccer Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1446

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1767, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, and for other purposes.

S. 2033

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2033, a bill to provide that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes.

S. 2185

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2185, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2200

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2200, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements.

S. 2282

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2282, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory, and for other purposes.

S. 2297

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2297, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive.

S. 2312

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2312, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments for durable medical equipment under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2312, supra.

S. 2337

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2337, a bill to improve homeland security by enhancing the requirements for participation in the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2338

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2338, a bill to award grants to States for the development of innovative long-term services and supports programs.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2344, a bill to provide authority for access to certain business records collected under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 prior to November 29, 2015, to make the authority for roving surveillance, the authority to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 permanent, and to modify the certification requirements for access to telephone toll and transactional records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 2361

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2361, a bill to enhance airport security, and for other purposes.

S. 2393

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2393, a bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2795. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a study on the circumstances which may impact the effectiveness and availability of first responders before, during, or after a terrorist threat or event.

H.R. 3578. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen and make improvements to the Directorate of Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3831. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage.

H.R. 3869. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to assist State and local coordination on cybersecurity with the national cybersecurity and communications integration center, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3875. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Department of Homeland Security a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4188. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2795. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a study on the circumstances which may impact the effectiveness and availability of first responders before, during, or after a terrorist threat or event; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3578. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen and make improvements to the Directorate of Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3869. To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to assist State and local coordination on cybersecurity with the national cybersecurity and communications integration center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3875. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Department of Homeland Security a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 10, 2015, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 10, 2015,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CONSUMER REVIEW FREEDOM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2044) to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. WYDEN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2927, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILLY FRANK JR. TELL YOUR STORY ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2270) to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2015 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 334) congratulating the Pennsylvania State University women's soccer team for winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Soccer Championship, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

UNITED STATES – CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, and in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, had appointed and reappointed the following individuals to the United States – China Economic Security Review Commission: Byron Dorgan, of North Dakota, and Carte P. Goodwin, of West Virginia.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, December 15, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 808. A bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3904. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Naphthalene Acetates; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9937-22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3905. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Choline Chloride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9936-50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3906. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus amyloliquefaciens MBI600 (antecedent Bacillus subtilis MBI600); Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9939-54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3907. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxystrobin; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9939-52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3908. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highly Fractionated Indian Land (HFIL) Loan Program" (RIN0560-AI32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3909. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0058), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3910. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition Assistance Program (TAP) for Military Personnel" (RIN0790-AJ17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3911. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Defining 'Chronically Homeless'" (RIN2506-AC37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3912. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3913. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3914. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Name Change from the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) to the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM)" (FRL No. 9936-38-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3915. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Interstate Transport of Ozone" (FRL No. 9940-05-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3916. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; El Paso Particulate Matter Contingency Measures" (FRL No. 9940-03-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3917. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Maryland's Negative Declaration for the Automobile and Light-Duty Truck Assembly Coatings Control Techniques Guidelines" (FRL No. 9939-99-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3918. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3919. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation relative to major medical facility construction projects and major medical facility leases for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3920. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ultimate Heat Sink for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3921. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-117); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3922. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification; Mica-Based Pearlescent Pigments; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2015-C-1154), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3923. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3924. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 and the Semi-Annual Report of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3925. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3926. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality based comparability payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3927. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Security Professional Development Interagency Personnel Rotations 2nd Fiscal Year End Report on Performance Measures"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 998. A bill to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-180).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1169. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-181).

S. 1318. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2401. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2402. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to search all public records to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BURR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2403. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2404. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations regarding the collection and use of personal information obtained by tracking the online activity of an individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2405. A bill to require the disclosure of information concerning the manufacture of methamphetamine upon transfer or lease of covered housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 335. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 336. A resolution honoring the Portland Timbers as the champions of Major League Soccer in 2015; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 122

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to improve the coordination and use of geospatial data.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1041

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1041, a bill to eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production.

S. 1152

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1152, a bill to make permanent the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1697

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual health insurance market, and for other purposes.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims.

S. 1830

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2044, a bill to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes.

S. 2109

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms.

AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2109, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2159, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions.

S. 2226

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2226, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and to establish a pilot program to provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women.

S. 2312

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2312, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments for durable medical equipment under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 2321

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2321, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers.

S. 2325

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2325, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes.

S. 2361

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2361, a bill to enhance airport security, and for other purposes.

S. 2377

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2377, a bill to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and protect and secure the United States, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 326

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 326, a resolution celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 15, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 15, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Afghanistan Intelligence Assessment."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 15, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 15, 2015, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 808. An act to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 4:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2302, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Mr. ISRAEL of New York and Mr. DEUTCH of Florida.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:19 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PORTMAN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 579

Mr. GRASSLEY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 579) to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by Mr. JOHNSON, be proposed and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID objected.

PILOT'S BILL OF RIGHTS 2

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 571) to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purpose.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. INHOFE for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. REED) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2928).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation of the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Wilhelmina Marie Wright, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, and Leonard Terry Strand, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each nomination; and that, upon the conclusion of debate on each nomination, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation thereof, with no intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, all judicial nominations received by the Senate during the 114th Congress, First Session, remain in status quo.

HONORING THE PORTLAND TIMBERS AS THE CHAMPIONS OF MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 336) honoring the Portland Timbers as the champions of Major League Soccer in 2015, submitted today by Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 6 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 11:01 a.m., Rear Admiral Brent W. Scott, Deputy Chief of Chaplains for the United States Navy and Chaplain of the Marine Corps in Washington, D.C., offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 329. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-182).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 556. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-183).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 782. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park (Rept. No. 114-184).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1583. A bill to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project (Rept. No. 114-185).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1592. A bill to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest (Rept. No. 114-186).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1694. A bill to amend Public Law 103-434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-187).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1941. A bill to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-188).

S. 1942. A bill to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-189).

S. 2046. A bill to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-190).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 2069. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon (Rept. No. 114-191).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2083. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project (Rept. No. 114-192).

H.R. 373. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-193).

H.R. 1324. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-194).

H.R. 1554. A bill to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-195).

H.R. 2223. A bill to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-196).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2406. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to review certain decisions to grant categorical exclusions for Next Generation flight procedures and to consult with the airports at which such procedures will be implemented; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2407. A bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of J. Christopher Stevens, Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, and Sean Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 2408. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and all other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2409. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and to improve program integrity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1579

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1579, a bill to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States.

S. 1587

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

S. 1631

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to multiemployer pensions, and for other purposes.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants.

S. 1926

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1926, a bill to ensure access to screening mammography services.

S. 2070

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2070, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 2312

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2312, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments for durable medical equipment under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 2336

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2336, a bill to modernize laws, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes.

S. 2373

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions against Iran.

SENATE RESOLUTION 113

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 113, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend the issuance of, and the United States Postal Service should issue, a commemorative stamp in honor of the holiday of Diwali.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 16, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Administration's Strategy in Afghanistan."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

H.J. Res. 78. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

At 2:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2270. An act to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. MCCONNELL).

At 6:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.J. Res. 78. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. MCCONNELL).

ERIC WILLIAMS CORRECTIONAL OFFICER PROTECTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TOOMEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 238) to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HIGHER EDUCATION EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3594) to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on September 29, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. BOOZMAN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2929, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the majority leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on today.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 91) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives be indefinitely postponed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

SECURING FAIRNESS IN REGULATORY TIMING ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3831) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, December 14, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SAVING FEDERAL DOLLARS THROUGH BETTER USE OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASE AND TRAVEL CARDS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1616) to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. JOHNSON) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2930, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEMOCRACY IN MONGOLIA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 189) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF BURMA ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL ELECTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 320) congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CELEBRATING THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 326) celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING THE ONGOING SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN BY ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA MILITANTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 310) condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. LANKFORD) to amend the pending resolution, on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting others (being amendment No. 2931).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 6 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 6:52 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, December 17, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1090. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2410. A bill to promote transparency in the oversight of cybersecurity risks at publicly traded companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2411. A bill to permit the Secretary of Homeland Security to search open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2412. A bill to establish the Tule Lake National Historic Site in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2413. A bill to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relating to the prices of products and services sold online, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2414. A bill to decrease the frequency of sports blackouts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2415. A bill to implement integrity measures to strengthen the EB-5 Regional Center Program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation in American communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2416. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require the use of electronic visit verification systems for home health services under the Medicare program and personal care services and home health care services under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 2417. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2418. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2419. A bill to improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2420. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to modify the exception to the work requirement; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 2421. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. Res. 337. A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 12, 2016, as "Darwin Day" and recognizing the importance of science in the betterment of humanity; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 50

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

S. 706

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 706, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response.

S. 779

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 779, a bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small businesses.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice

and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1455

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1455, a bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1697

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual health insurance market, and for other purposes.

S. 1849

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1849, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits.

S. 1867

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1867, a bill to protect children from exploitation by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2152, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 2200

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2200, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements.

S. 2201

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2201, a bill to promote international trade, and for other purposes.

S. 2291

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2291, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish procedures within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the processing of whistleblower complaints, and for other purposes.

S. 2373

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

S. 2407

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. COTTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2407, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of J. Christopher Stevens, Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, and Sean Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 2409

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2409, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and to improve program integrity, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 25, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone".

SENATE RESOLUTION 327

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 327, a resolution condemning violence that targets healthcare for women.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Status of JCPOA Implementation and Related Issues."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1090. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3654. An act to require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3750. An act to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster.

H.R. 3878. An act to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4239. An act to require intelligence community reporting on foreign fighter flows to and from terrorist safe havens abroad, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4246. An act to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve

components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 2297) to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes, and agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2820) to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

At 5:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1090. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2297. An act to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2820. An act to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3831. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3189. An act to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3654. An act to require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3750. An act to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3878. An act to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4239. An act to require intelligence community reporting on foreign fighter flows to and from terrorist safe havens abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 4188

Mr. SULLIVAN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4188) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, December 14, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by Mr. THUNE, be proposed and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. COONS objected.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2029

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate receives a message from the House relative to the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, the majority leader be recognized to move to concur in the House amendments; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate is presented on said motion to concur, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate immediately vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to bring to a close debate; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; that the majority leader, or his designee, then be recognized to move to table the first House amendment; that, upon disposition of said motion, and if a Budget Act point of order is raised, the majority leader, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to waive in relation thereto; that, upon disposition of said motion to waive, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendments; that no further motion or amendment be in order, except if the motion to table the first House amendment is agreed to or if the Budget Act point of order is sustained; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 248

Mr. MORAN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 248) to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. BROWN objected.

TSCA MODERNIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2576) to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. VITTER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2932, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 102) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTING THE DAY FOR THE CONVENING OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 227) to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. ALEXANDER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2933, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN'S STATE-SPONSORED PERSECUTION OF ITS BAHA'I MINORITY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 148) condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. KIRK) to amend the pending resolution on page 5, line 8, by striking "12," and inserting "9" (being amendment No. 2934).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. KIRK) to amend the preamble in the tenth and thirteenth whereas clauses by striking certain words, and inserting others (being amendment No. 2935).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

INTERNATIONAL MEGAN'S LAW TO PREVENT DEMAND FOR CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 515) to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 42, by striking lines 13 through 17, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2936).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the title.

Subsequently (on Friday, December 18, 2015) the title was amended, as reported by the committee, so as to read: "An act to protect children and others from sexual abuse and exploitation, including sex trafficking and sex tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes."

RURAL ACO PROVIDER EQUITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2261) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on services furnished by Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVIST DEBT RELIEF EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4246) to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GLOBAL MAGNITSKY HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 284) to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2937, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

At 7:17 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 515

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the passage of the bill (H.R. 515) to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes, as amended, on yesterday, the title be amended, as reported by the committee, so as to read: "An Act to protect children and others from sexual abuse and exploitation, including sex trafficking and sex tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes."

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Friday, December 18, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolutions:

S.J.Res. 23. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

S.J.Res. 24. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3928. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9937-18-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3929. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL No. 9939-95-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3930. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0027) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3931. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense

(Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3932. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold" (RIN3170-AA11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3933. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Annual Threshold Adjustments (CARD Act, HOEPA and ATR/QM)" (12 CFR Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3934. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consumer Leasing (Regulation M)" (RIN3170-AA06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3935. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)" (12 CFR Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3936. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards: Conforming Amendments" (RIN2501-AD66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3937. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on College Credit Cards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3938. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-024); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3939. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0166 - 2015-0171); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3940. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9939-57-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3941. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas and Oklahoma; Regional Haze State Implementation Plans; Interstate Viability Transport State Implementation Plan to Address Pollution Affecting Visibility and Regional Haze; Federal Implementation Plan for Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9940-21-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3942. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon; Interstate Transport of Ozone" (FRL No. 9940-35-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3943. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho: Interstate Transport of Ozone" (FRL No. 9940-32-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3944. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Implementation Plan Approval; Illinois; Illinois Power Holdings and AmerenEnergy Medina Valley Cogen Variance" (FRL No. 9939-75-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3945. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; NH; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for Ozone, Lead, and Nitrogen Dioxide." (FRL No. 9940-15-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3946. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fraser River Sockeye and Pink Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders" (RIN0648-XE261) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3947. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3948. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribal Economic Development Bonds: Use of Volume Cap for Draw-Down Loans" (Notice 2015-83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3949. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Borrower Defense Student Loan Discharges" (Rev. Proc. 2015-57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3950. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling: 2015 Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2015-26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3951. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-197).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 571, A bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-198).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 152. A bill to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts (Rept. No. 114-199).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2422. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations are being made for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2423. A bill making appropriations to address the heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2424. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BURR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2425. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and certain radiation therapy services, to ensure flexibility in applying the hardship exception for meaningful use for the 2015 EHR reporting period for 2017 payment adjustments, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2426. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2427. A bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 2428. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a National Service for Schools Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KIRK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2429. A bill to require a report on the military dimensions of Iran's nuclear program and to prohibit the provision of sanctions relief to Iran until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2430. A bill to permit the recovery of costs incurred by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for preclearance operations activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2431. A bill to improve the training of child protection professionals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2432. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require the disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2433. A bill to provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2434. A bill to provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution of the United States or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2435. A bill to ensure that each covered alien receives a thorough background investigation before such alien is admitted to the United States as a refugee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2436. A bill to provide for certain assistance and reforms relating to the territories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 338. A resolution congratulating Towson University on the 150th anniversary of the founding of the university; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. Res. 339. A resolution congratulating the University of Iowa College of Law for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Iowa, the United States, and the world; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 340. A resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS or Da'esh) is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, and calling upon the President to work with foreign governments and the United Nations to provide physical protection for ISIS' targets, to support the creation of an international criminal tribunal with jurisdiction to punish these crimes, and to use every reasonable means, including sanctions, to destroy ISIS and disrupt its support networks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 341. A resolution designating January 2016 as "National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 342. A resolution congratulating the women's volleyball team of Wheeling Jesuit University on winning the Division II National Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 627

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1169, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1455, a bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1559

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] and the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST] were added as cosponsors of S. 1607, a bill to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1648

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. LANKFORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1648, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to create a sustainable future for rural healthcare.

S. 1656

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1656, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1774, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to treat Puerto Rico as a State for purposes of chapter 9 of such title relating to the adjustment of debts of municipalities.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1890, a bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes.

S. 1893

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 1911

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, supra.

S. 1915

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2222

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2222, a bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes.

S. 2234

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. ROUNDS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. SASSE], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. GARDNER], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from West Virginia [Mrs. CAPITO], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN], the Senator from

New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. PERDUE], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Iowa [Mrs. ERNST], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2234, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 2251

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2251, a bill to provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, supplemental security income beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 2268

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2268, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dust Off crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism and life-saving actions in Vietnam.

S. 2356

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2356, a bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to require an electronic communication service provider that generates call detail records pursuant to an order under that Act to notify the Attorney General if the provider intends to retain such records for a period less than 18 months.

S. 2362

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2362, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide enhanced security measures for the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2372

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2372, a bill to require reporting of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 290

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 290, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that any protocol to, or other agreement regarding, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of 1992, negotiated at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris will be considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:27 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3594) to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, and for other purposes.

At 11:41 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 3594. An act to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4246. An act to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 2:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2425. An act to amend the XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and certain radiation therapy services, to ensure flexibility in applying the hardship exception for meaningful use for the 2015 EHR reporting period for 2017 payment adjustments, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2241. An act to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 104. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

At 2:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2029. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2241. An act to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 145

Mr. FLAKE asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 145) to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown; that the bill be read the third time, passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. CARDIN objected.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 2029

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendments received for concurrence from the House of Representatives to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 2029:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, THOM TILLIS, BOB CORKER, RICHARD BURR, LISA MURKOWSKI, ROGER F. WICKER, JOHN HOEVEN, ROY BLUNT, JIM INHOFE, ORRIN HATCH, MARK KIRK, THAD COCHRAN, KELLY AYOTTE, SUSAN COLLINS, DAN COATS.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

After debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on today, to bring to a close debate on the motion, made by him, to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 72, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 336 Leg.]

YEAS --- 72

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Portman, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Boozman, Cassidy, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Lee, Manchin, McCain, Moran, Paul, Risch, Sanders, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the first amendment of the House on the table.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 31, nays... 67

[Rollcall Vote No. 337 Leg.]

YEAS --- 31

Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Gardner, Grassley, Heller, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCain, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Sanders, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

NAYS --- 67

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur.

Mr. MANCHIN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending motion to concur violates section 311(a)(2)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN, under section 904(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget Resolution, for consideration of the pending motion to concur.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 73, nays... 25

[Rollcall Vote No. 338 Leg.]

YEAS --- 73

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cotton, Donnelly, Durbin, Ernst, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Markey, McCain, McConnell, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Toomey, Udall, Vitter, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 25

Burr, Carper, Cassidy, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, King, Lankford, Lee, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Paul, Portman, Risch, Sanders, Sasse, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Warner, Warren.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 65, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 339 Leg.]

YEAS --- 65

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Capito, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gardner, Gillibrand, Graham, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lankford, Leahy, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Perdue, Peters, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rounds, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tillis, Udall, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 33

Boozman, Burr, Cassidy, Cotton, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Enzi, Ernst, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Lee, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Merkley, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Sanders, Sasse, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Sullivan, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the House amendments to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

PATIENT ACCESS AND MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2425) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and certain radiation therapy services, to ensure flexibility in applying the hardship exception for meaningful use for the 2015 EHR reporting period for 2017 payment adjustments, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BURR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. HIRONO), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MICROBEAD-FREE WATERS ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1321) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the manufacture and introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of rinse-off cosmetics containing intentionally-added plastic microbeads, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ELECTRIFY AFRICA ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2152) to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORKER) to further amend the pending bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2939).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING TOWSON UNIVERSITY ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 338) congratulating Towson University on the 150th anniversary of the founding of the university, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 339) congratulating the University of Iowa College of Law for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Iowa, the United States, and the world, submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. ERNST), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2232

On motion by Mr. PERDUE that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2232) to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. PERDUE presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2232; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2232:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN BARRASSO, ROY BLUNT, JOHN CORNYN, CORY GARDNER, DAVID VITTER, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, RAND PAUL, JOHNNY ISAKSON, STEVE DAINES, PAT TOOMEY, JOHN BOOZMAN, CHUCK GRASSLEY, MIKE CRAPO, MICHAEL LEE, DAVID PERDUE, ROB PORTMAN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2232.

GRANTS OVERSIGHT AND NEW EFFICIENCY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1115) to close out expired, empty grant accounts.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. PERDUE (for Mrs. FISCHER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2940, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the Committee, so as to read: "A bill to close out expired grants."

CONGRATULATING THE WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

On the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 342) congratulating the women's volleyball team of Wheeling Jesuit University on winning the Division II National Championship, submitted today by Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 104) providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT

On the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4188) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, December 14, 2015, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. PERDUE (for Mr. THUNE) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2941, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES – CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Finance, had reappointed the following individual to the United States – China Economic Security Review Commission: Mr. James M. Talent, of Missouri.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That Mrs. CAPITO and Mr. COTTON be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions, on Friday, December 18, 2015, through Monday, January 11, 2016.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2434) to provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution of the United States or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. PERDUE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. PERDUE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

At 3:36 p.m.,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 4:21 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUNT in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1893) to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. PERDUE for Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REED) to amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 22, line 22, by striking "$23,500,000," and inserting "$30,000,000" (being amendment No. 2942).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PERDUE (for Mr. LEE) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2943).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CERTAIN NOMINATIONS TO REMAIN IN STATUS QUO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, all nominations received by the Senate during the 114th Congress, First Session, remain in status quo, except for PN128, the nomination of Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General, and PN214, the nomination of Cono R. Namorato, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE UNTIL 12 NOON ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn, pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 104, and joint resolution H.J. Res. 76, until 12 noon on Monday, January 4, 2016, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016; that, on Monday, January 11, 2016, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PERDUE,

At 4:25 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned sine die, pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 104 and joint resolution H.J. Res. 76, until 12 noon on Monday, January 4, 2016.

APPENDIX

SENATORS OF THE UNITED STATES WHOSE SEATS WILL BECOME VACANT IN—

2017 Class 3	2019 Class 1	2021 Class 2
Ms. AYOTTE of New Hampshire	Ms. BALDWIN of Wisconsin	Mr. ALEXANDER of Tennessee
Mr. BENNET of Colorado	Mr. BARRASSO of Wyoming	BOOKER of New Jersey
BLUMENTHAL of Connecticut	BROWN of Ohio	Mrs. CAPITO of West Virginia
BLUNT of Missouri	Ms. CANTWELL of Washington	Mr. CASSIDY of Louisiana
BOOZMAN of Arkansas	Mr. CARDIN of Maryland	COCHRAN of Mississippi
Mrs. BOXER of California	CARPER of Delaware	Ms. COLLINS of Maine
Mr. BURR of North Carolina	CASEY of Pennsylvania	Mr. COONS of Delaware
COATS of Indiana	CORKER of Tennessee	CORNYN of Texas
CRAPO of Idaho	CRUZ of Texas	COTTON of Arkansas
GRASSLEY of Iowa	DONNELLY of Indiana	DAINES of Montana
HOEVEN of North Dakota	Mrs. FEINSTEIN of California	DURBIN of Illinois
ISAKSON of Georgia	FISCHER of Nebraska	ENZI of Wyoming
JOHNSON of Wisconsin	Mr. FLAKE of Arizona	Mrs. ERNST of Iowa
KIRK of Illinois	Mrs. GILLIBRAND of New York	Mr. FRANKEN of Minnesota
LANKFORD of Oklahoma[1]	Mr. HATCH of Utah	GARDNER of Colorado
LEAHY of Vermont	HEINRICH of New Mexico	GRAHAM of South Carolina
LEE of Utah	Ms. HEITKAMP of North Dakota	INHOFE of Oklahoma
MCCAIN of Arizona	Mr. HELLER of Nevada	MARKEY of Massachusetts
Ms. MIKULSKI of Maryland	Ms. HIRONO of Hawaii	MCCONNELL of Kentucky
Mr. MORAN of Kansas	Mr. KAINE of Virginia	MERKLEY of Oregon
Ms. MURKOWSKI of Alaska	KING of Maine	PERDUE of Georgia
Mrs. MURRAY of Washington	Ms. KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota	PETERS of Michigan
Mr. PAUL of Kentucky	Mr. MANCHIN of West Virginia	REED of Rhode Island
PORTMAN of Ohio	Mrs. MCCASKILL of Missouri	RISCH of Idaho
REID of Nevada	Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey	ROBERTS of Kansas
RUBIO of Florida	MURPHY of Connecticut	ROUNDS of South Dakota
SCHATZ of Hawaii[1]	NELSON of Florida	SASSE of Nebraska
SCHUMER of New York	SANDERS of Vermont	SESSIONS of Alabama
SCOTT of South Carolina[1]	Ms. STABENOW of Michigan	Mrs. SHAHEEN of New Hampshire
SHELBY of Alabama	Mr. TESTER of Montana	Mr. SULLIVAN of Alaska
THUNE of South Dakota	Ms. WARREN of Massachusetts	TILLIS of North Carolina
TOOMEY of Pennsylvania	Mr. WHITEHOUSE of Rhode Island	UDALL of New Mexico
VITTER of Louisiana	WICKER of Mississippi	WARNER of Virginia
WYDEN of Oregon		

[1]Elected to fill an unexpired term until January 3, 2017.

HISTORY OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

SENATE BILLS

S. 1—A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tester, Mr. Barrasso, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Warner, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Portman, Mr. Heller, Mr. Flake, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Moran, Mr. Scott, Mr. Lee, Ms. Collins, Mr. Burr, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Corker, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Coats, Mr. McCain, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Paul, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Daines, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Lankford, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Perdue, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Tillis, and Mr. Sasse), [6JA]
Read the first time, [6JA]
Read the second time, [7JA]
Placed on the calendar, [7JA]
Motion to proceed considered, [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA]
Senate invoked cloture on debate on motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Motion to proceed agreed to, [13JA]
Considered, [13JA], [16JA], [20JA], [21JA], [22JA], [26JA], [27JA], [28JA]
Senate invoked cloture, [29JA]
Passed Senate amended, [29JA]
Passed House, [11FE]
Presented to the President (February 24, 2015)
Presidential veto message, [24FE]
Consideration of President's veto message, [2MR]
Senate consideration of veto message, [4MR]
Senate sustained Presidential veto, [4MR]

S. 11—A bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coats, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Graham, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Moran, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Paul), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [12JA], [26JA], [27JA], [25FE], [2MR]

S. 12—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Kirk, Mr. McCain, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Portman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Hoeven), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [8JA], [12JA], [20JA], [27OC]

S. 13—A bill to establish the Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH, [6JA]

S. 14—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interest in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH, [6JA]

S. 15—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH, [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [17MR]

S. 16—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain congressional staff and members of the executive branch; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [7JA]

S. 17—A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [6JA]

S. 18—A bill to prohibit authorized committees and leadership PACs from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. VITTER, [6JA]

S. 19—A bill to appropriately manage the debt of the United States by limiting the use of extraordinary measures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [6JA]

S. 20—A bill to establish a procedure to safeguard the Social Security Trust Funds; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. VITTER, [6JA]

S. 21—A bill to ensure efficiency and fairness in the awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [6JA]

S. 22—A bill for the relief of Alemseghed Mussie Tesfamical; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [6JA]

S. 23—A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'', and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Markey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, and Mrs. Boxer), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [9JA], [12MR]

S. 24—A bill to clarify that an authorization to use military force, a declaration of war, or any similar authority shall not authorize the detention without charge or trial of a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [6JA]

S. 25—A bill to improve the coordination of export promotion programs and to facilitate export opportunities for small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [6JA]

S. 26—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal defense contract, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Coons), [6JA]

S. 27—A bill to make wildlife trafficking a predicate offense under racketeering and money laundering statutes and the Travel Act, to provide for the use for conservation purposes of amounts from civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution under such statutes based on such violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Graham), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [27AP], [11MY]

S. 28—A bill to limit the use of cluster munitions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Udall, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [5FE], [24FE], [26OC]

S. 29—A bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [8JA]

S. 30—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Manchin), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [27JA], [12FE], [2MR], [14MY], [3JN], [29JY]

S. 31—A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, and Mr. Blumenthal), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [27JY], [29JY]

S. 32—A bill to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Udall, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Grassley, and Ms. Heitkamp), [6JA]
Committee on Finance discharged, [13JA]
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JY], [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]
Passed Senate, [7OC]

S. 33—A bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Gardner, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Capito, and Mr. Bennet), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [28JA], [11FE], [2MR], [27AP], [13MY], [22JN], [7JY]

S. 34—A bill to prohibit assistance to the Palestinian Authority until it withdraws its request to join the International Criminal Court; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PAUL, [6JA]

S. 35—A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Daines), [6JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–139), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 36—A bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Whitehouse), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [5FE], [11FE], [12MY], [8SE]

S. 37—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for State accountability in the provision of access to the core resources for learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Brown), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [9JY]

S. 38—A bill to ensure that long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, and Mrs. Fischer), [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [27JA]

S. 39—A bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Vitter), [7JA]

S. 40—A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Heinrich), [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [5FE]

S. 41—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deduction for travel expenses to medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]

S. 42—A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to address certain inconsistencies between the self-attested information provided by an applicant in enrolling in a health plan on an Exchange and being determined eligible for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions or in being determined to be eligible for enrollment in a State Medicaid plan or a State child health plan under the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the data received through the Federal Data Services Hub or from other data sources; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 43—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 44—A bill to provide for the expedited processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 45—A bill to amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 46—A bill to reduce the amount of financial assistance provided to the Government of Mexico in response to the illegal border crossings from Mexico into the United States, which serve to dissipate the political discontent with the higher unemployment rate within Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 47—A bill to prohibit the implementation of any program that grants temporary legal status to, or adjusts the status of, any individual who is unlawfully present in the United States until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that the US–VISIT system has been fully implemented at every land, sea, and air port of entry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 48—A bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [21JA], [22JA], [26JA], [28JA], [3FE], [10FE], [11FE], [26MR], [3JN]

S. 49—A bill to include a question to ascertain United States citizenship and immigration status in each questionnaire used for a decennial census of population, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 50—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [11FE], [26MR], [17DE]

S. 51—A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [11FE], [3MR], [26MR], [16JY], [21JY], [22JY], [27JY]

S. 52—A bill to close the loophole that allowed the 9/11 hijackers to obtain credit cards from United States banks that financed their terrorist activities, to ensure that illegal immigrants cannot obtain credit cards to evade United States immigration laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 53—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [11MR]

S. 54—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 55—A bill to extend the seaward boundaries of certain States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [12JA]

S. 56—A bill to prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 57—A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prevent the illegal trafficking of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits by requiring all program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 58—A bill to ensure orderly conduct of Nuclear Regulatory Commission actions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 59—A bill to reject the final 5-year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for fiscal years 2012 through 2017 of the Administration and replace the plan with a 5-year plan that is more in line with the energy and economic needs of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 60—A bill to prohibit aliens who are not lawfully present in the United States from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits that are not available to all citizens and nationals of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 61—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 62—A bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 63—A bill to require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 64—A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to implement a drug testing program for applicants for and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 65—A bill to authorize the Moving to Work Charter Program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 66—A bill to prohibit any regulation regarding carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the United States until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 67—A bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change

how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [27FE]

S. 68—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 69—A bill to require that the Government give priority to payment of all obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt limit is reached; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 70—A bill to direct the General Accountability Office to conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 71—A bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [24MR], [23AP], [23JN], [7JY], [28SE], [6OC], [8DE]

S. 72—A bill to allow for the portability of funds under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 73—A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from mandating, incentivizing, or coercing States to adopt the Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, instructional content, curricula, assessments, or programs of instruction; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [26JA]

S. 74—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for dependent care savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 75—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the Social Security number of the student and the employer identification number of the educational institution for purposes of education tax credits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 76—A bill to provide tax relief with respect to the Hurricane Isaac disaster area; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 77—A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 78—A bill to impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 79—A bill to impose a fine with respect to international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 80—A bill to prohibit appropriated funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 81—A bill to authorize preferential treatment for certain imports from Nepal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. 82—A bill to suspend sales of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 83—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to improve nonretaliation provisions relating to equal pay requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. King, Ms. Murkowski, and Ms. Collins), [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [11FE]

S. 84—A bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Coons), [7JA]

S. 85—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Warner, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Alexander), [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [26JA], [9FE], [23FE], [6MY], [20MY], [1DE]

S. 86—A bill to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 87—A bill to require the disclosure of determinations with respect to which congressional staff will be required to obtain health insurance coverage through an Exchange; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 88—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to clarify the definition of accidental release, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 89—A bill to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [6OC]

S. 90—A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to authorize hunting under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 91—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [7JA]

S. 92—A bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [7JA]

S. 93—A bill to withhold United States contributions to the United Nations until the United Nations formally retracts the final report of the ''United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict''; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 94—A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to State and local governments for payment of obligations, to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from financially assisting State and local governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 95—A bill to terminate the $1 presidential coin program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged, [14AP]
Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [14AP]

S. 96—A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection maintains on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 97—A bill to clarify that the anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, the federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs under title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 98—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 99—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to allow workers who attain age 65 after 1981 and before 1992 to choose either lump sum payments over four years totaling $5,000 or an improved benefit computation formula under a new 10-year rule governing the transition to the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 100—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for expenses relating to home schooling; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 101—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home school education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 102—A bill to amend the public charter school provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 103—A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel, continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a funding gap caused by the failure to enact interim or full-year appropriations for the Armed Forces occurs, which results in the furlough of non-emergency personnel and the curtailment of Government activities and services; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]

S. 104—A bill to provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 105—A bill to permit management of the red snapper by Gulf Coast States and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [20JA]

S. 106—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit removal to United States district courts of certain civil actions filed in State courts; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 107—A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to repeal certain designation authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, to repeal the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 108—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve access for students to Federal grants and loans to help pay for postsecondary, graduate, and professional educational opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Burr, Mr. King, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Booker), [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [26JA], [22SE], [16NO], [19NO]

S. 109—A bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless the authority provided by the Constitution of the United States for the legislation can be determined and is clearly specified; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]

S. 110—A bill to rescind funds made available to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency if the Administrator fails to meet certain deadlines; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]

S. 111—A bill to prohibit a Federal agency from establishing or implementing a policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [9FE]

S. 112—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]

S. 113—A bill to ensure that Federal Register notices submitted to the Bureau of Land Management are reviewed in a timely manner; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [9FE]

S. 114—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide the public with access to research of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]

S. 115—A bill to increase oversight of small business assistance programs provided by the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]

S. 116—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER, [7JA]

S. 117—A bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [9JA], [12JA], [20JA], [25FE]

S. 118—A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to address certain inconsistencies between the self-at-tested information provided by an applicant in enrolling a health plan on an Exchange and being determined eligible for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions or in being determined to be eligible for enrollment in a State Medicaid plan or a State child health plan under the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the data received through the Federal Data Services Hub or from other data sources; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. 119—A bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Collins), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [9JA]

S. 120—A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to authorize the Central Everglades Planning Project, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [8JA]

S. 121—A bill to establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Barrasso), [8JA]

S. 122—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [23FE], [21AP], [12MY], [10NO], [15DE]

S. 123—A bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Flake, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. Paul, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, and Mr. Vitter), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [9JA], [20JA], [2MR], [3NO]

S. 124—A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to deauthorize the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [8JA]

S. 125—A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Coons, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Cornyn), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [12JA], [16JA], [11FE], [23FE], [27FE], [4MR], [23MR], [25MR], [13AP], [15AP], [4MY], [6MY]
Reported (no written report), [26MR]
Placed on the calendar, [26MR]
Passed Senate amended, [6MY]

S. 126—A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Thune, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Alexander), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [9JA]

S. 127—A bill to prohibit Federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Ayotte), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [27AP], [14MY], [20MY]

S. 128—A bill to promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [12JA]

S. 129—A bill to repeal executive immigration overreach, to clarify that the proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to the legislative branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. JOHNSON, [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [9JA]

S. 130—A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [8JA]

S. 131—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that valid generic drugs may enter the market; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Franken), [8JA]

S. 132—A bill to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [8JA]

S. 133—A bill to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Boxer, and Mrs. Feinstein), [8JA]

S. 134—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Paul), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [9MR], [8JN], [17JN], [20OC]

S. 135—A bill to prohibit Federal agencies from mandating the deployment of vulnerabilities in data security technologies; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WYDEN, [8JA]

S. 136—A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [13JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–35), [5MY]
Placed on the calendar, [5MY]
Passed Senate, [11MY]
Passed House, [28SE]
Presented to the President (September 30, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–62] (signed October 7, 2015)

S. 137—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to regulate tax return preparers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [8JA]

S. 138—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN, [8JA]

S. 139—A bill to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income Program and the Medicaid Program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Brown), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [12FE], [25FE], [10MR], [16MR], [18MR], [13AP], [28AP], [1JN], [25JN], [9JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [16JY]
Passed House, [28SE]
Presented to the President (September 30, 2015)

Approved [Public Law 114–63] (signed October 7, 2015)

S. 140—A bill to combat human trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Kirk), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [9FE]

S. 141—A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Daines, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Moran, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Wicker), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [12JA], [13JA], [9FE], [26FE], [4MY], [11MY], [19MY], [29JY]

S. 142—A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Schumer), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [17MR], [23MR], [21AP], [22AP], [4MY], [17JN], [5AU], [8DE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]
Placed on the calendar, [13AP]
Passed Senate amended, [10DE]

S. 143—A bill to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WICKER, [9JA]
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [26JA], [27JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–51), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Passed Senate, [9JY]

S. 144—A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon a State, local educational agency, or school's adoption of specific instructional content, academic standards, or curriculum, or on the administration of assessments or tests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Lee, Mr. Paul, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Shelby), [9JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [25FE]

S. 145—A bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Corker, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Thune), [12JA]
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [9JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 146—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Hatch), [12JA]
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [11JN]

S. 147—An original bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [12JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]
Placed on the calendar, [12JA]

S. 148—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Bennet), [12JA]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [16MR], [19MR]

S. 149—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Burr, Mr. Franken, Mr. Portman, Mr. Casey, Mr. Coats, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Wicker), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [20JA], [21JA], [22JA], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [12FE], [12MR], [23MR], [20AP], [20MY], [8JY], [29JY]

S. 150—A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Collins, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Manchin, Mr. McCain, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Portman, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Heitkamp), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [23MR], [8DE]

S. 151—A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [13JA]

S. 152—A bill to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [13JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–199), [18DE]
Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

S. 153—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coons, Mr. Flake, and Mr. Blumenthal), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [25FE], [26FE], [9MR], [17MR], [30AP], [14MY]

S. 154—A bill to amend the Act of July 31, 1947, to provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH, [13JA]

S. 155—A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Perdue, and Mr. Isakson), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [24FE], [10MR], [23AP]

S. 156—A bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than $1,000,000,000 and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. Heller), [13JA]

S. 157—A bill to repeal the medical device tax and the employer and individual responsibility requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [13AP]

S. 158—A bill to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [26JA]

S. 159—A bill to improve the operation of the Department of Homeland Security's Unmanned Aircraft System Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. Flake, and Ms. Ayotte), [13JA]

S. 160—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Warner), [13JA]

S. 161—A bill to ensure high-income earners pay a fair share of Federal taxes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reed, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Franken, Ms. Warren, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Markey, Mr. Reid, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Schatz), [13JA]

S. 162—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Leahy, and Mrs. Boxer), [13JA]

S. 163—A bill to establish a grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [23JN], [16SE], [21SE]

S. 164—A bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.8 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [5FE], [9FE], [9MR], [12MR], [7JY]

S. 165—A bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Burr, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Barrasso), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [20JA], [21JA], [26JA], [29JA], [3FE], [4FE], [10FE], [22AP]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [23FE]
Placed on the calendar, [23FE]

S. 166—A bill to stop exploitation through trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. McCain,

Mr. Warner, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Franken, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Coats, Ms. Hirono, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [21JA], [5FE], [9FE], [12FE], [23FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [2MR], [4MR]
Reported (no written report), [2MR]
Placed on the calendar, [2MR]

S. 167—A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Burr, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Flake, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Moran, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Donnelly, and Mr. Casey), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [20JA], [21JA], [22JA], [26JA], [27JA], [29JA], [2FE]

S. 168—A bill to codify and modify regulatory requirements of Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Coats, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Tillis, and Mr. Toomey), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [26JA], [4FE]

S. 169—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow any deduction for punitive damages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEAHY, [13JA]

S. 170—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Heller), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [21JA], [27JA], [25FE], [18MR], [23MR], [28AP], [12MY], [2DE]

S. 171—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER, [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [13AP], [28AP], [21MY]

S. 172—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER, [13JA]

S. 173—A bill to modify the definition of ''antique firearm''; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [13JA]

S. 174—A bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [28JY]

S. 175—A bill to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER, [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [21SE]

S. 176—A bill to advance integrated water management and development through innovation, resiliency, conservation, and efficiency in the 21st century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER, [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [21JA], [2FE]

S. 177—A bill to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a breach of security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON, [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [20AP]

S. 178—A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Graham, Mr. Coons, Mr. Udall, Mr. Coats, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Casey, and Mrs. Feinstein), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [21JA], [26JA], [5FE], [9FE], [12FE], [24FE], [3MR], [4MR], [9MR], [10MR], [11MR], [12MR], [22AP]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [2MR]
Placed on the calendar, [2MR]
Considered, [10MR], [11MR], [12MR], [16MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP], [16AP], [20AP], [21AP]
Passed Senate amended, [22AP]
Passed House, [19MY]
Presented to the President (May 21, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–22] (signed May 29, 2015)

S. 179—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the ''James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [13JA]
Reported (no written report), [6MY]
Placed on the calendar, [6MY]
Passed Senate, [11MY]
Passed House, [13JY]
Presented to the President (July 14, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–37] (signed July 20, 2015)

S. 180—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Paul), [16JA]

S. 181—A bill to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Coons, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Kaine), [16JA]

S. 182—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Portman), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [21JA], [4FE], [5FE], [2MR], [24MR], [22AP]

S. 183—A bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coats, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Moran, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Wicker), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [21JA], [22JA], [26JA], [28JA], [3FE], [9FE], [23FE], [23MR], [28AP], [12MY], [18MY], [10JN], [9JY], [24JY], [30JY], [3NO]

S. 184—A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Tester), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [20JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–37), [11MY]
Placed on the calendar, [11MY]
Passed Senate, [1JN]

S. 185—A bill to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [25FE], [29AP], [21JY]

S. 186—A bill to improve transparency and efficiency with respect to audits and communications between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Inhofe), [16JA]

S. 187—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that products derived from tar sands are crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Merkley), [16JA]

S. 188—A bill to ensure that oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline into the United States is used to reduce United States dependence on Middle Eastern oil; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [16JA]

S. 189—A bill to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. Lankford), [20JA]

S. 190—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of imported seafood; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [20JA]

S. 191—A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to raise the quality of career and technical education programs and to allow local eligible recipients to use funding to establish high-quality career academies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. Portman, and Ms. Baldwin), [20JA]

S. 192—A bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Sanders), [20JA]
Cosponsors added, [21JA], [28JA], [29JA], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [16AP], [29AP], [30AP], [5MY], [7MY], [22MY], [10JN], [13JY], [14JY], [15JY]
Reported (no written report), [3FE]
Placed on the calendar, [3FE]
Passed Senate, [16JY]

S. 193—A bill to provide for the management of certain inventoried roadless areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [20JA]

S. 194—A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to clarify the rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from the disposition of farm assets under chapter 12 bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Franken), [20JA]
Cosponsors added, [24MR]

S. 195—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Toomey), [20JA]

S. 196—A bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID, [20JA]

S. 197—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to States to improve delivery of high-quality assessments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Mr. Franken, Ms. Warren, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Casey), [20JA]

Cosponsors added, [27JA], [2FE], [9FE], [16AP], [21MY]

Removal of cosponsors, [10MR]

S. 198—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Warren, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mrs. Boxer), [20JA]

Cosponsors added, [22JA], [29JA], [2FE], [20AP], [8JY]

S. 199—A bill to establish the Gold Butte National Conservation Area in Clark County, Nevada, in order to conserve, protect, and enhance the cultural, archaeological, natural, wilderness, scientific, geological, historical, biological, wildlife, educational, and scenic resources of the area, to designate wilderness area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID, [20JA]

S. 200—A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of major revenue legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Scott), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [26JA], [25FE]

S. 201—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Thune, Mr. Risch, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Roberts), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [22JA], [27JA]

S. 202—A bill to provide for a technical change to the Medicare long-term care hospital moratorium exception; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN, [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [3JN], [4JN]

S. 203—A bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thune, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Coats), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [22JA], [26JA], [27JA], [29JA], [12FE], [24FE], [4JN]

S. 204—A bill to reinstate the 10-year statute of limitations period applicable to collection of amounts paid to Social Security beneficiaries by administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments from individuals under 18 years of age; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER, [21JA]

S. 205—A bill to provide for the development and dissemination of evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. Peters), [21JA]

S. 206—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reauthorize the State infrastructure bank program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. AYOTTE, [21JA]

S. 207—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. King, Mr. Daines, and Ms. Collins), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [22JA], [26JA], [2FE], [3FE], [10FE], [24FE], [26FE], [10MR], [25MR], [21AP], [13MY]

S. 208—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Flake, and Mr. McCain), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [7OC]

S. 209—A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. McCain, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Moran, and Mrs. Fischer), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [4FE], [5FE], [10FE]

Reported (S. Rept. 114–149), [30SE]

Placed on the calendar, [30SE]

Passed Senate amended, [10DE]

S. 210—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Tester), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [22JA], [27JA], [10FE], [9JY], [15JY], [16JY], [30JY], [5AU], [10NO]

S. 211—A bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY, [21JA]

S. 212—A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Nelson), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [3FE]

S. 213—A bill to improve requirements for entering into commerce of imitation firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER, [21JA]

S. 214—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Udall, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Leahy), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [22JA], [27JA]

S. 215—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [9DE]

S. 216—A bill to establish the National Prostate Cancer Council for improved screening, early detection, assessment, and monitoring of prostate cancer, and to direct the development and implementation of a national strategic plan to expedite advancement of diagnostic tools and the transfer of such tools to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [21JA]

S. 217—A bill to protect a woman's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Brown, Ms. Warren, Mr. Tester, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Coons, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Bennet), [21JA]

S. 218—A bill to facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [9JN]

S. 219—A bill to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY, [21JA]

S. 220—A bill to prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, provide coverage for, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY, [21JA]

S. 221—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to authorize additional funding for the pregnancy assistance fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY, [21JA]

S. 222—A bill to establish the National Prostate Cancer Council for improved screening, early detection, assessment, and monitoring of prostate cancer, and to direct the development and implementation of a national strategic plan to expedite advancement of diagnostic tools and the transfer of such tools to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Sessions), [21JA]

S. 223—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [21JA]

Cosponsors added, [9FE], [12FE], [25FE], [23AP], [1JN]

S. 224—A bill to ensure the United States promotes women's meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes undertaken in order to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict and implements the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Kirk, and Mrs. Shaheen), [21JA]

S. 225—A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from a definition under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [21JA]

S. 226—A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Lee, Mr. Scott, Mr. Portman, Mr. Moran, Mr. Heller, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Flake, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. McCain, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Daines, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Gardner), [21JA]
Cosponsors added, [10FE], [25FE], [26FE], [24MR], [16JY]

S. 227—A bill to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [21JA]
Reported (no written report), [4FE]
Placed on the calendar, [4FE]
Passed Senate amended, [17DE]

S. 228—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Risch), [21JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [3MR], [5OC]

S. 229—A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Udall, Ms. Warren, Mr. Carper, Mr. Coons, Mr. Markey, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Casey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Reed, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Warner, Mr. Franken, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Tester, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. King, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Peters), [21JA]
Cosponsors added, [22JA]

S. 230—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOKSKI, [21JA]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–38), [11MY]
Placed on the calendar, [11MY]
Passed Senate amended, [25JN]
Passed House, [16SE]
Presented to the President (September 21, 2015)
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S. 231—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the ''Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Casey), [22JA]

S. 232—A bill to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in the State of Nevada except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER, [22JA]

S. 233—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Burr, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Risch, Mr. Daines, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Flake), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [26FE], [29SE], [15DE]

S. 234—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Heller, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Risch, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Perdue), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA]

S. 235—A bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Risch, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Gardner, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Daines), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [9FE], [26FE], [15AP], [4MY], [27JY], [5AU], [16SE], [21SE], [21OC], [30NO]

S. 236—A bill to amend the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [9MR], [3DE]

S. 237—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify the circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]

S. 238—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Cornyn), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [10FE], [23FE], [23JN], [21JY], [22SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [16DE]

S. 239—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to apportionments under the Airport Improvement Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Heinrich), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [25FE]

S. 240—A bill to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Markey, and Mrs. McCaskill), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [2FE], [3FE]

S. 241—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Moran), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [21MY]

S. 242—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Moran), [22JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–89), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY]
Passed Senate, [28JY]

S. 243—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts from $2,000 to $5,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [22JA]

S. 244—A bill to require an independent comprehensive review of the process by which the Department of Veterans Affairs assesses cognitive impairments that result from traumatic brain injury for purposes of awarding disability compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER, [22JA]

S. 245—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand personal saving and retirement savings coverage by enabling employees not covered by qualifying retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic IRA arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [22JA]

S. 246—A bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Tester, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Udall, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Thune, Ms. Warren, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Moran, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Baldwin, and Mrs. Shaheen), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [14MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Placed on the calendar, [11MY]
Passed Senate amended, [1JN]

S. 247—A bill to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [1DE]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [19NO]

S. 248—A bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Thune, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Daines), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [23AP], [1JN], [15JN], [8OC], [5NO]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–140), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [17DE]

S. 249—A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the 2014 Ebola virus outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Cornyn), [22JA]

S. 250—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit threats against former Vice Presidents and members of their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. Feinstein), [26JA]

S. 251—A bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Markey, and Ms. Warren), [26JA]

S. 252—A bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. CORNYN, [26JA]

S. 253—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1943 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HELLER, [26JA]
Cosponsors added, [25FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–58), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Passed Senate amended, [10JN]

S. 254—A bill to lower health premiums and increase choice for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Scott), [26JA]

S. 255—A bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [26JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [12FE], [10SE], [6OC]

S. 256—A bill to amend the definition of ''homeless person'' under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Portman), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [6AU]

S. 257—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Thune), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [10FE], [23FE], [9MR], [17MR], [11MY], [1JN], [15JN]

S. 258—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Moran, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Daines, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Merkley, and Ms. Klobuchar), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [12FE], [26FE], [4MR], [22AP], [4MY], [7MY], [15JN], [28JY], [29JY], [4AU], [17SE], [29SE]

S. 259—A bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [5FE], [10FE], [3MR], [9MR], [26MR]

S. 260—A bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Toomey), [27JA]

S. 261—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE, [27JA]
Reported (no written report), [4MY]
Placed on the calendar, [4MY]
Passed Senate, [21MY]
Passed House, [24SE]
Presented to the President (September 29, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–64] (signed October 7, 2015)

S. 262—A bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Booker), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [23FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [2MR], [3MR], [4MR], [10MR]

S. 263—A bill to protect the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [24FE]

S. 264—A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Lee, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Perdue, Mrs. Capito, and Ms. Hirono), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [10FE], [24FE], [3NO], [5NO]

S. 265—A bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Flake, and Mr. Hatch), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [29JA], [9FE], [29SE], [3NO]

S. 266—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify safe harbor requirements applicable to automatic contribution arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Nelson), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [16MR]

S. 267—A bill to authorize the transfer of certain items under the control of the Omar Bradley Foundation to the descendants of General Omar Bradley; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [4AU]

S. 268—A bill to improve the infrastructure of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [27JA]

S. 269—A bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Coats, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Graham, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Casey, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Blunt), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [2FE], [4FE], [9FE], [10FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [27FE], [9MR], [17MR]

S. 270—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Peters), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [2FE], [8JN]

S. 271—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [10FE], [12FE], [26FE], [10MR], [20AP], [29AP], [7JY], [13JY], [22JY], [26JY], [28JY], [5AU], [15SE], [29SE], [3NO]

S. 272—A bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Mikulski), [27JA]
Read the first time, [27JA]
Read the second time, [28JA]
Placed on the calendar, [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [5FE]

S. 273—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Blunt), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [2FE]

S. 274—A bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Vitter), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [2FE]

S. 275—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Warner), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [30JA], [3FE], [5FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [3MR], [17MR], [14AP], [19MY], [1JN], [8JN], [15SE], [25SE], [7OC], [10NO]

S. 276—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [28JA]

S. 277—A bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 and the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 to strengthen research in adult education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [28JA]

S. 278—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Roberts), [28JA]

S. 279—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [28JA]

S. 280—A bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. King, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Paul), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [3MR], [13MY], [21MY], [11JN], [8JY], [27JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
Placed on the calendar, [4AU]

S. 281—A bill to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising mate-

rials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [27OC]

S. 282—A bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. McCain), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [5FE], [30AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–71), [24JN]
Placed on the calendar, [24JN]

S. 283—A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Risch, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Daines, Mr. Heller, Mr. Burr, Mr. Vitter, Mr. McCain, Mr. Graham, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Paul, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Moran, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Portman, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cochran, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Thune, Mr. Corker, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Shelby), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [9FE], [24FE], [5AU]

S. 284—A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Markey, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Blumenthal), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [23JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Passed Senate amended, [17DE]

S. 285—A bill to authorize the construction of a replacement medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Aurora, Colorado, and to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Chief of Engineers to act as the construction agent with respect to such construction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [28JA]

S. 286—A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Ms. Murkowski), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [10FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–60), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Passed Senate amended, [7JY]

S. 287—A bill to establish the Food Safety Administration to protect the public health by preventing foodborne illness, ensuring the safety of food, improving research on contaminants leading to foodborne illness, and improving security of food from international contamination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Blumenthal), [28JA]

S. 288—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Scott), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [16MR]

S. 289—A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Brown, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Markey, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Schumer), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [25FE], [1JN]

S. 290—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. McCain), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [10FE], [3DE]

S. 291—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered removed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Cruz), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [10FE], [24FE]

S. 292—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Flake, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Daines, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Moran, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cruz, and Mrs. Fischer), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [26MR]

S. 293—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Flake, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Moran, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Risch, Mr. Heller, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Wicker), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [2FE], [26MR], [21MY]

S. 294—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Moran, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Wicker), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA]

S. 295—A bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Daines, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lee, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Portman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Manchin), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [5FE], [10FE], [11FE]
Reported (no written report), [9FE]
Placed on the calendar, [9FE]
Passed Senate amended, [11FE]

S. 296—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [28JA]

S. 297—A bill to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Udall), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [30JA]

S. 298—A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid Program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Portman, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kirk, and Mrs. Murray), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [10FE], [23FE], [26FE], [11MR], [13AP], [21AP], [7MY], [13MY], [16JN], [23JN], [14JY], [3AU], [5AU], [8SE], [9SE], [15SE], [16SE], [1OC], [9DE], [15DE]

S. 299—A bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Moran, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Udall, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Carper), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [25FE], [4MR], [12MR], [18MR], [13AP], [15AP], [21AP], [23AP], [28AP], [30AP], [12MY], [14MY], [19MY], [4JN], [11JN], [18JN], [22JN], [22JY], [10NO]

S. 300—A bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Cruz), [29JA]

S. 301—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [27FE], [3MR], [11MR], [12MR], [16MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [23MR]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [24MR]

S. 302—A bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Warren, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Franken, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Booker, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Casey, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Blumenthal), [29JA]

S. 303—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that individuals having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [25MR], [22MY], [30JY]

S. 304—A bill to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Heller, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Blumenthal), [29JA]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–13), [13AP]
Placed on the calendar, [13AP]
Passed Senate amended, [28AP]

S. 305—A bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Moran, Mr. Portman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Risch), [29JA]

Cosponsors added, [24FE]

S. 306—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Crapo), [29JA]

S. 307—A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and implementation of guidelines on best practices for diagnosis, treatment, and management of mild traumatic brain injuries (MTBIs) in school-aged children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [9MR]

S. 308—A bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Manchin, and Mrs. Capito), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [5FE], [11FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE], [16MR], [17MR], [18MR]

S. 309—A bill to prohibit earmarks; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Portman, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Flake, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Lee), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [5FE], [9FE]

S. 310—A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [24JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–93), [27JY]
Placed on the calendar, [27JY]

S. 311—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [26MR], [23AP], [14MY], [22MY], [1JN], [3JN], [4JN], [9JN], [18JN], [24JN], [8JY], [24SE]

S. 312—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school libraries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Whitehouse), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [2MR]

S. 313—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Blunt), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [23FE], [24FE], [25FE], [2MR], [9MR], [16MR], [14AP], [19MY], [8JN], [9JN], [10JN], [16JN], [17JN], [18JN], [22JN], [23JN], [9JY], [13JY], [21JY], [29OC]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–98), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

S. 314—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare Program of pharmacist services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Brown), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [2FE], [3FE], [4MR], [9MR], [10MR], [17MR], [18MR], [22AP], [30AP], [5MY], [13MY], [19MY], [3JN], [15JN], [18JN], [23JN], [24JN], [7JY], [13JY], [15JY], [21JY], [23JY], [27JY], [28JY], [4AU], [22SE], [30SE], [20OC], [9NO], [17NO], [2DE], [9DE]

S. 315—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [8JN]

S. 316—A bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Alexander, and Mrs. Feinstein), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [2FE], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [9MR], [16MR]

S. 317—A bill to improve early education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Udall, and Mr. Wyden), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [10FE], [27FE], [3MR], [1JN]

S. 318—A bill to prioritize funding for the National Institutes of Health to discover treatments and cures, to maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and to restore the purchasing power the NIH had after the historic doubling campaign that ended in fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. Cardin), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [13AP], [13JY]

S. 319—A bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Sullivan), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [18MR]

S. 320—A bill to authorize the collection of supplemental payments to increase congressional investments in medical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Baldwin), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [5MY]

S. 321—A bill to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. LANKFORD, [29JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–40), [11MY]
Placed on the calendar, [11MY]

S. 322—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Coons), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [2FE], [10FE], [4MR]

S. 323—A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [29JA]

S. 324—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to loans made from a qualified employer plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [30JA]

S. 325—A bill to use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Booker), [30JA]

S. 326—A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Heller, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Tester), [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [10FE], [13JY], [14JY]

S. 327—A bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Cruz), [2FE]
Cosponsors added, [9FE], [10FE], [30AP], [14MY]

S. 328—A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the United States, or any State or local government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Schumer), [2FE]

S. 329—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [2FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–182), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 330—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [2FE]
Cosponsors added, [2MR], [11MR], [19MR], [20AP], [23AP], [28AP], [12MY], [14MY], [8JN], [13JY], [21JY], [22JY], [27JY], [29JY], [5AU], [6AU], [28SE], [29SE], [6OC], [17NO], [18NO], [7DE]

S. 331—A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Udall, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Risch), [2FE]

S. 332—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [2FE]
Cosponsors added, [10FE], [23FE], [25FE], [3MR], [4MR], [17MR], [23MR]

S. 333—A bill to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts over the next decade; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Vitter), [2FE]

S. 334—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Toomey), [2FE]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [24SE], [29SE], [30SE], [6OC], [3NO], [8DE]

S. 335—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Burr, Mr. Warner, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Cardin), [2FE]
Cosponsors added, [9FE], [10FE], [25FE], [2MR], [10MR], [11MR], [17MR], [23MR], [27AP], [28AP], [1JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–56), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]

S. 336—A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and

Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Paul, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Portman, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Perdue, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Moran, Mr. Coats, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Flake, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Daines, Mr. Thune, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Lee, Mr. Gardner, Mr. McCain, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Rounds, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Graham, Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Sessions), [2FE]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [12FE]

S. 337—A bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Grassley), [2FE]
Cosponsors added, [9FE], [11FE]
Reported (no written report), [9FE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–4), [23FE]
Placed on the calendar, [23FE]

S. 338—A bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [2FE]
Read the first time, [2FE]
Read the second time, [3FE]
Placed on the calendar, [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [4FE], [12FE], [24FE], [26FE], [4MR], [17MR], [23AP], [6MY], [13JY], [28JY], [17SE], [6OC]

S. 339—A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Paul, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Portman, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Perdue, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Moran, Mr. Coats, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Flake, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Daines, Mr. Thune, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Lee, Mr. Gardner, Mr. McCain, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Rounds, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Graham, Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Risch), [2FE]
Read the first time, [2FE]
Read the second time, [3FE]
Placed on the calendar, [3FE]

S. 340—A bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Portman, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Merkley), [3FE]

S. 341—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain small business tax provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Carper), [3FE]

S. 342—A bill to promote the use of blended learning in classrooms across America; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [3FE]

S. 343—A bill to ensure that individuals do not simultaneously receive unemployment compensation and disability insurance benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [3FE]

S. 344—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the excise tax on liquified petroleum gas and liquified natural gas; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Burr), [3FE]

S. 345—A bill to limit the level of premium subsidy provided by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to agricultural producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Toomey), [3FE]

S. 346—A bill to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [3FE]

S. 347—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Wicker), [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE]

S. 348—A bill to impose enhanced penalties for conduct relating to unlawful production of a controlled substance on Federal property or while intentionally trespassing on the property of another that causes environmental damage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. Feinstein), [3FE]

S. 349—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–99), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]
Passed Senate, [9SE]

S. 350—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Crapo), [3FE]

S. 351—A bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER, [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE]

S. 352—A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Capito, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Moran, Mr. Portman, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Risch), [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [9FE], [2MR], [4MR], [9MR], [10MR], [12MR], [6MY], [18MY], [21MY], [4JN], [10JN], [15JN], [23JN], [8OC], [19OC], [26OC], [3NO], [5NO]

S. 353—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [3FE]

S. 354—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the ''Sister Ann Keefe Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [3FE]

S. 355—A bill to support the provision of safe relationship behavior education and training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Blumenthal), [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [5FE], [15JN]

S. 356—A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Moran, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Blumenthal), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [9FE], [10FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE], [2MR], [3MR], [28AP], [5MY], [20MY], [17JN], [4AU], [19OC]

S. 357—A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [9JY]

S. 358—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Tester, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Schatz), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [11MR], [14AP], [8JY]

S. 359—A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to impose restrictions on the risk corridor program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [4FE]

S. 360—A bill to authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [4FE]

S. 361—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. McCain), [4FE]

S. 362—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Coats, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Risch), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [23FE]

S. 363—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering the Nation's teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Boozman), [4FE]

S. 364—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [4FE]

S. 365—A bill to improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Lee), [4FE]

S. 366—A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Udall, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. King, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Warren, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Peters, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Collins, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Scott, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Daines), [4FE]

Cosponsors added, [23MR], [25MR], [26MR], [5MY], [6MY], [11MY], [16JN], [3NO]

S. 367—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and to provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Udall, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mrs. Boxer), [4FE]

S. 368—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [4FE]

Cosponsors added, [23FE], [21JY], [3NO]

S. 369—A bill to enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [4FE]

S. 370—A bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Capito, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Casey, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Cantwell), [4FE]

Cosponsors added, [10FE], [12MR], [12MY], [23JN], [15SE], [25SE], [20OC]

S. 371—A bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Sullivan, and Ms. Cantwell), [4FE]

Cosponsors added, [25FE], [26FE]

S. 372—A bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Toomey), [4FE]

S. 373—A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Nelson), [4FE]

Cosponsors added, [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [27FE], [3MR], [10MR], [29AP], [7MY], [11MY], [1DE]

Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–96), [29JY]

Placed on the calendar, [29JY]

S. 374—A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to extend the requirement of the Secretary to furnish hospital care and medical services through non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities to veterans residing in certain locations; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [4FE]

S. 375—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Carper, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Casey, Mr. Portman, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Coons, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. King, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Wyden, and Ms. Klobuchar), [4FE]

Cosponsors added, [10FE], [3MR], [4MR], [23MR], [21AP], [18MY], [19MY], [10JN]

S. 376—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude payments received under the Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Leahy), [4FE]

S. 377—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare Program and to reform payments for such services under such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Leahy, and Ms. Collins), [4FE]

Cosponsors added, [21AP], [4MY], [3AU], [7OC]

S. 378—A bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Paul, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Capito, and Mr. Gardner), [4FE]

S. 379—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mr. King, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Heitkamp, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Hirono), [5FE]

Cosponsors added, [23FE], [16MR]

S. 380—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from the tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [5FE]

Cosponsors added, [23FE]

S. 381—A bill to improve the response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [5FE]

S. 382—A bill to eliminate the automatic inflation increases for discretionary programs built into the baseline projections and require budget estimates to be compared with prior year's level; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Portman), [5FE]

S. 383—A bill to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [5FE]

S. 384—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Gardner), [5FE]

Cosponsors added, [9FE], [15AP]

S. 385—A bill to provide for a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Carper, Mr. Isakson, Mrs. Shaheen, and Ms. Ayotte), [5FE]

S. 386—A bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Blunt), [5FE]

Cosponsors added, [9FE], [23FE], [30AP], [6MY], [18MY]

S. 387—A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to use the definitions in section 40125 of title 49, United States Code, in determining whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status under that section, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Wyden, and Ms. Heitkamp), [5FE]

S. 388—A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane treatment of animals by Federal Government facilities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Durbin), [5FE]

Cosponsors added, [12FE], [26FE], [3MR], [11MR], [17MR], [20AP]

S. 389—A bill to amend section 1111(h)(1)(C)(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO, [5FE]

Cosponsors added, [7MY], [12MY], [18MY], [20MY], [18JN], [7JY]

S. 390—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to ensure that amounts in the land and water conservation fund are made available for projects to provide recreational public access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER, [5FE]

S. 391—A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Heller, Mr. Lee, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Scott), [5FE]

Cosponsors added, [12FE], [18MY], [3NO], [19NO]

S. 392—A bill to combat heroin and methamphetamine trafficking across the Southern border of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mrs. Capito), [5FE]

S. 393—A bill to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein)), [5FE]

S. 394—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Brown, Mr. Heller, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Roberts), [5FE]

Cosponsors added, [9FE], [25FE], [27FE], [14AP], [27AP]

S. 395—A bill to implement a demonstration project under titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to examine the costs and benefits of providing payments for comprehensive coordinated health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care

retirement communities to Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Cassidy), [5FE]
Cosponsors added, [6OC]

S. 396—A bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN, [5FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [9MR], [18MR]

S. 397—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a temporary dividends received deduction for dividends received from a controlled foreign corporation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. McCAIN, [5FE]

S. 398—A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Grassley, Mr. King, Mr. Tester, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Brown), [5FE]
Cosponsors added, [23MR], [21AP], [23AP], [28AP], [13MY], [28OC]

S. 399—A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [5FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE]

S. 400—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [5FE]

S. 401—A bill to amend rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [5FE]

S. 402—A bill to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [5FE]
Cosponsors added, [9FE], [10FE], [16MR]

S. 403—A bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Science Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Franken, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Peters), [5FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [8JN], [20OC]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–125), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 404—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Risch, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. McCain, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Moran, Mr. Graham, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Daines), [5FE]
Cosponsors added, [9FE], [10FE], [12FE], [3AU]

S. 405—A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Risch, Ms. Heitkamp, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Manchin), [5FE]
Read the first time, [5FE]
Read the second time, [9FE]
Placed on the calendar, [9FE]
Cosponsors added, [10MR], [19MY], [29OC]

S. 406—A bill to waive and repay certain debts relating to assistance provided to individuals and households; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Booker, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Cassidy), [5FE]

S. 407—A bill to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Carper, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Franken, Mr. Markey, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Kaine), [5FE]

S. 408—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and to extend the tax incentives for empowerment zones; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [5FE]

S. 409—A bill to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [5FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [12FE], [25FE], [9MR], [11MR], [26MR], [30AP]

S. 410—A bill to strengthen Indian education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [9FE]

S. 411—A bill to authorize the approval of natural gas pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Hoeven), [9FE]

S. 412—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to encourage and support parent, family, and community involvement in schools, to provide needed integrated services and comprehensive supports to children for the ultimate goal of assisting students to stay in school, become successful learners, improve their academic achievement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [9FE]
Cosponsors added, [23FE]

S. 413—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [9FE]

S. 414—A bill to provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [9FE]

S. 415—A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in order to limit the penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [9FE]

S. 416—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to promote the education of expectant and parenting students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL, [9FE]

S. 417—A bill to encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available for use by rural and smaller carriers in order to expand wireless coverage; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. Fischer), [9FE]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [5NO], [10NO]

S. 418—A bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL, [9FE]
Cosponsors added, [17MR]

S. 419—A bill to assist coordination among science, technology, engineering, and mathematics efforts in the States, to strengthen the capacity of elementary schools, middle schools, and secondary schools to prepare students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [9FE]

S. 420—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Manchin, Mr. King, Mr. Portman, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Coons, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Flake, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Franken, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Tester, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Scott), [10FE]

S. 421—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HELLER, [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE]

S. 422—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to clarify the use of credentials by enrolled agents; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [10FE]

S. 423—A bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Scott, Mr. Heller, Ms. Warren, Mr. Corker, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Tester), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [23FE], [4MR], [9MR], [10MR], [11MR], [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [25MR], [14AP], [20AP], [29AP], [5MY], [11MY], [21MY], [15JN], [22SE]

S. 424—A bill to promote unlicensed spectrum use in the 5 GHz band, to maximize the use of the band for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Booker), [10FE]

S. 425—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Tester), [10FE]

S. 426—A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [10FE]

S. 427—A bill to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Govern-

ment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. King), [10FE]

S. 428—A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for 12-month continuous enrollment under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN, [10FE]

S. 429—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Brown), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [8JN], [23JN], [13JY], [3AU], [5OC], [10NO], [1DE], [8DE], [18DE]

S. 430—A bill to prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Wyden), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [17MR]

S. 431—A bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Tester, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Coons, Mr. Heller, Mr. Markey, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Moran, Mr. Burr, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Daines, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Coats, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McCain, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Lee, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Flake), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [9MR], [16MR], [4MY], [13MY], [21JY]

S. 432—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain small businesses from the employer health insurance mandate and to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of such mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Portman), [10FE]

S. 433—A bill to establish a benefit calculation methodology with respect to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Graham, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Burr, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Collins, Mr. Casey, Mr. Donnelly, and Mr. Portman), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [29AP]

S. 434—A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Vitter), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MY]

S. 435—A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of ''marriage'' and ''spouse'' for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Daines, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Lee, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Shelby, and Mr. Vitter), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [23FE], [27FE]

S. 436—A bill to promote youth athletic safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]

S. 437—A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Sullivan), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE]

S. 438—A bill to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Daines), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE]

S. 439—A bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Brown, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Peters, Mr. Udall, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Klobuchar, and Ms. Baldwin), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [3MR], [17MR], [13AP], [15AP], [16AP], [21AP], [30AP], [4MY], [19MY], [1JN], [3JN], [9JN], [23JN], [25JN], [7JY], [9JY], [13JY], [3NO]

S. 440—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Risch, Mr. King, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Sanders), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [3MR], [10MR], [13MY]

S. 441—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Casey, Mr. Heller, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Tester, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Gardner, and Ms. Hirono), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [24FE], [4MR], [19MR], [28AP], [21MY], [5OC], [22OC], [15DE]

S. 442—A bill to establish within the Department of Education the Innovation Inspiration School Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Coons), [10FE]

S. 443—A bill to prohibit the long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks unless the Surface Transportation Board has approved the rail carrier's rail car storage plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR, [10FE]

S. 444—A bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Wyden), [10FE]

S. 445—A bill to increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [10FE]

S. 446—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the credit for employers establishing workplace child care facilities, to increase the child care credit to encourage greater use of quality child care services, to provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities, and to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Schatz, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [11FE]

S. 447—A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mrs. Murray), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [18MY]

S. 448—A bill to provide for coordination between the TRICARE Program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [11FE]

S. 449—A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [11FE]

S. 450—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Brown), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [29AP]

S. 451—A bill to award grants to encourage State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement and college and career readiness, the skills of teachers and school leaders, and the efficiency and productivity of education systems at all levels; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. King), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [2MR], [28OC]

S. 452—A bill to provide lethal weapons to the Government of Ukraine in order to defend itself against Russian-backed rebel separatists in eastern Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Wicker, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Thune, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Vitter, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Rounds, and Mr. Cornyn), [11FE]

S. 453—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [15JN]

S. 454—A bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [11FE]

S. 455—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Schumer), [11FE]

S. 456—A bill to codify mechanisms for enabling cybersecurity threat indicator sharing between private and government entities, as well as among private entities, to better protect information systems; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER, [11FE]

S. 457—A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of non-violent persons when released from incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Reid), [11FE]

S. 458—A bill to provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [11FE]

S. 459—A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve waivers under the Medicaid Program under title XIX of the Social Security Act that are related to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BOOZMAN, [11FE]

S. 460—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of algal toxins in drinking water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [11FE]

S. 461—A bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [11FE]

S. 462—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a health advisory and submit reports with respect to microcystins in drinking water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [11FE]

S. 463—A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to prohibit the paying of premium subsidies on policies based on the actual market price of an agricultural commodity at the time of harvest; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [11FE]

S. 464—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding Native Hawaiian education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Schatz, and Ms. Murkowski), [11FE]

S. 465—A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. Warner), [11FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–141), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 466—A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Casey, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Schumer), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [30NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–100), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

S. 467—A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Lee, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Graham), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [12MR], [27AP]

S. 468—A bill to provide a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to allow the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the Forest Service to remove Pinyon-Juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage-grouse and the mule deer; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HATCH, [11FE]

S. 469—A bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Tester, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Bennet), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [30AP], [3JN], [9SE], [10DE]

S. 470—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain educational institutions from the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Rounds), [12FE]

S. 471—A bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [16AP], [23AP], [27AP], [29AP], [4MY], [8JN], [9JY], [13JY], [16JY], [30JY], [3AU], [5AU], [6AU]

S. 472—A bill to promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Reid), [12FE]

S. 473—A bill to implement programs and activities to raise children up out of poverty and save the next generation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. UDALL, [12FE]

S. 474—A bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Mrs. Capito), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [4MR], [10MR], [11MR]

S. 475—A bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coats, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Heller, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. McCain, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Warner), [12FE]

S. 476—A bill to recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at eligible schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [12FE]

S. 477—A bill to terminate Operation Choke Point; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. RUBIO, [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [16MR], [23MR], [26MR], [18JN], [10SE]

S. 478—A bill to promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Portman), [12FE]

S. 479—A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [21OC]

S. 480—A bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Schumer, and Ms. Warren), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [6OC]

S. 481—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [15SE], [3NO]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [1OC]
Placed on the calendar, [1OC]

S. 482—A bill to increase from $10,000,000,000 to $50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [12FE]

S. 483—A bill to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [17MR], [24MR], [22AP]

S. 484—A bill to protect all patients by prohibiting the use of data obtained from comparative effectiveness research to deny or delay coverage of items or services under Federal health care programs and to ensure that comparative effectiveness research accounts for advancements in personalized medicine and differences in patient treatment response; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Portman), [12FE]

S. 485—A bill to prohibit the use of eminent domain in carrying out certain projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Cotton), [12FE]

S. 486—A bill to amend the Head Start Act to ensure that all children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs are vaccinated, and allow exemptions only for children with underlying medical conditions, for whom vaccines are therefore medically contraindicated; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [12FE]

S. 487—A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to allow the rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures that are located in areas having special flood hazards and are substantially damaged by fire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [12FE]

S. 488—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [2MR], [9MR], [11MR], [23MR], [25MR], [26MR], [28AP], [4MY], [12MY], [11JN], [17JN], [18JN], [28OC], [3NO], [18NO]

S. 489—A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [3MR]

S. 490—A bill to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Lee, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Cotton), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [15SE]

S. 491—A bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Flake, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Durbin), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [28AP], [18MY], [20MY], [22MY], [8JN], [9JN], [10JN], [15JN], [16JN], [18JN], [23JN], [7JY], [8JY], [14JY], [27JY], [1DE]

S. 492—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Bennet), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [16MR], [30AP]

S. 493—A bill to reduce a portion of the annual pay of Members of Congress for the failure to adopt a concurrent resolution on the budget which does not provide for a balanced budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Cotton), [12FE]

S. 494—A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain in Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Sullivan), [12FE]

S. 495—A bill to revoke the charters for the Federal National Mortgage Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation upon resolution of their obligations, to create a new Mortgage Finance Agency for the securitization of single family and multifamily mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. ISAKSON, [12FE]

S. 496—A bill to prohibit the use of any Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [12FE]

S. 497—A bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Coons, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Warren, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Booker, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Peters, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Leahy), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [23FE], [26MR], [28AP], [5MY], [11MY], [19MY], [22JN], [7JY], [30JY], [5AU]

S. 498—A bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Moran, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Daines), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [23FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [4MR], [11MR], [19MR], [13AP], [22AP], [27AP], [3JN], [23JN], [13JY], [28JY], [9SE]

S. 499—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Lankford, and Mr. Scott), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [3MR]

S. 500—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Udall, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Hatch), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [9MR]

S. 501—A bill to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [12FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–41), [11MY]
Placed on the calendar, [11MY]
Passed Senate, [21MY]
Passed House, [16SE]
Presented to the President (September 21, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–57] (signed September 30, 2015)

S. 502—A bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Flake, Mr. Booker, Mr. Paul, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Coons), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [17MR], [26MR], [14AP], [27AP], [21SE], [7OC]

S. 503—A bill to amend the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act to extend trade preferences for certain articles imported from Haiti and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON, [12FE]

S. 504—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Franken, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Donnelly), [12FE]

S. 505—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [25FE], [2MR], [10MR], [11MR], [19MR]

S. 506—A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Casey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cassidy, and Mr. Gardner), [12FE]

S. 507—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Lee, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Risch), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [6MY]

S. 508—A bill to amend the FLAME Act of 2009 to provide for additional wildfire suppression activities, to provide for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. Flake, and Mr. Barrasso), [12FE]

S. 509—A bill to establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center in New York, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [12FE]

S. 510—A bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Barrasso, Mrs. Capito, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Corker, and Ms. Collins), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [24FE]

S. 511—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled accordingly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Warren, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Booker), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]

S. 512—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Heller), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [28AP], [30AP], [10JN], [11JN], [17JN], [24JN], [23JY], [27JY], [8OC]

S. 513—A bill for the relief of Esther Karinge; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MARKEY, [12FE]

S. 514—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish the Promise Neighborhoods Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Blumenthal), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [2JN]

S. 515—A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide relief during fiscal years 2016 and 2017 from the reductions in the discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [12FE]

S. 516—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [12FE]

S. 517—A bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program, to restore mandatory funding status to the payment in lieu of taxes program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Udall, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Tester), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [30AP]

S. 518—A bill to require States to establish highway stormwater management programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN, [12FE]

S. 519—A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to permanently reauthorize the Chesa-

peake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Coons, Mr. Carper, and Mr. Warner), [12FE]

S. 520—A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN, [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [10SE], [7OC], [27OC]

S. 521—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [12FE]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–126), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 522—A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Casey, Mr. Reid, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Coons, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mrs. Feinstein), [12FE]

S. 523—A bill to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Warner, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Merkley), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MY]

S. 524—A bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Kirk), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [26FE], [11MR], [16AP], [20MY], [22MY], [7JY], [17SE], [21SE], [28SE], [29SE]

S. 525—A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) to reform the Food for Peace Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. Coons), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [15AP], [28AP], [10SE], [15SE]

S. 526—A bill to sunset the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force after three years; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [17MR]

S. 527—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. Booker, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Collins, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Daines, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Burr, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Portman, Mr. Corker, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cotton, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Risch, Mr. Wicker, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Scott, Mr. Coats, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hatch, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Schatz, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Reed, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Coons, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Cardin), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [23FE], [24FE], [25FE]
Reported (no written report), [24FE]
Placed on the calendar, [24FE]
Passed Senate, [26FE]

S. 528—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve the requirements regarding alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [12FE]

S. 529—A bill to improve the services available to runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking, to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking, to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [23FE]

S. 530—A bill to require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED, [23FE]

S. 531—A bill to permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options to individuals; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [23FE]

S. 532—A bill to improve highway-rail grade crossing safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [23FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [26FE]

S. 533—A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Schatz), [23FE]

S. 534—A bill to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes.
By Ms. COLLINS, [23FE]
Read the first time, [23FE]
Read the second time, [24FE]
Placed on the calendar, [24FE]
Motion to proceed considered, [26FE], [27FE]

S. 535—A bill to promote energy efficiency.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Collins, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Bennet), [23FE]
Read the first time, [23FE]
Read the second time, [24FE]
Placed on the calendar, [24FE]
Passed Senate, [26MR]
Passed House, [21AP]
Presented to the President (April 23, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–11] (signed April 30, 2015)

S. 536—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [29AP]

S. 537—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [24FE]

S. 538—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate System in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [24FE]

S. 539—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Collins), [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [2MR], [4MR], [9MR], [10MR], [12MR], [16MR], [17MR], [19MR], [24MR], [15AP], [21AP], [28AP], [3JN], [17JN], [28JY]

S. 540—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. Heitkamp), [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [21JY], [10SE], [29OC], [3NO]

S. 541—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the John P. Parker House in Ripley, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BROWN, [24FE]

S. 542—A bill to enhance the homeland security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COATS, [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [30NO], [2DE]

S. 543—A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Inhofe), [24FE]

S. 544—A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Risch, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Flake), [24FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–69), [22JN]
Placed on the calendar, [22JN]

S. 545—A bill making continuing appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015 expires and the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2015 is not enacted; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. THUNE, [24FE]

S. 546—A bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. King, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Schumer), [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [26FE], [10MR], [9JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–85), [21JY]
Placed on the calendar, [21JY] 21JY

S. 547—A bill to establish a regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals under the aegis of the Federal Trade Commission, to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to improve provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [24FE]

S. 548—A bill to clarify that funding for the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board is not subject to the sequester; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [24FE]

S. 549—A bill to clarify that funding for the Securities Investor Protection Corporation is not subject to the sequester; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [24FE]

S. 550—A bill to clarify that funding for the standard setting body designated pursuant to section 19(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 is not subject to the sequester; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [24FE]

S. 551—A bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Reed, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Markey), [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [7JY], [17NO], [18NO], [19NO], [30NO], [1DE], [2DE], [9DE], [15DE], [17DE]

S. 552—A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Ayotte, and Mrs. Shaheen), [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 553—A bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coons, Mr. McCain, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Portman, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Cardin), [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [4MR], [21AP], [23AP], [1JN], [22SE], [29SE], [30SE], [5OC], [22OC], [5NO], [10NO], [16NO], [3DE]

S. 554—A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Udall, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Warner, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Carper, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Baldwin, and Ms. Hirono), [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE]

S. 555—A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards for information on the kidnapping and murder of James Foley, Peter Kassig, Steven Sotloff, Kayla Mueller, or any other United States citizen by a foreign terrorist organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Coats, Mr. McCain, Mr. Flake, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Cruz, and Ms. Ayotte), [25FE]

S. 556—A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [25FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 557—A bill to promote Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [25FE]

S. 558—A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Ayotte), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–65), [15JN]
Placed on the calendar, [15JN]

S. 559—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from engaging in regulatory overreach with regard to institutional eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Portman, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Enzi, and Ms. Murkowski), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [2MR], [10MR], [11MR], [17MR], [18MY], [1JN], [28JY], [8SE]

S. 560—A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [25FE]

S. 561—A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date on which the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [25FE]

S. 562—A bill to promote exploration for geothermal resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Risch), [25FE]

S. 563—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Tester), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]

S. 564—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Tester), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [13AP], [28AP], [7JY], [27JY], [5AU], [22OC]

S. 565—A bill to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. Lankford), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [20AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–59), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Passed Senate, [15JN]
Passed House, [28SE]
Presented to the President (September 30, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–65] (signed October 7, 2015)

S. 566—A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Udall), [25FE]

S. 567—A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [25FE]

S. 568—A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Warner, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Warren, Mr. Markey, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Klobuchar), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [27FE], [4MR], [9MR], [12MR], [23MR], [26MR], [13AP]

S. 569—A bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Cochran), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [5AU], [15SE], [22SE], [19OC], [28OC], [3NO], [1DE], [7DE]

S. 570—A bill to improve access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Cardin), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [12MR]

S. 571—A bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Daines, Mr. Casey, Mr. Wicker, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Moran, Mr. Tester, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. King), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [2MR], [11MR], [26MR], [13AP], [20AP], [23AP], [19MY], [7JY], [9JY], [14JY], [16JY], [21JY], [22JY], [23JY], [26JY], [27JY], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [21SE], [24SE], [25SE], [8OC], [21OC], [28OC], [1DE], [10DE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [9DE]
Passed Senate amended, [15DE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–198), [18DE]
Placed on the calendar, [9DE]

S. 572—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK, [25FE]

S. 573—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Inhofe), [25FE]

S. 574—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. Booker), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [15JY], [30NO], [7DE]

S. 575—A bill to continue operation of the Human Exploitation Rescue Operative (HERO) Child Rescue Corps, a Cyber Crimes Center, a Child Exploitation Investigations Unit, a Computer Forensics Unit, and a Cyber Crimes Unit to support the mission of the Homeland Security Investigations directorate of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to combat the exploitation of children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE]

S. 576—A bill to increase the threshold for disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensatory benefit plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Warner), [26FE]

S. 577—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Flake), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [17MR]

S. 578—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [3MR], [10MR], [16MR], [17MR], [23MR], [24MR], [16AP], [21AP], [23AP], [29AP], [4MY], [11MY], [13MY], [18MY], [19MY], [10JN], [11JN], [15JN], [16JN], [18JN], [22JN], [23JN], [24JN], [8JY], [27JY], [30JY], [21SE], [6OC], [3NO], [5NO], [19NO], [1DE], [10DE]

S. 579—A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Johnson), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [23MR], [10SE], [21SE], [19OC], [22OC], [2DE], [7DE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–36), [5MY]
Placed on the calendar, [5MY]

S. 580—A bill to include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [26FE]

S. 581—A bill to provide grants to States to ensure that all students in the middle grades are taught an academically rigorous curriculum with effective supports so that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in secondary school and postsecondary endeavors, to improve State and district policies and programs relating to the academic achievement of students in the middle grades, to develop and implement effective middle grades models for struggling students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [26FE]

S. 582—A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. Moran, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Sasse, and Mr. Shelby), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [2MR], [10MR], [12MR], [19MR], [22AP]

S. 583—A bill to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RISCH, [26FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–127), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 584—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide the option to receive Medicare Summary Notices electronically, to increase the flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Warner), [26FE]

S. 585—A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act with respect to the exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Boxer), [26FE]

S. 586—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with prediabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brown, Mr. Markey, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Carper, Mr. Booker, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Peters), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [4MR], [16MR], [17MR], [14AP], [23AP], [7MY], [9JN], [15JY], [21JY], [22JY], [3AU], [3NO], [2DE]

S. 587—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to use only human-based methods for training members of the Armed Forces in the treatment of severe combat injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Peters), [26FE]

S. 588—A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Markey, and Ms. Klobuchar), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [3MR], [4MR]

S. 589—A bill to provide an immediate measure to control the spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and to inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Peters, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Schumer), [26FE]

S. 590—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Warner, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Reed, Ms. Stabenow, and Mrs. Shaheen), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [19MR], [26MR], [15AP], [16AP], [20AP], [23AP], [27AP], [15JN], [28JY], [15SE]

S. 591—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Daines, and Mr. Cardin), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [9MR], [10MR], [5NO]

S. 592—A bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Udall), [26FE]

S. 593—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [26FE]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 594—A bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Leahy), [26FE]

S. 595—A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to prohibit baiting exemptions on certain land; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]

S. 596—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [26FE]

S. 597—A bill to amend section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide that such section does not authorize the Federal Communications Commission to preempt the laws of certain States relating to the regulation of municipal broadband, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. TILLIS, [26FE]

S. 598—A bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Nelson), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [8JY], [27JY], [28JY], [5AU], [21SE], [25SE]

S. 599—A bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Toomey, and Ms. Collins), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [3MR], [12MR], [17MR], [14AP], [28AP], [4MY], [14MY], [18MY], [8JN], [15JN], [18JN], [7JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–101), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]
Passed Senate amended, [28SE]
Passed House amended, [16NO]
Senate agreed to House amendment, [19NO]
Presented to the President (December 1, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–97] (signed December 11, 2015)

S. 600—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency retrofit pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Risch, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Schatz), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]

S. 601—A bill to direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Kaine), [26FE]

S. 602—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [10NO]

S. 603—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, exam-

ination, treatment, and care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [26FE]

S. 604—A bill to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Veteran Student Centers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [13AP]

S. 605—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to invest in innovation for education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [16MR], [25MR]

S. 606—A bill to extend the right of appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board to certain employees of the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]

S. 607—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Moran), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [3MR], [26MR], [16AP], [27AP], [30AP], [5MY], [6MY], [7MY], [21MY], [15JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–102), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

S. 608—A bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Isakson), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [5MY], [13MY]

S. 609—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. Collins), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [16MR], [20AP], [23AP], [11MY], [27JY]

S. 610—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [27FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–129), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 611—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Mr. Franken, Mr. Moran, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Tester, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Inhofe), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [13AP], [15AP], [29AP], [5MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
Placed on the calendar, [18MY]
Passed Senate, [9JN]
Passed House, [30NO]
Presented to the President (December 2, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–98] (signed December 11, 2015)

S. 612—A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the ''George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [27FE]
Reported (no written report), [4MY]
Placed on the calendar, [4MY]
Passed Senate, [21MY]

S. 613—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. Murkowski), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [18MY], [17JN], [23JN], [5AU], [16SE], [24SE], [30SE], [8OC], [20OC], [26OC], [17NO], [2DE], [7DE], [18DE]

S. 614—A bill to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Johnson), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–86), [21JY]
Placed on the calendar, [21JY]
Passed Senate amended, [28JY]
Passed House, [7DE]
Presented to the President (December 9, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–109] (signed December 18, 2015)

S. 615—A bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kaine, Mr. McCain, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Risch, and Mr. King), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [3MR], [9MR], [10MR], [17MR], [19MR], [24MR], [26MR], [14AP], [15AP], [20AP], [21AP], [22AP], [23AP], [27AP], [28AP]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 616—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [18MR]

S. 617—A bill to ensure that owners of all motor vehicles in use on United States roadways are made aware of, and obtain repairs for, manufacturer-issued safety recalls in a timely manner; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [2MR]

S. 618—A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Grassley, and Ms. Murkowski), [2MR]
Cosponsors added, [28SE]

S. 619—A bill to include among the principal trade negotiating objectives of the United States regarding commercial partnerships trade negotiating objectives with respect to discouraging activity that discourages, penalizes, or otherwise limits commercial relations with Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [2MR]
Cosponsors added, [21AP], [23AP], [5MY], [7MY], [27OC]

S. 620—A bill to clarify rules relating to nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as such programs relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Scott, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Enzi), [2MR]

S. 621—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention and control of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Ms. Warren), [2MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MY], [5MY], [15JY], [29JY]

S. 622—A bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Whitehouse), [2MR]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [11MY], [16JN]

S. 623—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect , disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON, [3MR]

S. 624—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Cardin, and Ms. Collins), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [13AP], [15AP], [21AP], [28AP], [4MY], [14MY], [19MY], [7JY], [13JY], [27JY], [30SE], [5OC], [8OC], [3NO], [7DE], [10DE]

S. 625—A bill to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [3MR]
Read the first time, [3MR]
Read the second time, [4MR]
Placed on the calendar, [4MR]
Motion to proceed considered, [4MR]
Cloture motion on motion to proceed withdrawn, [9MR]

S. 626—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [17MR], [25MR], [21MY], [4JN], [8JN], [13JY], [21JY], [8SE]

S. 627—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Moran, Mr. Flake, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Crapo), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [10MR], [16JY], [16NO], [17NO], [18NO], [18DE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–148), [28SE]
Placed on the calendar, [28SE]

S. 628—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [16MR], [7JY], [16JY], [27JY], [28SE], [7OC]

S. 629—A bill to enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments under the Medicare Program to hospitals for the costs of such programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Blunt), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [11JN]

S. 630—A bill to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [3MR]

S. 631—A bill to exempt National Forest System land in the State of Alaska from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Sullivan), [3MR]

S. 632—A bill to strengthen the position of the United States as the world's leading innovator by amending title 35, United States Code, to protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the country's economy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Durbin, and Ms. Hirono), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MY]

S. 633—A bill to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PAUL, [3MR]

S. 634—A bill to prohibit the Federal Emergency Management Agency from recouping certain assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. GARDNER, [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [17MR]

S. 635—A bill to amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to provide guidance and limitations regarding the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into United States airspace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY, [3MR]

S. 636—A bill to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL, [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [12MR]

S. 637—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Moran, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Casey, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Blumenthal), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [9MR], [12MR], [16MR], [17MR], [13AP], [14AP], [15AP], [21AP], [14MY], [1JN], [3JN], [4JN], [9JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN], [7JY], [13JY], [14JY], [15JY], [16JY], [21JY], [28JY], [29JY], [5AU], [6AU], [10SE], [15SE], [22SE], [24SE], [20OC], [27OC], [4NO], [16NO], [17NO]

S. 638—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Lee, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Vitter), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [8JN]

S. 639—A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in any proposed rule that limits greenhouse gas emissions and imposes increased costs on other Federal agencies an offset from funds available to the Administrator for all projected increased costs that the proposed rule would impose on other Federal agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Lee, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Cornyn), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]

S. 640—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Coats, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Vitter), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [8JN], [10NO]

S. 641—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the employer wage credit for activated military reservists; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. Ernst), [3MR]

S. 642—A bill to aid human trafficking victims' recovery and rehabilitation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [3MR]

S. 643—A bill to amend titles I and II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen connections to early childhood education programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [3MR]

S. 644—A bill to resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Sullivan), [3MR]

S. 645—A bill to assist States in providing voluntary high-quality universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [3MR]

S. 646—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health screening before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR]

S. 647—A bill to repeal title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Enzi), [3MR]

S. 648—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and MA–PD plans with respect to certain categories or classes of drugs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Brown), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [27AP]

S. 649—A bill to amend the eligibility requirements for funding under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, and Mr. Vitter), [4MR]

S. 650—A bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Nelson), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [9MR], [11MR], [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [23MR], [24MR], [16AP]
Removal of cosponsors, [10JN]

S. 651—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [4MR]

S. 652—A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to provide for the more accurate and complete enumeration of members of the Armed Forces in any tabulation of total population by the Secretary of Commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL, [4MR]

S. 653—A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [4MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–48), [18MY]
Placed on the calendar, [18MY]
Passed Senate, [9JN]

S. 654—A bill to exempt certain class A CDL drivers from the requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement while operating a service vehicle with a fuel tank containing 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less of diesel fuel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Moran), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [29AP], [7JY]

S. 655—A bill to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to make a final determination on the listing of the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. THUNE, [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [23MR]

S. 656—A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [4MR]

S. 657—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [4MR]

S. 658—A bill to reauthorize the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [4MR]

S. 659—A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. SULLIVAN, [4MR]

S. 660—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for married couples who are both employed and have young children; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reid, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [4MR]

S. 661—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the dependent care tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reid, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [5AU]

S. 662—A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to ensure fairness in the establishment of certain rates and fees under sections 114 and 115 of such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Corker), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP], [15SE]

S. 663—A bill to repeal the violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [4MR]

S. 664—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a tax credit for foster families; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Kaine), [4MR]

S. 665—A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious

injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Portman, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Coons, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Warner, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. McConnell), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [12MR], [24MR], [25MR], [13AP], [16AP], [27AP]
Reported (no written report), [26MR]
Placed on the calendar, [26MR]
Passed Senate, [30AP]
Passed House, [12MY]
Presented to the President (May 14, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–12] (signed May 19, 2015)

S. 666—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of medical evidence provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals in support of claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [4MR]

S. 667—A bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Rubio), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [17MR], [21AP], [15JN], [24JN], [14JY], [19NO]

S. 668—A bill to require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure the accuracy of collected personal information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Franken), [4MR]

S. 669—A bill to provide for consideration of legislation to respond to a violation by Iran of an arrangement relating to its nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Carper, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Franken), [4MR]

S. 670—A bill to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COTTON, [4MR]

S. 671—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [4MR]

S. 672—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to support a reduction in school suspension and expulsions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [4MR]

S. 673—A bill to provide a transition plan for those individuals who may be affected by ObamaCare's unlawful implementation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SASSE, [4MR]

S. 674—A bill to expand programs with respect to women's health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, and Mrs. Boxer), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [9MR], [11MR], [17MR]

S. 675—A bill to provide for the sealing or expungement of records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Booker), [9MR]

S. 676—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Schumer), [9MR]
Cosponsors added, [20AP], [6MY], [17JN]

S. 677—A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Warren, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Coons, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Cardin), [9MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [13AP], [12MY], [8JN], [8JY], [29SE]

S. 678—A bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Sessions), [9MR]
Cosponsors added, [10MR], [17DE]

S. 679—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to Medicare data; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Thune), [9MR]
Cosponsors added, [23MR]

S. 680—A bill for the relief of Maha Dakar; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BROWN, [9MR]

S. 681—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Daines), [9MR]
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [16MR], [21AP], [22AP], [6MY], [14MY], [1JN], [15JN], [24JN], [25JN], [7JY], [8JY], [9JY], [21JY], [30JY], [9SE], [15SE], [21SE], [28SE], [29SE], [6OC], [7OC], [29OC], [3NO], [4NO]

S. 682—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Cotton), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [13AP], [20AP], [22AP], [28AP], [5MY], [6MY], [14MY], [18MY], [20MY], [22MY], [1JN], [4JN], [10JN], [11JN], [18JN], [27OC]

S. 683—A bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Paul), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [17MR], [13MY], [1JN], [15JN], [8JY], [21JY], [27JY], [28JY]

S. 684—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [23JN]

S. 685—A bill to prescribe safety standards for autocycles and related equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER, [10MR]

S. 686—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a limitation on certain aliens from claiming the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Scott, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Risch, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Johnson), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [18MR]

S. 687—A bill to authorize the establishment of American Dream Accounts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [10MR]

S. 688—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the Medicare hospital readmission reduction program to respond to patient disparities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Brown), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [16MR], [19MR], [18MY], [18JN], [29SE]

S. 689—A bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MY], [2JN], [23JN], [27JY], [28JY]

S. 690—A bill to support local decisionmaking functions of local educational agencies by limiting the authority of the Secretary of Education to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions, and guidance materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Lankford, and Mr. Crapo), [10MR]

S. 691—A bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Heller), [10MR]

S. 692—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the ''Herman Badillo Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [10MR]

S. 693—A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Scott, Mr. Franken, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Peters), [10MR]

S. 694—A bill to exempt certain 16- and 17-year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [28AP]

S. 695—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [10MR]

S. 696—A bill to increase the number and percentage of students who graduate from high school college and career ready with the ability to use knowledge to solve complex problems, think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate with others, and develop academic mindsets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Kaine), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [7JY]

S. 697—A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Carper, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Coons, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Portman), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [17MR], [18MR], [26MR], [7MY], [13MY], [14MY], [8JN], [25JN], [9JY], [16JY], [22SE], [24SE], [28SE], [1OC], [5OC], [18DE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [17JN]
Placed on the calendar, [17JN]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [28OC]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]

S. 698—A bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Reed, Mr. Corker, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. King), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [16MR], [24MR], [27AP]

S. 699—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Brown, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Menendez), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [26MR]

S. 700—A bill to amend the Asbestos Information Act of 1988 to establish a public database of asbestos-containing products, to require public disclosure of information pertaining to the manufacture, processing, distribution, and use of asbestos-containing products in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Markey), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [21AP], [7JY], [14JY], [24JY], [29JY]

S. 701—A bill for the relief of Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton of Owyhee County, Idaho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [10MR]

S. 702—A bill to strengthen the prohibitions on insider trading, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [11MR]

S. 703—A bill to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Reed, and Mrs. Shaheen), [11MR]

S. 704—A bill to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MY], [23JN], [14JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–103), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

S. 705—A bill to amend section 213 of title 23, United States Code, relating to the Transportation Alternatives Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [9JN], [9SE]

S. 706—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Kaine), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [27JY], [5AU], [10DE], [17DE]

S. 707—A bill to provide certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Kaine), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP], [14JY]

S. 708—A bill to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Wicker), [11MR]

S. 709—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Burr, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Collins, Mr. Heller, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Flake, and Mr. King), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [24MR], [29JY], [3AU], [15SE]

S. 710—A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [11MR]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [4JN]
Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [4JN]
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged, [5AU]
Placed on the calendar, [5AU]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–117), [5AU]

S. 711—A bill to amend section 520J of the Public Service Health Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Reed, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Portman, Mr. Coons, Mr. Heller, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mrs. Shaheen), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [16MR], [4MY], [13MY], [20MY], [8JN], [24JN], [30SE]

S. 712—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt certain flights from increased aviation security service fees; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Schatz), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [16MR]

S. 713—A bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Collins, Mr. Kirk, and Mrs. Shaheen), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [16MR], [13AP], [15AP], [20AP], [29AP], [12MY], [13MY], [20MY], [21MY], [1JN], [8JN], [10JN], [24JN], [21JY], [30JY], [5OC], [3DE]

S. 714—A bill to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly conduct a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of expanding the use by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [11MR]

S. 715—A bill to improve the provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans from the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [11MR]

S. 716—A bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Heller, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Carper), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [16MR]

S. 717—A bill to designate certain non-Department mental health care providers who treat members of the Armed Forces and veterans as providers who have particular knowledge relating to the provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mrs. Ernst), [11MR]

S. 718—A bill to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Kaine), [11MR]

S. 719—A bill to rename the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Great Falls, Montana, the Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Daines), [11MR]

S. 720—A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Franken, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Wicker), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–130), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 721—A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [11MR]

S. 722—A bill to extend the date after which interest earned on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund may be available for apportionment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [11MR]

S. 723—A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Coons), [12MR]

S. 724—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. Feinstein), [12MR]

S. 725—A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Sanders), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [23MR], [15AP]

S. 726—A bill to establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. COATS, [12MR]

S. 727—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Merkley), [12MR]

Cosponsors added, [30AP], [7MY], [10DE]

S. 728—A bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [12MR]

S. 729—A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Ms. Warren, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Ms. Hirono), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [16MR], [15AP], [23AP]

S. 730—A bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Warren, Mr. Reed, Mr. Franken, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Whitehouse), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [29AP]

S. 731—A bill to enhance Social Security benefits and ensure the long-term solvency of the Social Security Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [12MR]

S. 732—A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Franken, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Udall), [12MR]

S. 733—A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Schatz), [12MR]

S. 734—A bill to provide for the equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [12MR]

S. 735—A bill to require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include requirements with respect to paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [12MR]

S. 736—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Barrasso), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [16MR]

S. 737—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Franken, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Murphy), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [2DE]

S. 738—A bill to reduce the risks associated with genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Heinrich), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [26MR]

S. 739—A bill to modify the treatment of agreements entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [16MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MY]

S. 740—A bill to improve the coordination and use of geospatial data; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Warner), [16MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MY], [1JN], [16JN], [21SE], [24SE], [15DE]

S. 741—A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase the resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Reid), [16MR]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]

S. 742—A bill to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mrs. Fischer), [16MR]

S. 743—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [16MR]
Cosponsors added, [13AP], [14AP], [15AP], [16AP], [21AP], [19MY], [24JN], [9JY], [16JY], [30JY], [7OC], [16NO]

S. 744—A bill to rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use the funds to reduce the Federal debt; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Coats, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Risch), [16MR]
Cosponsors added, [22AP]

S. 745—A bill to provide debt and tax transparency to taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [16MR]

S. 746—A bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Heller, Mr. Reed, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Franken), [16MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [14AP], [28AP], [4MY], [6MY], [7MY], [13MY], [14MY], [20MY], [2JN], [3JN], [9JN], [24JN], [9JY], [21JY], [21SE], [5OC], [19OC], [22OC], [27OC], [29OC], [10NO], [16NO]

S. 747—A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. DURBIN, [16MR]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]

S. 748—A bill to prohibit the issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under the President's immigration executive actions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SASSE (for himself, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Perdue), [16MR]

S. 749—A bill to require dynamic scoring of major legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [17MR]

S. 750—A bill to achieve border security on certain Federal lands along the Southern border; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [17MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Placed on the calendar, [1OC]

S. 751—A bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Scott, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Wicker), [17MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [15AP], [3JN], [4JN], [10JN]

S. 752—A bill to establish a scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Tester, Mr. Corker, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Heller, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Moran), [17MR]

S. 753—A bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Udall, and Mr. Coons), [17MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [24MR], [16AP], [30AP]

S. 754—An original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mr. BURR, [17MR]
Reported, [11MR]
Placed on the calendar, [17MR]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–32), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [24MR], [16AP], [30AP]
Considered, [20OC], [21OC], [22OC]
Cloture motion presented, [20OC]
Senate invoked cloture on amendment debate, [22OC]
Passed Senate amended, [27OC]

S. 755—A bill to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Corker), [17MR]

S. 756—A bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Menendez), [17MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [19MR], [24MR], [25MR]
Reported (no written report), [11JN]
Placed on the calendar, [11JN]
Passed Senate, [14JY]

S. 757—A bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Burr), [17MR]
Cosponsors added, [15AP], [8JY]

S. 758—A bill to establish an Interagency Trade Enforcement Center in the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Graham), [17MR]
Cosponsors added, [25MR]

S. 759—A bill to establish procedures for the expedited consideration by Congress of the recommendations set forth in the Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings report prepared by the Office of Management and Budget; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. Gardner), [17MR]

S. 760—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [17MR]

S. 761—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Grassley), [17MR]

S. 762—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish an innovation in surface transportation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Booker, Mr. Casey, and Ms. Murkowski), [17MR]

S. 763—A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [17MR]
Cosponsors added, [2JN], [9JN]

S. 764—A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Sullivan, and Ms. Cantwell), [17MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
Passed Senate amended, [28JY]

S. 765—A bill to appropriately determine the budgetary effects of energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Gardner), [17MR]

S. 766—A bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [17MR]
Cosponsors added, [29AP], [8JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–147), [28SE]
Placed on the calendar, [28SE]

S. 767—A bill to eliminate the payroll tax for individuals who have attained retirement age, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to remove the limitation upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits under such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO, [17MR]

S. 768—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. King, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Murkowski), [18MR]

S. 769—A bill to streamline the permit process for rail and transit infrastructure; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Thune), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]

S. 770—A bill to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RUBIO, [18MR]

S. 771—A bill to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs by directing the National Institute of Standards and Technology, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies including the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and National Science Foundation, to designate United States manufacturing universities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Graham, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Ms. Baldwin), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S. 772—A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Booker), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MY]

S. 773—A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Booker, Mr. Casey, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Markey, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Merkley), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [27OC]

S. 774—A bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Daines, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Portman, and Mrs. Capito), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [23MR], [24MR], [13AP], [15AP], [20AP], [29AP], [9SE], [15SE], [28SE]

S. 775—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Burr, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Barrasso), [18MR]

S. 776—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Brown), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [13AP], [14AP], [28AP], [29AP], [30AP], [16JN], [27JY], [5AU], [27OC]

S. 777—A bill to permit employees to request, and to ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [18MR]

S. 778—A bill to prohibit the provision of certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. Tillis, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Lankford), [18MR]

S. 779—A bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [22JY], [4AU], [17DE]

S. 780—A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Blumenthal), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [23MR], [4MY]

S. 781—A bill to improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Scott), [18MR]

S. 782—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [18MR]
Committee on Environment and Public Works discharged, [22AP]
Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [22AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–184), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 783—A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Graham, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Blumenthal), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [6MY]

S. 784—A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Gardner), [18MR]

S. 785—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Reed, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Schumer), [18MR]

S. 786—A bill to provide paid and family medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Booker, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Reed, Mr. Blumenthal, and Ms. Warren), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [13AP], [10JN], [16JN], [23JN], [8JY], [10SE], [2DE]

S. 787—A bill to streamline the collection and distribution of government information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [18MR]

S. 788—A bill to require the termination of any employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [25SE]

S. 789—A bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues related to recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [18MR]

S. 790—A bill to provide for the establishment of free market enterprise zones in order to help facilitate the creation of new jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities, enhanced and renewed educational opportunities, and increase community involvement in bankrupt or economically distressed areas; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [18MR]

S. 791—A bill to free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CRUZ, [18MR]

S. 792—An original bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SHELBY, [18MR]
Reported (no written report), [18MR]

Placed on the calendar, [18MR]

S. 793—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Reed, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Udall, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Peters), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [23MR], [25MR], [13AP]

S. 794—A bill to extend whistleblower protections for defense contractor employees to employees of contractors of the elements of the intelligence community; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [18MR]

S. 795—A bill to enhance whistleblower protection for contractor and grantee employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [18MR]

S. 796—A bill to incentivize State support for postsecondary education and to promote increased access and affordability for higher education for students, including Dreamer students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. Hirono), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [23MR], [20MY]

S. 797—A bill to amend the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOKER, [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [1JN], [9JN]

S. 798—A bill to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Tester), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [20AP], [28AP], [12MY], [2JN], [28JY]

S. 799—A bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Casey), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MY], [18MY], [19MY], [22MY], [1JN], [4JN], [18JN], [16JY], [21JY], [28JY], [5AU], [24SE], [8OC]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [1OC]
Placed on the calendar, [1OC]
Passed Senate amended, [22OC]
Passed House, [16NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–91] (signed November 25, 2015)

S. 800—A bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Hatch, and Ms. Murkowski), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [22JN], [6OC]

S. 801—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Scott, Mr. Coats, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Thune, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Corker, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Boozman, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Roberts), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP], [29AP]

S. 802—A bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [23MR], [24MR], [20MY], [22MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Passed Senate amended, [23MY]
Passed House, [1JN]
Presented to the President (June 3, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–24] (signed June 12, 2015)

S. 803—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide employees in the private sector with an opportunity for compensatory time off, similar to the opportunity offered to Federal employees, and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Isakson), [19MR]

S. 804—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. Shaheen), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP], [15AP], [20AP], [6MY], [19MY], [20MY], [3JN], [9JN], [10JN], [18JN], [22JN], [25JN], [13JY], [15JY], [21JY], [23JY], [28JY], [29JY], [5AU], [8SE], [16SE], [21OC], [22OC], [3NO], [9NO], [10NO], [9DE], [14DE], [17DE]

S. 805—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Heinrich), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MY]

S. 806—A bill to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Ms. Heitkamp), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [23MR], [12MY], [19MY], [13JY]

S. 807—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and reset the excise tax on beer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Peters), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [26MR], [19MY]

S. 808—A bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE, [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–52), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Passed Senate, [18JN]
Passed House, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 15, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–110] (signed December 18, 2015)

S. 809—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO, [19MR]

S. 810—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [19MR]

S. 811—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require States to develop policies on positive school climates and school discipline; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Booker, and Mrs. Murray), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [2JN]

S. 812—A bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Portman, Mr. Barrasso, and Ms. Heitkamp), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [23MR], [24MR], [13AP], [14AP], [15AP], [20AP], [29AP], [5MY], [15JN], [8JY], [23JY], [28JY], [28SE], [8OC], [16DE]

S. 813—A bill to provide the Secretary of Defense with authority to transfer funds in order to mitigate the effects on the Department of Defense of a sequestration of funds available to the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PAUL, [19MR]

S. 814—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [19MR]

S. 815—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [19MR]

S. 816—A bill to amend the Coquille Restoration Act to clarify certain provisions relating to the management of the Coquille Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [19MR]

S. 817—A bill to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [19MR]

S. 818—A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [19MR]

S. 819—A bill to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Graham, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Warner), [19MR]

S. 820—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and make the credit fully refundable; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY, [19MR]

S. 821—A bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Leahy), [19MR]

S. 822—A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Crapo), [19MR]

S. 823—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the ''Officer Daryl R. Pierson Post Office'' ; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [19MR]

S. 824—A bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Blumenthal), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [23MR], [13AP], [20AP], [21AP], [29AP], [12MY]

S. 825—A bill to terminate the authority to waive certain provisions of law requiring the imposition of sanctions with respect to Iran, to codify certain sanctions imposed by Executive order, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CRUZ, [19MR]

S. 826—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to sunset rules after 10 years unless agencies undergo notice and comment rulemaking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. DAINES, [19MR]

S. 827—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Tester), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP], [16JN], [23JN]

S. 828—A bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Thune), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR]

S. 829—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to refine how Medicare pays for orthotics and prosthetics and to improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Warner), [23MR]

S. 830—A bill to increase the maximum percentage of funds available to the Department of Energy for laboratory directed research and development; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Udall), [23MR]

S. 831—A bill to reduce the number of nuclear-armed submarines operated by the Navy, to prohibit the development of a new long-range penetrating bomber aircraft, to prohibit the procurement of new intercontinental ballistic missiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Franken), [23MR]

S. 832—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the provision of behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces based on need, to expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TESTER, [23MR]

S. 833—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations were made for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [23MR]
Reported (no written report), [6AU]
Placed on the calendar, [6AU]

S. 834—A bill to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Cardin), [23MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–91), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]

S. 835—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Inhofe), [23MR]

S. 836—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Burr, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Wicker), [23MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MY]

S. 837—A bill to modify the criteria used by the Corps of Engineers to dredge small ports; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PAUL, [23MR]

S. 838—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Whitehouse), [23MR]
Cosponsors added, [28AP]

S. 839—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the rural add-on payment in the Medicare home health benefit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [23MR]

S. 840—A bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Reed, and Ms. Warren), [23MR]

S. 841—A bill to expand eligibility for health care under the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include certain veterans seeking mental health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Cornyn), [23MR]
Cosponsors added, [20AP], [7MY]

S. 842—A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to extend Interstate Route 11; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Flake, and Mr. McCain), [24MR]

S. 843—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Nelson, and Mrs. Capito), [24MR]
Cosponsors added, [13AP], [14AP], [15AP], [27AP], [28AP], [4MY], [2JN], [3JN], [9JN], [11JN], [15JN], [22JN], [24JN], [8SE]

S. 844—A bill to repeal the medical device excise tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MARKEY, [24MR]

S. 845—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO, [24MR]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]

S. 846—A bill to require Federal agencies to review certain rules and regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Daines), [24MR]

S. 847—A bill to prohibit the intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs controls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [24MR]

S. 848—A bill to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [24MR]

S. 849—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Wicker), [24MR]
Cosponsors added, [16AP], [20AP], [6MY], [15JN], [15JY], [16JY], [21JY], [4AU], [3NO], [16NO], [19NO], [1DE], [8DE], [15DE]

S. 850—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. KIRK, [24MR]

S. 851—A bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Heller), [24MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MY], [20OC]

S. 852—A bill to provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable with respect to any claim related to a tort arising out of rape; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [24MR]

S. 853—A bill to improve the efficiency and reliability of rail transportation by reforming the Surface Transportation Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. BALDWIN, [24MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MY]

S. 854—A bill to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Feinstein, and Ms. Cantwell), [24MR]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]

S. 855—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Heller), [24MR]

S. 856—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require criminal background checks for school employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Rounds, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Tillis), [24MR]

S. 857—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare Program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Markey, and Mrs. Capito), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [16AP], [20AP], [21AP], [23AP], [28AP], [11MY], [4JN], [8JN], [18JN], [7JY], [30JY], [9SE], [24SE], [5NO], [1DE]

S. 858—A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Portman, and Mrs. Shaheen), [25MR]

S. 859—A bill to protect the public, communities across America, and the environment by increasing the safety of crude oil transportation by railroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mrs. Murray), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [28AP]

S. 860—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Coats, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Heller, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Flake, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Moran, Mr. Lee, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Hoeven, and Mrs. Fischer), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP], [15AP], [20AP], [27AP], [30AP], [5MY], [12MY], [13MY], [3JN]

S. 861—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Coons, Mr. Portman, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cotton, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Thune, and Mrs. Shaheen), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [8JN], [24JN], [8JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–104), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

S. 862—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Casey, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Brown), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [13AP], [14AP], [16AP], [21AP], [23AP], [29AP], [4MY], [20MY], [2JN], [17JN], [7JY], [23JY], [27JY], [30JY], [3NO]

S. 863—A bill to reauthorize and improve the Appalachian regional development program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Capito, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [25MR]

S. 864—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Brown), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [29SE], [22OC]

S. 865—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Collins, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mrs. McCaskill), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [28AP], [17SE], [24SE], [29SE], [3NO], [5NO], [3DE]

S. 866—A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [25MR]

S. 867—A bill to improve student academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics subjects; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Franken), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [15AP]

S. 868—A bill to establish a fund to make payment to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:00-CV–03110 (ESG) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Graham), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP]

S. 869—A bill to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Donnelly), [26MR]

S. 870—A bill to require rulemaking by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [26MR]

S. 871—A bill to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mrs. Capito, and Mr. Paul), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [29AP], [3DE]

S. 872—A bill to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Sullivan), [26MR]

S. 873—A bill to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Sullivan), [26MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–131), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 874—A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. RUBIO, [26MR]

S. 875—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [13AP], [14AP], [23AP]

S. 876—A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MY]

S. 877—A bill to establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Paul), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [21AP], [28AP], [16JN]

S. 878—A bill to establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Wyden, Mr. King, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Franken), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]

S. 879—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Mikulski), [26MR]

S. 880—A bill to expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Merkley), [26MR]

S. 881—A bill to ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CRAPO, [26MR]

S. 882—A bill to amend part A of title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Reed), [26MR]

S. 883—A bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, and research capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [11MY], [13MY]

S. 884—A bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUNT, [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [16AP], [30AP], [5MY], [9JY]

S. 885—A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Markey, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Menendez), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [14JY], [19OC], [26OC], [4NO], [9NO], [10NO], [7DE]

S. 886—A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL, [26MR]

S. 887—A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to provide incentives for the reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [26MR]

S. 888—A bill to promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [26MR]

S. 889—A bill to provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [11MY]

S. 890—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Udall), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [20AP], [23AP], [28AP], [5MY], [7MY], [18MY], [1JN], [11JN], [23JN], [25JN], [16JY], [28JY], [8SE], [10SE], [5OC], [3DE]

S. 891—A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate the administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Franken, and Mrs. McCaskill), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [27AP], [23JN], [24JN]

S. 892—A bill to provide the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of the Treasury with authority to more aggressively enforce customs and trade laws relating to textile and apparel articles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. Brown), [26MR]

S. 893—A bill to establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [29AP]

S. 894—A bill to support innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Hoeven), [26MR]

S. 895—A bill to allow members of the Armed Forces to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with receipt of orders for mobilization for war or national emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER, [26MR]

S. 896—A bill to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [13AP]

S. 897—A bill to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programing; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [13AP]
Cosponsors added, [2JN]

S. 898—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Cassidy), [13AP]
Cosponsors added, [14AP], [20AP], [22AP], [23AP], [29AP], [30AP], [22JY], [27JY], [3AU], [3NO]

S. 899—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to focus on career readiness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN, [13AP]

S. 900—A bill to require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing a used passenger motor vehicle; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Markey), [13AP]

S. 901—A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [13AP]
Cosponsors added, [15AP], [20AP], [27AP], [14MY], [9JN], [10JN], [17JN], [22JN], [23JN], [7JY], [30JY], [5AU], [17SE], [29SE], [6OC], [10NO], [16NO], [2DE], [10DE], [16DE]

S. 902—A bill to prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [13AP]

S. 903—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access and administration of the United States Tax Court; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–14), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 904—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers with limited excise tax liability; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–15), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 905—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on eligibility for the alternative tax for certain small insurance companies; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–16), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 906—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–17), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 907—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the extension of the tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–18), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 908—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–19), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 909—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–20), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 910—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–21), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 911—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [14AP]
Cosponsors added, [5MY], [11MY], [12MY], [4JN], [8JN], [7JY]

S. 912—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude payments received under the Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–22), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 913—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–23), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 914—An original bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to clarify the use of credentials by enrolled agents; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–24), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 915—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–25), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 916—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–26), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 917—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the excise tax on liquefied petroleum gas and liquefied natural gas; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–27), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 918—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–28), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 919—An original bill to exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–29), [14AP]
Placed on the calendar, [14AP]

S. 920—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–30), [14AP]

S. 921—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Booker, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Casey, Mr. Schumer, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [14AP]

S. 922—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS, [14AP]

Cosponsors added, [22AP]

S. 923—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants on a competitive basis to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Thune, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Coats), [14AP]

S. 924—A bill to require the National Credit Union Administration to hold public hearings and receive comments from the public on its budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Warner), [14AP]

S. 925—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [14AP]

Cosponsors added, [21AP], [22AP], [23AP], [28AP], [19MY], [22MY], [8JN], [29JY]

S. 926—A bill to amend the patent law to promote basic research, to stimulate publication of scientific documents, to encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, to improve the transfer of technology to the private sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Vitter), [14AP]

S. 927—A bill to provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Tester), [14AP]

Cosponsors added, [19NO]

S. 928—A bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Booker, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Casey), [14AP]

Cosponsors added, [20AP], [28AP], [7MY], [13MY], [1JN], [17JN], [22JN], [23JN], [24JN], [14JY], [15JY], [21JY], [23JY], [5AU], [8SE], [9SE], [10SE], [16SE], [17SE], [24SE], [28SE], [29SE], [19OC], [26OC], [28OC], [3NO], [9NO], [17NO], [3DE], [14DE], [15DE]

Removal of cosponsors, [23JN]

S. 929—A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SHELBY, [14AP]

S. 930—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. McCain, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Cochran), [14AP]

Cosponsors added, [22AP]

S. 931—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY, [14AP]

Cosponsors added, [30SE]

S. 932—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable tax credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY, [14AP]

S. 933—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Roberts), [14AP]

Cosponsors added, [15AP], [16AP], [23AP], [28AP], [29AP], [5MY], [18MY]

S. 934—A bill to amend the renewable fuel program under section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [14AP]

S. 935—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to regulate tax return preparers and refund anticipation payment arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER, [14AP]

S. 936—A bill to amend the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway Act of 1996 to repeal the funding limitation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN, [14AP]

S. 937—A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH, [14AP]

S. 938—A bill to establish the America Star program within the Department of Labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, [14AP]

S. 939—A bill to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs within the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. Booker), [14AP]

Cosponsors added, [30AP]

S. 940—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to study the feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional, pre-prepared tax return, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [15AP]

S. 941—A bill to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN, [15AP]

S. 942—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN, [15AP]

Cosponsors added, [10SE], [3DE]

S. 943—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN, [15AP]

S. 944—A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Markey), [15AP]

S. 945—A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to provide for the expansion of emergency planning zones and the development of plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Sanders), [15AP]

S. 946—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [15AP]

Cosponsors added, [20AP], [21AP], [22JY], [22OC], [1DE]

S. 947—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE, [15AP]

S. 948—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE, [15AP]

S. 949—A bill to provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Heller, and Mr. Roberts), [15AP]

S. 950—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [15AP]

Cosponsors added, [16AP], [23AP], [20MY], [17NO], [30NO]

S. 951—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE, [15AP]

S. 952—A bill to provide for duty-free treatment of certain recreational performance outerwear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Portman, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Merkley, and Mrs. Shaheen), [15AP]

Cosponsors added, [6AU]

S. 953—A bill to facilitate certain pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, and to provide for the implementation of a conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Reid), [15AP]

S. 954—A bill to establish procedures regarding the approval of opioid drugs by the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mrs. Capito, and Mr. Kaine), [15AP]

Cosponsors added, [9SE], [19NO]

S. 955—A bill for the relief of Vichai Sae Tung (also known as Chai Chaowasaree); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Schatz), [15AP]

S. 956—A bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. HEITKAMP, [15AP]

S. 957—A bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. King, and Ms. Cantwell), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [21AP], [22AP], [23AP], [29AP], [25JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–240), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 958—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Casey), [15AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–288), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 959—A bill to establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. Collins), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [17JN]

S. 960—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the Old-age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Program, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HIRONO, [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [19OC]

S. 961—A bill to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [8DE]

S. 962—A bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Markey), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [20AP], [4MY]

S. 963—A bill to require the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to submit a report on small business innovation; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Coons), [15AP]

S. 964—A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for consultation with State and local governments, the consideration of State and local concerns, and the approval of post-shutdown decommissioning activities reports by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Markey), [15AP]

S. 965—A bill to prohibit the use of funds by Internal Revenue Service to target citizens of the United States for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS, [15AP]

S. 966—A bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Isakson), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [21AP], [22AP], [23AP], [2JN], [5NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–266), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 967—A bill to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [22AP], [23AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–267), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 968—A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Cassidy), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [5MY], [13MY], [22JN], [28JY], [10SE], [21SE], [22SE], [30SE], [17NO], [14DE], [15DE]

S. 969—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from the tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [16AP]

S. 970—A bill to allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for the 18-month on-site examination cycle, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [5MY]

S. 971—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Markey, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Burr), [16AP]
Committee on Finance discharged, [22AP]
Passed Senate amended, [22AP]
Passed House, [15JY]
Presented to the President (July 22, 2015)
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S. 972—A bill to clarify the effect of designating a National Monument on certain land in Chafee County, Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. GARDNER, [16AP]

S. 973—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MURPHY, [16AP]

S. 974—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Brown), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [20AP], [23AP], [29AP], [20MY]

S. 975—A bill to prohibit the award of Federal Government contracts to inverted domestic corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Franken), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [21AP]

S. 976—A bill to promote the development of a United States commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and to increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. Rubio), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [7JY]

S. 977—A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to secure the rights of visual artists to copyright, to provide for resale royalties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Markey), [16AP]

S. 978—A bill to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. King), [16AP]

S. 979—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. Collins), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [5MY], [17JN], [7JY], [9JY], [16JY], [30JY], [5AU], [15SE], [29SE], [10NO], [7DE], [8DE]

S. 980—A bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Cruz, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Lee), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. 981—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a repatriation holiday, to increase funding to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP]

S. 982—A bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and to require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to develop water planning instruments consistent with State law; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Flake, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Heller, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hatch, and Mrs. Fischer), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [4JN]

S. 983—A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate high priority corridors on the National Highway System in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. Burr), [16AP]

S. 984—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. King, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Collins, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Kirk), [16AP]
Read the first time, [16AP]
Read the second time, [20AP]
Placed on the calendar, [20AP]
Passed Senate, [22AP]
Passed House, [15JY]
Presented to the President (July 22, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–40] (signed July 30, 2015)

S. 985—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [16AP]

S. 986—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [16AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–114), [4AU]
Placed on the calendar, [4AU]
Passed Senate, [22SE]
Passed House, [6OC]
Presented to the President (October 8, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–69] (signed October 16, 2015)

S. 987—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow deductions and credits relating

to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Bennet), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [25JN]

S. 988—A bill to promote minimum State requirements for the prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN, [16AP]

S. 989—A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to exempt from duty residue of bulk cargo contained in instruments of international traffic previously exported from the United States; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COATS (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [16AP]

S. 990—A bill to improve the process by which the Librarian of Congress considers requests for exemptions to section 1201(a)(1)(A) of title 17, United States Code, and to ease restrictions on the use of certain statutory exemptions to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN, [16AP]

S. 991—A bill to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–151), [1OC]
Placed on the calendar, [1OC]

S. 992—A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. CAPITO, [16AP]

S. 993—A bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Portman, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Coons, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Booker), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [21AP], [23AP], [27AP], [28AP], [29AP], [4MY], [14MY], [8JN], [16JN], [23JY], [27JY], [3AU], [5AU], [8SE], [19NO]
Reported (no written report), [30AP]
Placed on the calendar, [30AP]
Passed Senate amended, [10DE]

S. 994—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the ''Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BOOKER, [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [21AP]
Reported (no written report), [6MY]
Placed on the calendar, [6MY]
Passed Senate, [11MY]
Passed House, [24SE]
Presented to the President (September 29, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–66] (signed October 7, 2015)

S. 995—A bill to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [16AP]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [11MY]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–42), [12MY]
Placed on the calendar, [12MY]

S. 996—A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Heinrich), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [27AP], [2JN]

S. 997—A bill to extend the authorization for the major medical facility project to replace the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Aurora, Colorado, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to manage the construction of such project, to transfer the authority to carry out future major medical facility projects of the Department from the Secretary to the Army Corps of Engineers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. GARDNER, [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [22AP]

S. 998—A bill to establish a process for the consideration of temporary duty suspensions and reductions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Toomey), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [20AP], [29AP]

S. 999—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. VITTER, [16AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–241), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 1000—A bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. Coons), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [22AP], [23AP], [8JN], [28JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–242), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 1001—A bill to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. Peters, Mr. Gardner, and Mrs. Shaheen), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [22AP], [23AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–268), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 1002—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Carper), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [4MY], [11MY], [19MY], [15JN], [13JY]

S. 1003—A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Wyden), [16AP]

S. 1004—A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veterans Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, and Ms. Warren), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [15JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [9NO]

S. 1005—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN, [16AP]

S. 1006—A bill to incentivize early adoption of positive train control, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schumer, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [21AP], [14MY], [18MY]

S. 1007—A bill to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [20AP]

S. 1008—A bill to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. RISCH, [20AP]

S. 1009—A bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [20AP]

S. 1010—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [20AP]

S. 1011—A bill to establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. Collins, and Mrs. Shaheen), [20AP]

S. 1012—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reid, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Casey, Mr. Carper, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Warner, Mr. King, Mr. Tester, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Booker, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Peters, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Coons, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Reed, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Udall, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mrs. McCaskill), [20AP]

S. 1013—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [20AP]
Cosponsors added, [27AP], [28AP], [12MY], [13MY], [2JN], [8JN], [7JY], [30SE], [7OC], [20OC]

S. 1014—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. Collins), [20AP]
Cosponsors added, [27AP], [30AP], [1OC], [8OC]

S. 1015—A bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [20AP]

S. 1016—A bill to preserve freedom and choice in health care; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Daines, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Isakson, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Rounds, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Risch, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Sessions), [20AP]
Cosponsors added, [22AP], [23AP]
Removal of cosponsors, [25JN]

S. 1017—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the siting of interstate electric transmission

facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH, [21AP]

S. 1018—A bill to increase the penalty for fraudulent 9–1–1 calls that result in an emergency response from law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [21AP]

S. 1019—A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to repeal certain provisions relating to criminal penalties and violations of foreign laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [21AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP]

S. 1020—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [21AP]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [22MY], [16JN], [8JY], [15JY], [22JY], [27JY], [30JY], [3AU], [9SE], [16SE], [21SE]

S. 1021—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [21AP]
Cosponsors added, [14JY]

S. 1022—A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [21AP]

S. 1023—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a refundable credit for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [21AP]

S. 1024—A bill to authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Portman), [21AP]

S. 1025—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER, [21AP]

S. 1026—A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Enzi), [21AP]

S. 1027—A bill to require notification of information security breaches and to enhance penalties for cyber criminals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [21AP]

S. 1028—A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [21AP]

S. 1029—A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [21AP]

S. 1030—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for clarification as to the meaning of access without authorization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Paul), [21AP]

S. 1031—A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. Alexander), [21AP]

S. 1032—A bill to expand the use of E–Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Perdue), [21AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [29AP], [30AP], [11MY]

S. 1033—A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Udall, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Heinrich), [21AP]

S. 1034—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the ''Charles Clark United States Courthouse''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WICKER, [21AP]
Reported (no written report), [4MY]
Placed on the calendar, [4MY]

S. 1035—A bill to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Burr), [21AP]
Read the first time, [21AP]
Read the second time, [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]

S. 1036—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage-grouse species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Lee, Mr. Daines, and Mr. Barrasso), [22AP]

S. 1037—A bill to expand the provisions for termination of mandatory purchase requirements under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RISCH, [22AP]

S. 1038—A bill to clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RISCH, [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [9JY]

S. 1039—A bill to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans to achieve energy cost savings; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RISCH, [22AP]

S. 1040—A bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [11MY], [20MY], [16JN], [18JN], [22JN], [24JN]

S. 1041—A bill to eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [15DE]

S. 1042—A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and North Atlantic planning areas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Markey, Mr. Booker, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Reed), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [27OC]

S. 1043—A bill to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [6MY]

S. 1044—A bill to enhance consumer access to electricity information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage their energy usage; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [22AP]

S. 1045—A bill to protect 10th Amendment rights by providing special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Perdue), [22AP]

S. 1046—A bill to accelerate the adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]

S. 1047—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for the potential to cause an adverse effect on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [22AP]

S. 1048—A bill to remove the authority of the Secretary of Energy to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [22AP]

S. 1049—A bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Udall, and Mr. Flake), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [27AP], [4MY], [5MY], [12MY], [19MY], [8JN], [11JN], [13JY], [4AU]

S. 1050—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 by establishing a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Brown), [22AP]

S. 1051—A bill to include county and municipal correctional facilities among medical facilities that qualify for designation as health professional shortage areas for purposes of the National Health Service Corps; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN, [22AP]

S. 1052—A bill to require a study on the impact of State and local performance benchmarking and

disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings, to provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and units of local government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [22AP]

S. 1053—A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [22AP]

S. 1054—A bill to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]

S. 1055—A bill to require the Administrator of General Services and the Secretary of Energy to set goals for deep energy retrofits in Federal buildings; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [22AP]

S. 1056—A bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Coons, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Menendez), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [27AP], [30AP], [14MY], [1JN], [21JY], [17SE], [29SE], [5OC], [7OC], [5NO]

S. 1057—A bill to promote geothermal energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP]

S. 1058—A bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. King), [22AP]

S. 1059—A bill to provide Dreamer students with access to student financial aid; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Durbin), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S. 1060—A bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Schumer), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP]

S. 1061—A bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Schumer), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [5AU]

S. 1062—A bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Schumer), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [27AP], [5MY], [5AU]

S. 1063—A bill to amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [22AP]

S. 1064—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [23AP]

S. 1065—A bill to amend title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma inhalers and spacers for emergency use, as necessary; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [4AU]

S. 1066—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage, as supplies associated with the injection of insulin, of containment, removal, decontamination and disposal of home-generated needles, syringes, and other sharps through a sharps container, decontamination/destruction device, or sharps-by-mail program or similar program under part D of the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Coons), [23AP]

S. 1067—A bill to require the periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tillis, and Mr. Heller), [23AP]

S. 1068—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [23AP]

S. 1069—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for qualified conservation contributions which include National Scenic Trails; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Warren, Ms. Baldwin, and Mrs. Feinstein), [23AP]

S. 1070—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for clarification regarding the children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN, [23AP]

S. 1071—A bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to expand the amount available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Corker), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP]

S. 1072—A bill to require the Supreme Court of the United States to promulgate a code of ethics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Coons), [23AP]

S. 1073—A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Warner, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Booker), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [4MY], [3JN], [28JY]

S. 1074—A bill to clarify the status of the North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Peters, Mr. Markey, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Murphy), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [27AP]

S. 1075—A bill to strengthen and extend the authorization of appropriations for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [23AP]

S. 1076—A bill to require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to give consumers the ability to remotely delete data from smartphones and render smartphones inoperable; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Blumenthal), [23AP]

S. 1077—A bill to provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Hatch), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [20OC]

S. 1078—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out programs and activities that connect people in the United States, especially children, youth, and families, with the outdoors; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH, [23AP]

S. 1079—A bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve coverage for colorectal screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN, [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [3NO]

S. 1080—A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit the jurisdiction of Federal courts to consider cases involving same-sex marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ, [23AP]

S. 1081—A bill to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BOOKER, [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [24JN], [21JY], [27JY], [7OC], [26OC]

S. 1082—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. RUBIO, [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [3JN], [18JN], [16JY], [22JY], [30JY], [10SE], [22SE], [20OC], [3NO], [9NO], [18DE]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [19OC]
Placed on the calendar, [19OC]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [20OC]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–163), [3NO]

S. 1083—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to provide drug rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Franken, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Reed, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Udall, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Merkley), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [9JN]

S. 1084—A bill to promote transparency by permitting the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to allow its disciplinary proceedings to be open to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [23AP]

S. 1085—A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Tester, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Coons), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [20MY], [7JY], [9JY], [30JY], [4AU], [21SE], [8DE]

S. 1086—A bill to establish an insurance policy advisory committee on international capital standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Tester), [27AP]
Cosponsors added, [28JY]

S. 1087—A bill to require Amtrak to propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain Amtrak trains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Kirk), [27AP]

S. 1088—A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for voter registration through the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Booker), [27AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [6MY], [19MY]

S. 1089—A bill to encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [27AP]
Cosponsors added, [28JY]

S. 1090—A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [27AP]
Cosponsors added, [9JY], [3AU], [5AU], [15SE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–142), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]
Passed Senate, [17SE]
Passed House, [16DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–111] (signed December 18, 2015)

S. 1091—A bill for the relief of Alfredo Plascencia Lopez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [27AP]

S. 1092—A bill for the relief of Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and Arthur Mkoyan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [27AP]

S. 1093—A bill for the relief of Jose Alberto Martinez Moreno, Micaela Lopez Martinez, and Adilene Martinez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [27AP]

S. 1094—A bill for the relief of Javier Lopez-Urenda and Maria Leticia Arenas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [27AP]

S. 1095—A bill for the relief of Jorge Rojas Gutierrez and Oliva Gonzalez Gonzalez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [27AP]

S. 1096—A bill for the relief of Joseph Gabra and Sharon Kamel; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [27AP]

S. 1097—A bill for the relief of Alicia Aranda De Buendia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [27AP]

S. 1098—A bill for the relief of Esidronio Arreola-Saucedo, Maria Elna Cobian Arreola, Nayely Arreola Carlos, and Cindy Jael Arreola; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [27AP]

S. 1099—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [27AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN], [28JY], [30JY], [5AU], [9SE], [10SE], [17SE], [24SE], [29SE], [1OC]

S. 1100—A bill to require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry by unanimous consent with instructions that if the bill is reported by that Committee, the bill be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. THUNE, [27AP]
Referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Energy and Natural Resources, [27AP]

S. 1101—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support software; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET, [27AP]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. 1102—A bill to provide for institutional risk-sharing in the Federal student loan programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. Warren, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Murphy), [27AP]

S. 1103—A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Crapo), [27AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 1104—A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Risch), [27AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 1105—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [28AP]

S. 1106—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award Early College Federal Pell Grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Warner), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [16SE]

S. 1107—A bill to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [5AU]

S. 1108—A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Heller), [28AP]

S. 1109—A bill to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Lankford), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–76), [7JY]
Placed on the calendar, [7JY]
Passed Senate amended, [21SE]

S. 1110—A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [8JN], [29JY], [5NO], [9NO]

S. 1111—A bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [28AP]

S. 1112—A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for high gravity violations, to adjust penalties for inflation, to provide rights for victims or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [28AP]

S. 1113—A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to remand certain civil actions transferred by the judicial panel on multidistrict litigation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [28AP]

S. 1114—A bill to enhance rail safety and provide for the safe transport of hazardous materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [28AP]

S. 1115—A bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. Manchin), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [11JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–169), [30NO]
Placed on the calendar, [30NO]
Passed Senate amended, [18DE]
Title amended, [18DE]

S. 1116—A bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP]

S. 1117—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Lee, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Daines, Mr. Flake, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Toomey, Ms. Collins, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. McCain), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [29AP], [30AP], [6MY], [4JN]

S. 1118—A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Reed) (by request), [28AP]

S. 1119—A bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Cornyn), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [11MY], [12MY], [13MY], [14MY], [18MY], [3JN], [17JN], [23JN], [24JN], [13JY]

S. 1120—A bill to make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissible, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Tillis, and Mr. Burr), [28AP]

S. 1121—A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of

the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Markey, Mr. Peters, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Daines), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [7MY], [12MY], [18MY], [19MY], [22MY], [2JN], [3JN], [10JN], [11JN], [27JY], [29JY], [4AU], [6AU], [9SE], [28SE], [5OC], [18DE]

S. 1122—A bill to provide that chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code, relating to the enforcement of arbitration agreements, shall not apply to enrollment agreements made between students and certain institutions of higher education, and to prohibit limitations on the ability of students to pursue claims against certain institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Franken), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [15SE], [22OC]

S. 1123—A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Heller, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Franken, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Daines, and Mr. Schumer), [28AP]
Cosponsors added, [19MY], [20MY]

S. 1124—An original bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [28AP]
Reported (no written report), [28AP]
Placed on the calendar, [28AP]
Passed Senate amended, [6MY]
Passed House, [12MY]
Presented to the President (May 14, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–18] (signed May 22, 2015)

S. 1125—A bill to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Daines), [28AP]

S. 1126—A bill to modify and extend the National Guard State Partnership Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Capito, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Peters, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden), [29AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [14MY], [18MY], [20MY], [21MY], [1JN], [3JN], [8SE]

S. 1127—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [29AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [6MY], [4JN], [16SE], [3DE]

S. 1128—A bill to establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. STABENOW, [29AP]

S. 1129—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reed, and Mrs. Boxer), [29AP]

S. 1130—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve procedures for legal justice for members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Markey), [29AP]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [1JN]

S. 1131—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Brown, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Coons, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [29AP]
Cosponsors added, [4MY]

S. 1132—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [29AP]
Cosponsors added, [29OC]

S. 1133—A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Udall, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Merkley), [29AP]
Cosponsors added, [12MY], [5NO], [10NO], [17NO], [19NO], [1DE], [2DE], [8DE]

S. 1134—A bill to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. Donnelly), [29AP]

S. 1135—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Burr), [29AP]
Cosponsors added, [5MY], [11MY], [18MY], [16JN], [22JN], [15JY], [8SE]

S. 1136—A bill relating to the modernization of C–130 aircraft to meet applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Daines), [29AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [6MY], [11MY]

S. 1137—A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hatch, and Ms. Klobuchar), [29AP]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [8SE]
Placed on the calendar, [8SE]

S. 1138—A bill to reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors, to eliminate the increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base, to reinvest in our communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [29AP]

S. 1139—A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Tester), [30AP]

S. 1140—A bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term ''waters of the United States'', and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Blunt, Mr. McConnell, Mrs. Capito, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Hoeven), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [5MY], [11MY], [13MY], [19MY], [21MY], [2JN], [3JN], [8JN], [9JN], [11JN], [25JN], [21JY], [9SE], [22SE], [28SE], [3NO]
Removal of cosponsors, [4JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
Placed on the calendar, [16JY]
Motion to proceed considered, [30OC], [3NO]

S. 1141—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Casey), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [12MY], [17DE]

S. 1142—A bill to clarify that noncommercial species found entirely within the borders of a single State are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 or any other provision of law enacted as an exercise of the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Vitter), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [18MY]

S. 1143—A bill to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [23JN], [23JY], [3AU]

S. 1144—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [29JY]

S. 1145—A bill to improve compliance with mine safety and health laws, empower miners to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine tragedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [30AP]

S. 1146—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and to reinstate the grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. King, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Risch), [30AP]

S. 1147—A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the ''J. Waties Waring Judicial Center''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. Scott), [30AP]

S. 1148—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Schumer), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [7MY], [14MY], [22MY], [17JN], [8JY], [16JY], [3AU]

S. 1149—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Scott), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [22JN], [3NO]

S. 1150—A bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Markey, Mr. Casey, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Brown, Mr. Peters, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Reid, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Booker, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Reed, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Warren, Mr. Udall, Ms. Baldwin,

Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Whitehouse, and Ms. Klobuchar), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]

S. 1151—A bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise the operations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [30AP]

S. 1152—A bill to make permanent the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [7DE], [8DE], [15DE]

S. 1153—A bill to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [30AP]

S. 1154—A bill to reverse the designation by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture of certain communities in the State of Alaska as nonrural; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [30AP]

S. 1155—A bill to promote the mapping and development of United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. TESTER, [30AP]

S. 1156—A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Franken), [30AP]

S. 1157—A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to consider Brunswick County, North Carolina, to be part of the same metropolitan statistical area as Wilmington, North Carolina; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Tillis), [30AP]

S. 1158—A bill to ensure the privacy and security of sensitive personal information, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to provide notice of security breaches involving sensitive personal information, and to enhance law enforcement assistance and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personal information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Franken, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Markey), [30AP]

S. 1159—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Cochran), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]

S. 1160—A bill to amend the Public Land Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Bennet), [30AP]

S. 1161—A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Paul), [30AP]

S. 1162—A bill to ensure Federal law enforcement officers remain able to ensure their own safety, and the safety of their families, during a covered furlough; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [13MY]

S. 1163—A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Tester, Mr. Franken, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Schatz), [30AP]

S. 1164—A bill to protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Roberts), [30AP]

S. 1165—A bill to provide consumer protections for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [30AP]

S. 1166—A bill to establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [30AP]

S. 1167—A bill to modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek Wilderness, the Owyhee River Wilderness, and the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness and to authorize the continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock monitoring, herding, and grazing in certain wilderness areas in the State of Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [30AP]

S. 1168—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [30AP]

S. 1169—A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [19MY], [8JY], [16JY], [21JY], [23JY], [21SE], [24SE], [3NO], [17DE], [18DE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–181), [15DE]
Placed on the calendar, [15DE]

S. 1170—A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Enzi), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [4MY], [5MY], [6MY], [12MY], [14MY], [2JN], [3JN], [4JN], [8JN], [9JN], [10JN], [11JN], [24JN], [14JY], [21JY], [22JY], [23JY], [9SE], [22SE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–144), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]
Passed Senate, [22SE]
Passed House, [1DE]
Presented to the President (December 3, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–99] (signed December 11, 2015)

S. 1171—A bill to establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coastline of the State of Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. NELSON, [30AP]

S. 1172—A bill to improve the process of presidential transition; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Johnson), [30AP]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–94), [27JY]
Placed on the calendar, [27JY]
Passed Senate amended, [30JY]

S. 1173—A bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. McCaskill, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Nelson), [30AP]

S. 1174—A bill to deregulate interstate commerce with respect to parimutuel wagering on horseracing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. UDALL, [30AP]

S. 1175—A bill to improve the safety of hazardous materials rail transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Mr. Warner, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Kaine), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. 1176—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for presidential elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. UDALL, [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [20MY]

S. 1177—An original bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [30AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–231), [30AP]
Placed on the calendar, [30AP]
Considered, [7JY], [8JY], [9JY], [13JY], [14JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
Senate invoked cloture on Alexander/Murray amendment, [15JY]
Senate invoked cloture on bill, [16JY]
Passed Senate amended, [16JY]
Passed House amended, [17NO]
House insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference. Conferees appointed, [17NO]
Senate consideration of House request for a conference, [18NO]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to disagree to House amendment and agree to a conference, [18NO]
Senate disagreed to House amendment and agreed to a conference. Conferees appointed, [18NO]
Conference report agreed to in the House, [2DE]
Conference report considered in the Senate, [3DE], [8DE], [9DE]
Senate invoked cloture on conference report, [8DE]
Conference report agreed to in the Senate, [9DE]
Presented to the President (December 9, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–95] (signed December 10, 2015)

S. 1178—A bill to prohibit implementation of a proposed rule relating to the definition of the term ''waters of the United States'' under the Clean Water Act, or any substantially similar rule, until a Supplemental Scientific Review Panel and Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams Advisory Committee produce certain reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, and Mrs. Fischer), [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [2JN], [11JN], [1OC]

S. 1179—A bill to exempt the aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Paul), [4MY]

S. 1180—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal

Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [4MY]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–73), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Passed Senate amended, [9JY]

S. 1181—A bill to expand the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and United States flagged vessels, to return unspent funds and loan proceeds to the United States Treasury to reduce the national debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [4MY]

S. 1182—A bill to exempt application of JSA attribution rule in case of existing agreements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, and Ms. Mikulski), [4MY]
Cosponsors added, [2JN], [11JN], [9JY], [16JY]

S. 1183—A bill to increase the participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in STEM fields, to encourage and support students from all economic backgrounds to pursue STEM career opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Heinrich), [4MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY]

S. 1184—A bill to establish a grant program to promote the development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Heinrich), [4MY]

S. 1185—A bill to better integrate STEM education into elementary and secondary instruction and curricula, to encourage high-quality STEM professional development, and to expand current mathematics and science education research to include engineering education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Heinrich), [4MY]

S. 1186—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Move America bonds and to allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Hoeven), [4MY]

S. 1187—A bill to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Kirk), [4MY]

S. 1188—A bill to provide for a temporary, emergency authorization of defense articles, defense services, and related training directly to the Kurdistan Regional Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Graham, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Paul, and Mr. Rubio), [5MY]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [21MY], [4JN]

S. 1189—A bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Moran, and Ms. Collins), [5MY]

S. 1190—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Cotton, and Mr. Brown), [5MY]
Cosponsors added, [13MY], [3JN], [16JN], [22JN], [9JY], [28JY], [6AU]

S. 1191—A bill to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey certain property from the United States to the County of Marin, California; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [5MY]

S. 1192—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Brown, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Fischer, and Mrs. Capito), [5MY]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 1193—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Franken, Ms. Warren, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. King, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Stabenow), [5MY]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [18MY], [22MY], [2JN], [3JN], [10JN], [24SE]

S. 1194—A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to update the medical-vocational guidelines used in disability determinations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [5MY]

S. 1195—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes at all levels of postsecondary enrollment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Warner), [5MY]
Cosponsors added, [22OC]

S. 1196—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant rights-of-way on Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, and Mrs. Capito), [5MY]

S. 1197—A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to make publicly available on-line tools to allow individuals eligible for disability benefits to assess the impact of earnings on the individual's eligibility for, and amount of, benefits received through Federal and State benefit programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [5MY]

S. 1198—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to exclude certain medical sources of evidence in making disability determinations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Lankford), [5MY]

S. 1199—A bill to authorize Federal agencies to provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [5MY]
Cosponsors added, [12MY]

S. 1200—A bill to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Schumer), [6MY]

S. 1201—A bill to advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [6MY]

S. 1202—A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for supplemental, backup, and standby power fees for projects for combined heat and power technology and waste heat to power technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [6MY]

S. 1203—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Moran, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Tester, and Ms. Collins), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [7JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–153), [19OC]
Placed on the calendar, [19OC]
Passed Senate amended, [10NO]
Title amended, [10NO]

S. 1204—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Tillis), [6MY]

S. 1205—A bill to designate the same individual serving as the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mrs. Capito), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [15JY]

S. 1206—A bill to address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' with respect to certain financial entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [6MY]

S. 1207—A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program under which the Secretary shall make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid by the year 2030, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. HIRONO, [6MY]

S. 1208—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Schatz), [6MY]

S. 1209—A bill to establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Schatz), [6MY]

S. 1210—A bill to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to oil and gas production and distribution; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. Cassidy, and Ms. Heitkamp), [6MY]

S. 1211—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide that payment under the Medicare Program to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain

discharges involving severe wounds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Murphy, and Ms. Stabenow), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]

S. 1212—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Thune, Mr. Franken, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Risch, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Klobuchar), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [11MY], [14MY], [18MY], [2JN], [22JN], [7JY], [14JY], [28JY], [29JY], [9SE], [17SE], [24SE], [28OC], [1DE]

S. 1213—A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and the Federal Power Act to facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KING, [6MY]

S. 1214—A bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Graham, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Mikulski), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [13MY], [14MY], [18MY], [20MY], [21MY], [3JN], [11JN], [15JN], [14JY], [21JY], [27JY], [6AU], [16SE], [24SE], [28SE], [1OC], [8DE]

S. 1215—A bill to amend the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 to provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1216—A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to modify a provision relating to civil penalties; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1217—A bill to establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, to establish an Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1218—A bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN]

S. 1219—A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and to provide for the examination of the effects of net metering; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1220—A bill to improve the distribution of energy in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1221—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1222—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide for reports relating to electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address the procurement of electric capacity resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1223—A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the loan guarantee program for innovative technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1224—A bill to reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1225—A bill to improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1226—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to promote a greater domestic helium supply, to establish a Federal helium leasing program for public land, and to secure a helium supply for national defense and Federal researchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1227—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to develop an implementation strategy to promote the development of hybrid micro-grid systems for isolated communities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1228—A bill to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [6MY]

S. 1229—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions between the Department of Energy and National Laboratories; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN]

S. 1230—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program under which the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas productions activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1231—A bill to require congressional notification for certain Strategic Petroleum Reserve operations and to determine options available for the continued operation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1232—A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to modify provisions relating to smart grid modernization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [6MY]

S. 1233—A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to expand the electric rate-setting authority of States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [6MY]

S. 1234—A bill to enhance consumer rights relating to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Daines), [6MY]

S. 1235—A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to authorize Regional Corporations and Village Corporations to establish energy assistance programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]

S. 1236—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to modify certain requirements relating to trial-type hearings with respect to certain license applications before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [12MY]

S. 1237—A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to limit the authority of the Secretary of Energy to approve certain proposals relating to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KING, [6MY]

S. 1238—A bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Portman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Risch, Mr. Scott, Mr. Wicker, and Ms. Ayotte), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [13MY]

S. 1239—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mrs. Fischer), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [1JN], [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [7JY], [8SE], [17SE], [21SE], [15DE]

S. 1240—A bill to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Udall), [7MY]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 1241—A bill to provide for the modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [7MY]

S. 1242—A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and whether a proposed LNG terminal would benefit regional consumers of natural gas before approving or disapproving an application for the LNG terminal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KING, [7MY]

S. 1243—A bill to facilitate modernizing the electric grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. King), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [11MY]

S. 1244—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels, to preserve support of such channels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Markey), [7MY]

S. 1245—A bill to provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [7MY]

S. 1246—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to revise the definition of municipal solid

waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Boozman), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [15JY]

S. 1247—A bill to designate Union Station in Washington, DC, as ''Harry S. Truman Union Station''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [7MY]

S. 1248—A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to reform the Federal Reserve System; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Vitter), [7MY]

S. 1249—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide protections for active duty military consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Booker), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [27OC], [29OC]

S. 1250—A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Casey), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [1JN], [25JN], [7JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–179), [14DE]
Placed on the calendar, [14DE]

S. 1251—A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY, [7MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–120), [28AU]
Placed on the calendar, [28AU]

S. 1252—A bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [21MY], [3JN], [23JN], [22SE], [5OC], [8OC]

S. 1253—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [12MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–105), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

S. 1254—A bill to provide for the issuance and sale of a semipostal by the United States Postal Service to support effective programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [7MY]

S. 1255—A bill to designate certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to authorize certain land exchanges in the State of Oregon, and to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Oregon to Wheeler County, Oregon, for economic and community development purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [7MY]

S. 1256—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]

S. 1257—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Merkley), [7MY]

S. 1258—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [7MY]

S. 1259—A bill to establish a grant program to allow National Laboratories to provide vouchers to small business concerns to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and the technology-driven economic impact of commercialization in the regions in which National Laboratories are located, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [7MY]

S. 1260—A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to revise and update its sponsorship identification rules applicable to commercial and political advertising; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Markey, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Peters), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [1JN]

S. 1261—A bill to ensure that methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of State and local governments are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Moran), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [22SE]

S. 1262—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish tax-preferred Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HIRONO, [7MY]

S. 1263—A bill to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. HIRONO, [7MY]

S. 1264—A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Markey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Bennet), [11MY]

S. 1265—A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Cassidy), [11MY]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. 1266—A bill to expand the HUBZone Program for communities affected by base realignment and closure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. King), [11MY]

S. 1267—An original bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [11MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–43), [11MY]
Placed on the calendar, [11MY]

S. 1268—An original bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [11MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–44), [11MY]
Placed on the calendar, [11MY]

S. 1269—An original bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [11MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–45), [11MY]
Placed on the calendar, [11MY]

S. 1270—A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. GARDNER, [11MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]

S. 1271—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [11MY]

S. 1272—A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. Warren), [11MY]

S. 1273—A bill to establish the Strengthening America's Bridges Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [11MY]

S. 1274—A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. HIRONO, [11MY]

S. 1275—A bill to establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program in the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing and industrial facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [11MY]

S. 1276—A bill to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to increase energy exploration and production on the outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Cochran), [11MY]

S. 1277—A bill to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Wyden), [11MY]

S. 1278—A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Alaska outer Continental Shelf region, to make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [11MY]

S. 1279—A bill to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Scott, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Perdue, and Mr. Isakson), [11MY]

S. 1280—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore land that is subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [11MY]

S. 1281—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a standard home office deduction; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [11MY]

S. 1282—A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to consider the objective of improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs under that Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [11MY]
Cosponsors added, [12MY]

S. 1283—A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal certain programs, to establish a coal technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [11MY]

S. 1284—A bill to clarify the treatment of carbon emissions from forest biomass, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. KING, [11MY]

S. 1285—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to enter into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relating to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Manchin), [11MY]

S. 1286—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the backlog of appeals of decisions of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans before the United States Court of Veterans Appeals and the Board of Veterans' Appeals, to provide the Secretary with authority to address unreasonably delayed claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Brown, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Udall, and Mr. Whitehouse), [11MY]
Cosponsors added, [29OC]

S. 1287—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Merkley), [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [22SE]

S. 1288—A bill to require States to implement a cash withdrawal daily limit for recipients of cash assistance under the temporary assistance for needy families program; to the Committee on Finance. and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [12MY]

S. 1289—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain contractor personnel in matters on the defense acquisition workforce in the annual strategic workforce plan of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. ROUNDS, [12MY]

S. 1290—A bill to ensure the ability of covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program to access care under a health plan under such program in each TRICARE program region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. ROUNDS, [12MY]

S. 1291—A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [12MY]

S. 1292—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. King), [12MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–269), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 1293—A bill to establish the Department of Energy as the lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law with respect to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Manchin), [12MY]

S. 1294—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture to collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [18MY]

S. 1295—A bill to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Gardner), [12MY]

S. 1296—A bill to establish the American Infrastructure Bank to offer States the option for more flexibility in financing and funding infrastructure projects; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [12MY]

S. 1297—A bill to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Gardner), [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [1JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–88), [22JY]
Placed on the calendar, [22JY]
Passed Senate amended, [4AU]

S. 1298—A bill to provide nationally consistent measures of performance of the Nation's ports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Alexander), [12MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–164), [5NO]
Placed on the calendar, [5NO]

S. 1299—A bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Udall, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Coons, Ms. Warren, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Reid), [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. 1300—A bill to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. McConnell, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Corker), [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [18MY], [20MY], [1JN], [2JN], [24JN], [8JY], [9JY], [13JY], [14JY]
Reported (no written report), [9JY]
Placed on the calendar, [9JY]
Passed Senate, [14JY]
Passed House, [6OC]
Presented to the President (October 8, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–70] (signed October 16, 2015)

S. 1301—A bill to amend title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to restore Medicaid coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the United States under the Compacts of Free Association between the Government of the United States and the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Schatz), [12MY]

S. 1302—A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Markey, Ms. Warren, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Coons, and Ms. Baldwin), [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [18MY], [17JN], [9SE], [24SE]

S. 1303—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enrollment of veterans in certain courses of education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Tillis), [12MY]

S. 1304—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot competitive grant program for the development of a skilled energy workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [12MY]

S. 1305—A bill to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [13MY]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–135), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 1306—A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to use existing funding available to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [12MY]

S. 1307—A bill to amend section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, to require that the annual budget submissions of the Presidents include the total dollar amount requested for intelligence or intelligence related activities of each element of the Government engaged in such activities; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. WYDEN, [12MY]

S. 1308—A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [12MY]

S. 1309—A bill to provide for the removal of default information from a borrower's credit report with respect to certain rehabilitated education loans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. Capito), [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [6AU]

S. 1310—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [12MY]

S. 1311—A bill to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify certain penalties to deter oil spills; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [12MY]

S. 1312—A bill to modernize Federal policies regarding the supply and distribution of energy in the United

States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. McCain, Mr. Corker, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Risch, Mr. Flake, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Lankford), [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [10JN], [29JY]

S. 1313—A bill to expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services paid after fiscal year 2009 by covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program who are eligible for Medicare; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Durbin), [13MY]

S. 1314—A bill to establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. Hoeven), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [13JY], [3AU], [4AU], [21SE]

S. 1315—A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Thune), [13MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–121), [28AU]
Placed on the calendar, [28AU]
Cosponsors added, [20OC], [3DE]

S. 1316—A bill to provide for the retention and future use of certain land in Point Spencer, Alaska, to support the mission of the Coast Guard, to convey certain land in Point Spencer to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, to convey certain land in Point Spencer to the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [9JN]

S. 1317—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a lifetime income disclosure; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [13MY]

S. 1318—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [13MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [15DE]
Placed on the calendar, [15DE]

S. 1319—A bill to validate final patent number 27–2005-0081, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER, [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [5OC]

S. 1320—A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to reform the Federal Reserve System; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Vitter), [13MY]

S. 1321—A bill to expand benefits to the families of public safety officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries sustained in the line of duty and proximately resulting in death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Peters), [13MY]

S. 1322—A bill to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to ensure that student data handled by private companies is protected, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Kirk), [13MY]

S. 1323—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration to disclose certain return information related to identity theft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. Warner, and Ms. Ayotte), [13MY]

S. 1324—A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tillis, and Mr. Wicker), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [18MY], [19MY], [3JN], [10JN], [23JN], [24JN], [8JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–159), [29OC]
Placed on the calendar, [29OC]

S. 1325—A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinic in Newark, Ohio, as the Daniel L. Kinnard Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [13MY]

S. 1326—A bill to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [13MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–158), [27OC]
Placed on the calendar, [27OC]

S. 1327—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Grassley), [13MY]

S. 1328—A bill to authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Cochran), [13MY]

S. 1329—A bill to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KAINE, [13MY]

S. 1330—A bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Franken, Ms. Warren, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Booker, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mrs. Boxer), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [13JY]

S. 1331—A bill to help enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [13MY]

S. 1332—A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to protect against foodborne illnesses, provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [13MY]

S. 1333—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Bennet), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [7JY], [9JY], [8SE], [3DE]

S. 1334—A bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Schatz), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [20MY], [27OC]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [28JY]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]
Placed on the calendar, [10NO]

S. 1335—A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [13MY]

S. 1336—A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Sullivan), [13MY]

S. 1337—A bill to reform the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Udall), [13MY]

S. 1338—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide licensing procedures for certain types of projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KING, [14MY]

S. 1339—A bill to permanently authorize the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [14MY]

S. 1340—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve coal leasing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [14MY]

S. 1341—A bill to amend section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act in order to improve the privacy protections available to students and their parents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [14MY]

S. 1342—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study and issue a report that quantifies the energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Crapo), [14MY]

S. 1343—A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to maintain a project to improve hurricane forecasting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [14MY]

S. 1344—A bill to clarify that nonprofit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [1JN]

S. 1345—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Donnelly), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [23JY], [28JY], [29JY]

S. 1346—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide up to 4 financial awards to eligible entities that develop and verifiably demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in a high-cost region; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [14MY]

S. 1347—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [18JN], [22JN], [7JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–106), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]
Passed Senate amended, [5AU]

S. 1348—A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 with respect to high priority corridors on the National Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Warner), [14MY]

S. 1349—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–107), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

S. 1350—A bill to provide a short-term extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [14MY]
Read the first time, [14MY]
Read the second time, [18MY]
Placed on the calendar, [18MY]

S. 1351—A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [14MY]

S. 1352—A bill to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Donnelly, and Ms. Collins), [14MY]

S. 1353—A bill to ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal Government actions by amending the prohibition on the exercise of jurisdiction by the United States Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Tester), [14MY]

S. 1354—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for recognition of attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Carper), [14MY]

S. 1355—A bill to provide for higher education reform; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [14MY]

S. 1356—A bill to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Cardin), [14MY]
Passed Senate, [14MY]
Passed House amended, [5NO]
Senate agreed to House amendment, [10NO]
Presented to the President (November 17, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–92] (signed November 25, 2015)

S. 1357—A bill to extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 until July 31, 2015, and for other purposes.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [14MY]
Read the first time, [14MY]
Read the second time, [18MY]
Placed on the calendar, [18MY]
Motion to proceed considered, [21MY]
Cloture motion is rejected, [23MY]

S. 1358—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Whitehouse), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [5AU]

S. 1359—A bill to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. Nelson), [14MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–77), [7JY]
Placed on the calendar, [7JY]
Passed Senate amended, [9JY]
Passed House, [8SE]
Presented to the President (September 15, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–51] (signed September 24, 2015)

S. 1360—A bill to amend the limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents under section 28103 of title 49, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mrs. Boxer), [18MY]
Cosponsors added, [19MY], [4AU]

S. 1361—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Tester, Mr. Moran, and Ms. Heitkamp), [18MY]

S. 1362—A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs); to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [18MY]
Cosponsors added, [18JN], [22JN], [23JN], [7JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–108), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]
Passed Senate amended, [5AU]
Passed House, [21OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–85] (signed November 5, 2015)

S. 1363—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a report assessing the capability of the Department of Energy to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at sites owned by the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CRAPO, [18MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN]

S. 1364—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require the payment of an additional rebate to the State Medicaid plan in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Franken), [18MY]
Cosponsors added, [1JN], [3JN]

S. 1365—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Daines, Mr. Franken, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Udall), [18MY]

S. 1366—A bill to amend the charter of the Gold Star Wives of America to remove the restriction on the federally chartered corporation, and directors and officers of the corporation, attempting to influence legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS, [18MY]

S. 1367—A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act with respect to membership eligibility of certain institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Portman), [18MY]

S. 1368—A bill to establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. Portman), [19MY]

S. 1369—A bill to allow funds under title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to be used to provide training to school personnel regarding how to recognize child sexual abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY]

S. 1370—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to adequately fund bridges in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. Casey), [19MY]

S. 1371—A bill to impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in our families and communities, improve our infrastructure and our environment, strengthen our financial security, expand opportunity and reduce market volatility; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [19MY]

S. 1372—A bill to repeal the crude oil export ban, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Corker), [19MY]

S. 1373—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act to improve higher education programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [19MY]

S. 1374—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the United States and Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Cassidy), [19MY]

S. 1375—A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Franken, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Markey, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Blumenthal), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [2JN], [8SE], [19OC], [20OC], [27OC], [15DE]

S. 1376—An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. McCAIN, [19MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–49), [19MY]
Placed on the calendar, [19MY]

S. 1377—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. McCaskill, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Sanders), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY]

S. 1378—A bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Toomey), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [8JN], [8OC]

S. 1379—A bill to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to require the development of a plan for each sub-Saharan African country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Coons), [19MY]

S. 1380—A bill to support early learning; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Casey, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Franken, Mr. Markey, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Udall, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Booker, Ms. Warren, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Klobuchar), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [1JN], [9JN], [21JY]

S. 1381—A bill to require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Manchin), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY]

S. 1382—A bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Franken, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Markey, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Cantwell, and Ms. Warren), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [1JN], [2JN], [4JN], [8JN], [29JY], [4AU]

S. 1383—A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PERDUE, [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [17JN], [23JN], [8JY], [15JY], [30JY], [5AU], [6AU], [9SE], [17SE], [21SE], [30SE], [7OC]

S. 1384—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [19MY]

S. 1385—A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from requiring race or ethnicity to be disclosed in connection with the transfer of a firearm; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Enzi), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN], [10JN]

S. 1386—A bill to provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Sullivan), [19MY]

S. 1387—A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the Supplemental Security Income Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. Warren, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, and Ms. Hirono), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [7JY], [23JY], [9SE], [10SE], [17SE]

S. 1388—A bill to require the President to submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relating to property confiscated by the Government of Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade with Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [19MY]

S. 1389—A bill to authorize exportation of consumer communications devices to Cuba and the provision of telecommunications services to Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Flake, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Enzi), [19MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [4JN], [7JY]

S. 1390—A bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [15JY], [21JY], [16SE], [17NO]

S. 1391—A bill to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [20MY]

S. 1392—A bill to require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY, [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [19NO]

S. 1393—A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cotton, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Roberts), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [1JN]

S. 1394—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency a Columbia River Basin Restoration Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [20OC]

S. 1395—A bill to reinstate certain mining claims in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [20MY]

S. 1396—A bill to establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design in order to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes, enhance beneficiary satisfaction, and lower health care expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [20MY]

S. 1397—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that ITIN applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [20MY]

S. 1398—A bill to extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Coons, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Heinrich), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]

S. 1399—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and increase expensing limitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BENNET, [20MY]

S. 1400—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. DURBIN, [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]

S. 1401—A bill to provide for the annual designation of cities in the United States as an ''American World War II City''; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. Burr), [20MY]

S. 1402—A bill to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [20MY]

S. 1403—A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. RUBIO, [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [25JN]

S. 1404—A bill to free States to spend gas taxes on their transportation priorities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Cornyn), [20MY]

S. 1405—A bill to require a coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [20MY]

S. 1406—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to pharmacy compounding; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [20MY]

S. 1407—A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Tester), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [2JN], [9JN], [10JN], [19OC]

S. 1408—A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. Alexander, and Ms. Stabenow), [20MY]

S. 1409—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to suspend, rather

than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan while such individual is an inmate of a public institution; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Brown), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [14JY]

S. 1410—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve the treatment of substance use disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY, [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [5OC]

S. 1411—A bill to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the ''Former Presidents Act of 1958'', with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Rubio), [21MY]

S. 1412—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Collins, and Mr. King), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [2JN]

S. 1413—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve compliance in higher education tax benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [21MY]

S. 1414—A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [21MY]

S. 1415—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of large employer for purposes of applying the employer mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. King), [21MY]

S. 1416—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to limit the authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Hatch), [21MY]

S. 1417—An original bill to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [21MY]
Reported (no written report), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]

S. 1418—A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY, [21MY]

S. 1419—A bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Udall, Mr. Heinrich, and Ms. Heitkamp), [21MY]

S. 1420—A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to provide for the collection of information on critical energy supplies, to establish a Working Group on Energy Markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [21MY]

S. 1421—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize a 6-month extension of certain exclusivity periods in the case of approved drugs that are subsequently approved for a new indication to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [9JN]

S. 1422—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a comprehensive program to improve education and training for energy- and manufacturing-related jobs to increase the number of skilled workers trained to work in energy and manufacturing-related fields, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Booker), [21MY]

S. 1423—A bill to designate certain Federal lands in California as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER, [21MY]

S. 1424—A bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Peters), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [15JN], [16JY], [6OC], [9NO]

S. 1425—A bill to promote new manufacturing in the United States by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in obtaining necessary permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. CAPITO, [21MY]

S. 1426—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [9NO]

S. 1427—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to facilitate increased coordination and alignment between the public and private sector with respect to quality and efficiency measures; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW, [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [22JN]

S. 1428—A bill to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Markey, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Heinrich), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [7JY], [8JY], [13JY], [16JY]

S. 1429—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cochran, and Ms. Klobuchar), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [13JY]

S. 1430—A bill to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and costal States to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Markey), [21MY]

S. 1431—A bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths; to the Committee on Finance. heir capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. King, and Mrs. Capito), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [6OC], [19NO]

S. 1432—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [21MY]

S. 1433—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Booker), [21MY]

S. 1434—A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH, [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [17JN], [18JN], [13JY]

S. 1435—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote awareness of organ donation and the need to increase the pool of available organs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [21MY]

S. 1436—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Heller), [21MY]

S. 1437—A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize and provide flexibility for the use of the National Guard for support of civilian firefighting activities; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Tillis, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Burr), [21MY]

S. 1438—A bill to allow women greater access to safe and effective contraception; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Burr, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Tillis, and Mr. Heller), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [16JN], [25JN]

S. 1439—A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Reed), [21MY]

S. 1440—A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to exclude a loan secured by a non-owner occupied 1- to 4-family dwelling from the definition of a member business loan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. WYDEN, [21MY]

S. 1441—A bill to prevent the militarization of Federal, State, and local law enforcement by Federal excess property transfers and grant programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [21MY]

S. 1442—A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strike a provision relating to the budget neutrality of any renegotiated Standard Reinsurance Agreement; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. Booker), [21MY]

S. 1443—A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Sullivan), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]

S. 1444—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax regarding the taxation of distilled spirits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. Sullivan, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]

S. 1445—A bill to improve the Microloan Program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [21JY]

S. 1446—A bill to establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Ms. Collins), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [28SE], [14DE]

S. 1447—A bill to provide for the implementation of a Sustainable Chemistry Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. Collins), [21MY]

S. 1448—A bill to designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [21MY]

S. 1449—A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to add certain medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles to the advanced technology vehicles manufacturing incentive program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Peters), [21MY]

S. 1450—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO, [21MY]

S. 1451—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO, [21MY]

S. 1452—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursements for emergency medical treatment and to require that the Department of Veterans Affairs be treated as a participating provider for the recovery of the costs of certain medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO, [21MY]

S. 1453—A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to apply deemed enrollment to residents of Puerto Rico and to provide a special enrollment period and a reduction in the late enrollment penalties for certain residents of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [21MY]

S. 1454—A bill to enhance interstate commerce by creating a National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [7JY]

S. 1455—A bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Baldwin), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [1OC], [6OC], [19NO], [10DE], [17DE], [18DE]

S. 1456—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Thune, and Mrs. Murray), [22MY]

S. 1457—A bill to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER, [22MY]

S. 1458—A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Mrs. Capito), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [15JN], [16JN], [24JN], [8JY], [9JY], [15JY], [21JY], [9SE], [15SE]

S. 1459—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Manchin), [22MY]

S. 1460—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Tillis), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [8OC]

S. 1461—A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Tester), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [18JN], [23JN], [9JY], [27JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–109), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]
Passed Senate amended, [10SE]
Passed House, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 9, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–112] (signed December 18, 2015)

S. 1462—A bill to improve the safety of oil shipments by rail and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Boxer, and Mrs. Feinstein), [22MY]

S. 1463—A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the distance requirement for expanded availability of hospital care and medical services for veterans through the use of agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Brown, Mr. King, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Hoeven), [22MY]
Passed Senate, [22MY]

S. 1464—A bill to require all recreational vessels to have and to post passenger capacity limits and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [22MY]

S. 1465—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to stroke telehealth services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY]

S. 1466—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare Program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Burr, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Carper), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [22JY], [30JY], [4AU], [9SE]

S. 1467—A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Schatz), [22MY]

S. 1468—A bill to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the ''Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum''; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Kaine), [22MY]

S. 1469—A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. King, and Mr. Whitehouse), [23MY]

S. 1470—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. VITTER, [31MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–293), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 1471—A bill to require declassification of certain redacted information from the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001 and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [1JN]

S. 1472—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to reform and modernize the Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Booker, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Markey, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Blumenthal), [1JN]

S. 1473—A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Warren, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Boxer), [2JN]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [21OC]

S. 1474—A bill to provide for the development and use of technology for personalized handguns, to require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the United States incorporate such technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. Warren), [2JN]

S. 1475—A bill to provide for the creation of a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to clinical practice guidelines; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mrs. Capito), [2JN]

S. 1476—A bill to require States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding shooting incidents involving law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Booker), [2JN]
Cosponsors added, [11JN], [16JN], [29SE]

S. 1477—A bill to require a report on the future mix of aircraft platforms for the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. ROUNDS, [2JN]

S. 1478—A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. ROUNDS, [2JN]

S. 1479—A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Markey, Mr. Rounds, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Booker), [2JN]

S. 1480—A bill to provide limits on bundling, to reform the lobbying registration process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. BENNET, [2JN]

S. 1481—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on urban flooding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [2JN]

S. 1482—A bill to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Lee), [2JN]
Reported (no written report), [9JY]
Placed on the calendar, [9JY]
Passed Senate, [14JY]
Passed House, [27JY]
Presented to the President (July 29, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–44] (signed August 6, 2015)

S. 1483—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [2JN]
Cosponsors added, [15JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–136), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 1484—An original bill to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SHELBY, [2JN]
Reported (no written report), [2JN]
Placed on the calendar, [2JN]

S. 1485—A bill to provide for the advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. BALDWIN, [2JN]

S. 1486—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to Patriot employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Reed, Ms. Warren, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Baldwin), [2JN]

S. 1487—A bill to require notice and comment for certain interpretative rules; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. Lankford, and Mr. Blunt), [3JN]

S. 1488—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow for fair application of the exceptions process for drugs in tiers in formularies in prescription drug plans under Medicare part D; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. Collins), [3JN]

S. 1489—A bill to strengthen support for the Cuban people and prohibit financial transactions with the Cuban military, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Kirk), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [29JY]

S. 1490—A bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Collins), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [13JY]

S. 1491—A bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Tester, Mr. Warner, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Warren, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Donnelly), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [4AU], [5OC], [21OC], [4NO]

S. 1492—A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SULLIVAN, [3JN]

S. 1493—A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Moran, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Heller, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Manchin), [3JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–122), [28AU]
Placed on the calendar, [28AU]
Cosponsors added, [22SE], [24SE], [5OC], [7OC], [20OC]
Passed Senate, [22OC]

S. 1494—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and update the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative for grants to address the problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [3JN]

S. 1495—A bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Corker, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Johnson), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [9JN], [11JN], [15JN], [23JN], [25JN], [7JY], [9JY], [16JY], [21JY], [9SE], [1DE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–87), [21JY]
Placed on the calendar, [21JY]

S. 1496—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [3JN]

S. 1497—A bill to exempt the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and certain other programs for Indians from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Udall), [3JN]

S. 1498—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that military working dogs be retired in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. WYDEN, [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [16JY], [27JY], [30JY]

S. 1499—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide eligibility under certain highway programs for projects for the installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communication equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. Blunt, and Ms. Stabenow), [3JN]

S. 1500—A bill to clarify congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Carper, Mr. Coons, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Moran, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Tillis), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [9JN], [5NO]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]
Placed on the calendar, [29OC]

S. 1501—A bill to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation in American communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [3JN]

S. 1502—A bill to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, and Ms. Baldwin), [4JN]

S. 1503—A bill to provide for enhanced Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Reed, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Coons, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Schumer), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [9SE], [21OC]

S. 1504—A bill to prohibit employers from requiring low-wage employees to enter into covenants not to compete, to require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into a covenant not to compete, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Franken), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JN], [8SE]

S. 1505—A bill to amend part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHATZ, [4JN]

S. 1506—A bill to provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [4JN]

S. 1507—A bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. Kirk), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JN]

S. 1508—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign $20 Federal reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [4JN]

S. 1509—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Grassley), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [22JN], [9JY], [30JY]

S. 1510—A bill to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [4JN]

S. 1511—A bill to promote the recycling of vessels in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Cassidy), [4JN]

S. 1512—A bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Heller), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JN], [9JN], [15JN], [22JN], [24JN], [25JN], [7JY], [14JY], [27JY], [3AU], [5AU], [6AU], [8SE], [17SE], [21SE], [30NO]

S. 1513—A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Rubio), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JN], [15JN], [16JN], [23JN], [25JN], [7JY], [13JY], [6AU], [19NO], [14DE]

S. 1514—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the application of Medicare secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified Medicare set-aside provisions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [4JN]

S. 1515—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the tax treatment for certain build America bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MARKEY, [4JN]

S. 1516—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the energy credit to provide greater incentives for industrial energy efficiency; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Casey), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]

S. 1517—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit for hiring veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Udall), [4JN]

S. 1518—A bill to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. King, and Ms. Collins), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [21OC]

S. 1519—A bill to amend the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to address slowdowns, strikes, and lock-outs occurring at ports in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [4JN]
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged, [17JN]
Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [17JN]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [8JY], [15SE]

S. 1520—A bill to protect victims of stalking from violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Hirono), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [20OC], [5NO]

S. 1521—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCOTT, [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [30SE]

S. 1522—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON, [8JN]

S. 1523—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [8JN]
Cosponsors added, [5AU]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [5AU]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–161), [29OC]

S. 1524—A bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Moran, Mr. Warner, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Burr), [8JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JN], [24JN], [4NO]

S. 1525—A bill to block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [8JN]

S. 1526—A bill to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, to amend title 31 and 41, United States Code, to improve the payment protections available to construction contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers for work performed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [8JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [5AU]

S. 1527—A bill to enable more responsible and efficient spending on Department of State activities and foreign operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. Kaine), [8JN]

S. 1528—A bill to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Wyden), [9JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]

S. 1529—A bill to promote the tracing of firearms used in crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Reed, and Mrs. Boxer), [9JN]

S. 1530—A bill to renew certain Moving to Work agreements for a period of 10 years; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. Cardin), [9JN]

S. 1531—A bill to reform the provision of health insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives to coverage under the Affordable Care Act, and price transparency, in order to promote a more market-based health care system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Collins, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Coats, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Vitter, Mrs. Capito, and Mr. Wicker), [9JN]

S. 1532—A bill to ensure timely access to affordable birth control for women; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Reid, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Booker, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Franken, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Warren, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Menendez), [9JN]
Cosponsors added, [15JN], [22JY], [4AU]

S. 1533—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [9JN]
Cosponsors added, [14JY]

S. 1534—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Harlingen, Texas, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility, to redesignate such medical center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [9JN]

S. 1535—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to with respect to passenger motor vehicle crash avoidance information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Markey), [10JN]

S. 1536—A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Ernst, and Mr. Gardner), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JN], [7JY]

S. 1537—A bill to establish grant programs to improve the health of border area residents and for all hazards preparedness in the border area including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [10JN]

S. 1538—A bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Udall, and Ms. Warren), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [22JN], [25JN], [13JY], [21JY], [8DE]

S. 1539—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [15JN], [9SE], [10SE], [24SE], [30SE], [20OC], [22OC], [26OC], [9NO], [10NO], [2DE]

S. 1540—A bill to improve the enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Ms. Collins), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [9JY], [17NO]

S. 1541—A bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Flake, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Crapo), [10JN]

S. 1542—A bill to establish a program that promotes reforms in workforce education and skill training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [10JN]

S. 1543—A bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. King), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]

S. 1544—A bill to rescind unused earmarks provided for the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. FLAKE, [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [22JN], [9JY]

S. 1545—A bill to require a quarterly report by the Federal Communications Commission on the Lifeline program funded by the Universal Service Fund; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER, [10JN]

S. 1546—A bill to establish an export credit insurance program in the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. VITTER, [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]

S. 1547—A bill to provide high-skilled visas for nationals of the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Schatz), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [15JN], [16JY]

S. 1548—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce the rate of the corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, deliver additional benefits to retired and disabled Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [10JN]

S. 1549—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for advanced illness care coordination services for Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Capito, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Klobuchar), [10JN]

S. 1550—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. ERNST (for herself and Ms. Heitkamp), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [6OC]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–162), [3NO]
Placed on the calendar, [3NO]
Passed Senate amended, [19NO]

S. 1551—A bill to provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Rubio), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]

S. 1552—A bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. DAINES, [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]

S. 1553—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Coats, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Risch, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Moran, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Corker, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Paul, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Portman, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Flake, and Mr. Toomey), [11JN]

S. 1554—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study with respect to stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mrs. Feinstein), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [13JY]

S. 1555—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Reid, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Schatz), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [15JN], [17JN], [14JY], [29JY], [10SE], [22SE], [24SE], [30SE], [5OC], [6OC], [8OC], [21OC], [3NO], [16NO]

S. 1556—A bill to amend section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Franken), [11JN]

S. 1557—A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Whitehouse), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]

S. 1558—An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. COCHRAN, [11JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–63), [11JN]
Placed on the calendar, [11JN]

S. 1559—A bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. Peters), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [22SE], [29SE], [30SE], [5OC], [6OC], [20OC], [26OC], [28OC], [29OC], [3NO], [10NO], [1DE], [9DE], [17DE], [18DE]

S. 1560—A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to provide end-users with a reasonable amount of time to meet their margin requirements and to repeal certain indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [11JN]

S. 1561—A bill to clarify the definition of nonadmitted insurer under the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Graham), [11JN]

S. 1562—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN, [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [7JY], [8JY], [30JY], [5AU], [8SE], [9SE], [10SE], [22SE], [25SE], [5OC], [8OC], [19OC], [22OC], [4NO], [10NO], [3DE], [9DE], [10DE], [15DE]

S. 1563—A bill to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to extend, enhance, and revise the provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, to establish certain other protections for personal information of children and minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Menendez), [11JN]

S. 1564—A bill to require that employers provide not less than 10 days of paid vacation time to eligible employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS, [11JN]

S. 1565—A bill to allow the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to provide greater protection to servicemembers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Warner, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Franken, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Kaine, and Ms. Hirono), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [15JN], [22OC], [27OC]

S. 1566—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to provide for coverage of oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the coverage provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Franken), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [3AU], [5AU]

S. 1567—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge from the Armed Forces of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. Daines, and Mr. Tillis), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [16NO]

S. 1568—A bill to extend the authorization to carry out the replacement of the existing medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver, Colorado, to authorize transfers of amounts to carry out the replacement of such medical center, and for other purposes.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Bennet), [11JN]
Passed Senate, [11JN]
Passed House, [12JN]
Presented to the President (June 15, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–25] (signed June 15, 2015)

S. 1569—A bill to require a review of the adequacy of existing procedures to ensure at least one employee of the personal office of each Senator serving on a committee that requires access to top secret and sensitive compartmented information may obtain the security clearances necessary for the employee to have access to such information; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Mrs. Fischer), [11JN]

S. 1570—A bill to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce to establish public-private part-

nerships under the Market Development Cooperator Program of the International Trade Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ, [11JN]

S. 1571—A bill to preserve the constitutional authority of Congress and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. PAUL, [15JN]

S. 1572—A bill to end the practice of including more than one subject in a single bill by requiring that each bill enacted by Congress be limited to only one subject, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. PAUL, [15JN]

S. 1573—A bill to establish regional weather forecast offices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE, [15JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–154), [19OC]
Placed on the calendar, [19OC]

S. 1574—A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a community care wrap-around support demonstration program, a pilot project on services for recipients of federally assisted housing, and a national campaign to raise awareness of the aging network and to promote advance integrated long-term care planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [15JN]

S. 1575—A bill to end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power which was exclusively vested in the Senate and House of Representatives by article I, section 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to issue a report to Congress detailing the extent of the problem of unconstitutional delegation to the end that such delegations can be phased out, thereby restoring the constitutional principle of separation of powers set forth in the first sections of the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL, [15JN]

S. 1576—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [15JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–95), [27JY]
Placed on the calendar, [27JY]
Passed Senate amended, [5AU]

S. 1577—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Daines), [15JN]

S. 1578—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Thune), [16JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [30JY]

S. 1579—A bill to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall, Mr. Heller, Mr. Tester, Mr. Franken, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Rounds), [16JN]
Cosponsors added, [13JY], [30JY], [5OC], [16DE]

S. 1580—A bill to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Moran, and Ms. Heitkamp), [16JN]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [25JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–143), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]
Passed Senate, [17SE]

S. 1581—A bill to foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CASEY, [16JN]

S. 1582—A bill to establish pilot programs to encourage the use of shared equity mortgage modifications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. Warren), [16JN]

S. 1583—A bill to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [16JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 1584—A bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [16JN]
Cosponsors added, [9JY], [13JY], [15JY], [22JY]

S. 1585—A bill to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [16JN]

S. 1586—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. KIRK, [16JN]

S. 1587—A bill to authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. Flake), [16JN]
Cosponsors added, [16DE]

S. 1588—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cardin, and Ms. Warren), [16JN]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [18JN]

S. 1589—A bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new, long-term job creation through the establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Coons, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Tillis), [16JN]
Cosponsors added, [5AU]

S. 1590—A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Alexander, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Grassley), [17JN]

S. 1591—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [17JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN]

S. 1592—A bill to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. McCain), [17JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–186), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 1593—A bill to eliminate the offsetting accounts that are currently available for use by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ, [17JN]

S. 1594—A bill to improve the Federal flight deck officers program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [17JN]

S. 1595—A bill to describe the authority under which Federal entities may use mobile aerial-view devices to surveil, protect individual and collective privacy against warrantless governmental intrusion through the use of mobile aerial-view devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Heller), [17JN]

S. 1596—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the ''Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [17JN]
Reported (no written report), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Passed Senate, [5AU]

S. 1597—A bill to enhance patient engagement in the medical product development process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Collins, Mr. Franken, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Bennet), [17JN]
Cosponsors added, [26OC]

S. 1598—A bill to prevent discriminatory treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Daines, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Risch, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Sasse), [17JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [7JY], [8JY], [9JY], [13JY], [16JY], [17SE]

S. 1599—A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [17JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [16JY]
Placed on the calendar, [16JY]
Passed Senate amended, [22JY]

S. 1600—A bill to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [17JN]

S. 1601—A bill to establish an integrated national approach to respond to ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, managing, and conserving the fish, wildlife, and plants of the United States, and to maximize Government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [17JN]

S. 1602—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR Technology under

the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Nelson), [17JN]

S. 1603—A bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Schumer), [17JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [8JY], [16JY], [21JY], [5AU], [9SE], [10SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–116), [5AU]
Placed on the calendar, [5AU]
Passed Senate amended, [9SE]

S. 1604—A bill to establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option Demonstration Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Casey), [18JN]

S. 1605—A bill to amend the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Flake, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Isakson), [18JN]

S. 1606—A bill to support the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative strategies and methods to increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students in order to increase student and educator engagement and disseminate evidence-based strategies to relevant stakeholders and the public; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Mrs. Capito), [18JN]

S. 1607—A bill to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Warner, and Ms. Collins), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [18DE]

S. 1608—A bill to protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [8SE], [10NO]

S. 1609—A bill to provide support for the development of middle school career exploration programs linked to career and technical education programs of study; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Warner), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [5AU]

S. 1610—A bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement officers, promote accountability for State and local law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [18JN]

S. 1611—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Sullivan), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–168), [30NO]
Placed on the calendar, [30NO]

S. 1612—A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Franken), [18JN]

S. 1613—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the ten dollar bill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [18JN]

S. 1614—A bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Cornyn), [18JN]

S. 1615—A bill to reform and modernize domestic refugee resettlement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. King, and Mr. Peters), [18JN]

S. 1616—A bill to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Johnson), [18JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–174), [8DE]
Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
Passed Senate amended, [16DE]

S. 1617—A bill to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JN], [7JY], [14JY], [15JY], [30JY], [4AU], [10SE], [15SE], [8OC], [22OC], [28OC]

S. 1618—A bill to reallocate Federal Government-held spectrum for commercial use, to promote wireless innovation and enhance wireless communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Johnson), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JN]

S. 1619—An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. HOEVEN, [18JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–68), [18JN]
Placed on the calendar, [18JN]

S. 1620—A bill to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON, [18JN]

S. 1621—A bill to prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service and Internet access service through the Lifeline Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER, [18JN]

S. 1622—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Franken), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [5OC]

S. 1623—A bill to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [18JN]

S. 1624—A bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Peters, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Moran), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [20OC]

S. 1625—A bill to require a report on the location of C–130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. DAINES, [18JN]

S. 1626—A bill to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, streamline rail project delivery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. Booker), [18JN]

S. 1627—A bill to ensure the Secretary of State complies fully with reporting requirements in section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [18JN]

S. 1628—A bill to preserve the current amount of basic allowance for housing for certain married members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. DAINES, [18JN]

S. 1629—A bill to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. Carper), [18JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–110), [3AU]
Placed on the calendar, [3AU]
Passed Senate, [10SE]

S. 1630—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to deter labor slowdowns at ports of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RISCH, [18JN]

S. 1631—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to multiemployer pensions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Baldwin), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [8SE], [17SE], [21OC], [16DE]

S. 1632—A bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [8JY], [16JY], [22JY], [28JY], [4AU], [10SE], [17SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Passed Senate amended, [22SE]

S. 1633—A bill to require that the face of Federal reserve notes bear the likeness of Jeanette Rankin before the likeness of any other woman appears on a Federal reserve note, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. DAINES, [18JN]

S. 1634—A bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Leahy), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]

S. 1635—An original bill to authorize the Department of State for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER, [18JN]
Reported (no written report), [18JN]
Placed on the calendar, [18JN]

S. 1636—A bill to streamline the collection and distribution of Government information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cotton, and Mr. Perdue), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [7JY]

S. 1637—A bill to promote permanent families for children, privacy and safety for unwed mothers, responsible fatherhood, and security for adoptive parents by establishing a National Responsible Father Registry and encouraging States to enter into agreements to contribute the information contained in the State's Responsible Father Registry to the National Responsible Father Registry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. INHOFE, [18JN]

S. 1638—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress information on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. Carper), [18JN]

S. 1639—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to assure educational stability for children in foster care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Hatch), [18JN]

S. 1640—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve immigration law enforcement within the interior of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Inhofe), [22JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JN], [21JY], [23JY]

S. 1641—A bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Tester), [22JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [13JY], [23JY], [8OC]

S. 1642—A bill to reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to millions of people in the United States residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective alternative systems, including well water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Tester), [22JN]

S. 1643—A bill to require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty, Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BLUNT, [23JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]

S. 1644—A bill to permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [23JN]

S. 1645—An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [23JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
Placed on the calendar, [23JN]

S. 1646—A bill to amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to make a technical correction relating to the amendments made by Public Law 113–243; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Brown), [23JN]

S. 1647—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Carper), [23JN]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–80), [15JY]
Placed on the calendar, [15JY]

S. 1648—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to create a sustainable future for rural healthcare; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Gardner), [23JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JY], [23JY], [18DE]

S. 1649—A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of the Tucson International Airport, as a future part of the Interstate System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [23JN]

S. 1650—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make changes to the Medicare home health face-to-face encounter requirements; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [23JN]

S. 1651—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Warren, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Reed, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Udall, and Mr. Heller), [23JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [15JY], [10SE], [8OC], [19OC]

S. 1652—A bill to designate an existing Federal officer to coordinate efforts to secure the release of United States persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Shaheen, and Ms. Mikulski), [23JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]

S. 1653—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [23JN]

S. 1654—A bill to prevent deaths occurring from drug overdoses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Leahy), [23JN]
Cosponsors added, [7JY], [14JY]

S. 1655—A bill to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under that Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. PERDUE, [24JN]

S. 1656—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Collins, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. King), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [18DE]

S. 1657—A bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [24JN]

S. 1658—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Durbin), [24JN]

S. 1659—A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Warner, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Warren, Mr. Booker, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Wyden), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [7JY], [23JY], [29JY], [4AU], [5AU], [8SE], [9SE], [16SE], [21SE], [5OC], [6OC], [29OC], [9NO], [10DE]

S. 1660—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Toomey), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]

S. 1661—A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Coons), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [21SE]

S. 1662—A bill to include Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [24JN]

S. 1663—A bill to better protect, serve, and advance the rights of victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation by encouraging States and other qualified entities to hold offenders accountable, enhance the capacity of the justice system to investigate, pursue, and prosecute elder abuse cases, identify existing resources to leverage to the extent possible, and assure data collection, research, and evaluation to promote the efficacy and efficiency of the activities described in this Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [24JN]

S. 1664—A bill to count revenues from military and veteran education programs toward the limit on Federal revenues that certain proprietary institutions of higher education are allowed to receive for purposes of section 487 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Franken, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Reed, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Markey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Peters, Ms. Warren, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Whitehouse), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JY]

S. 1665—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Heller, and Mrs. Feinstein), [24JN]

S. 1666—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the election to accelerate the AMT credit in lieu of bonus depreciation for 2015 and 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Blunt), [24JN]

S. 1667—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mrs. Murray), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [22SE]

S. 1668—A bill to restore long-standing United States policy that the Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Lee, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Tillis), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [3DE]

S. 1669—A bill to reform the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [24JN]

S. 1670—A bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [9JY]

S. 1671—A bill to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BENNET, [24JN]

S. 1672—A bill to authorize States to enter into interstate compacts regarding Class A commercial driver's licenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [9JY]

S. 1673—A bill to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Markey), [24JN]

S. 1674—A bill to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Murphy), [24JN]

S. 1675—A bill to amend certain appropriations Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, to provide for a report on the potential transfer of Plum Island, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Murphy, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [24JN]

S. 1676—A bill to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [15JY], [16JY], [10SE], [8OC]

S. 1677—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [25JN]

S. 1678—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as ''Harold George Bennett Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BOOZMAN, [25JN]

S. 1679—A bill to amend the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 to require that certain buildings and personal property be covered by flood insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Tester), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [21JY]

S. 1680—A bill to improve the condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Markey), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [9SE]

S. 1681—A bill to criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without the prior express written consent of the recipient, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [25JN]

S. 1682—A bill to extend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report on the use by Iran of funds made available through sanctions relief; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [22SE]

S. 1683—A bill to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. Ernst, and Mr. Blunt), [25JN]

S. 1684—A bill to amend the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 to provide for liability protection for organizations and entities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Hoeven), [25JN]

S. 1685—A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [5NO], [17NO]

S. 1686—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Warren, Mr. Franken, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Reed, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Blumenthal), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [20OC], [4NO]

S. 1687—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restrict the insurance business exception to passive foreign investment company rules; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN, [25JN]

S. 1688—A bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Booker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Warren, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Reid, and Ms. Mikulski), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [18DE]

S. 1689—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reduce the funding available for a State under the national highway performance program and the surface transportation program if the State issues a license plate that contains an image of a flag of the Confederate States of America, including the Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BROWN, [25JN]

S. 1690—A bill to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [25JN]

S. 1691—A bill to expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [7JY], [15JY]

S. 1692—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Donnelly), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JY]

S. 1693—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO, [25JN]

S. 1694—A bill to amend Public Law 103–434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [25JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–187), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 1695—An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. BLUNT, [25JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]

S. 1696—A bill to redesignate the Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia, to revise the boundary of that monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Perdue), [25JN]

S. 1697—A bill to provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual health insurance market, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [10DE], [15DE], [17DE]

S. 1698—A bill to exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, Federal public benefits.
By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. Carper, Mr. Burr, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Warner), [25JN]
Read the first time, [25JN]
Read the second time, [7JY]
Placed on the calendar, [7JY]
Passed Senate, [30NO]
Cosponsors added, [3DE]

S. 1699—A bill to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [25JN]

S. 1700—A bill to require the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in real property that are acquired pursuant to mitigation projects required under certain Federal Water Pollution Control Act permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [25JN]

S. 1701—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify a provision relating to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [25JN]

S. 1702—A bill to require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters and producers are involved in the investigation or review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Manchin), [25JN]

S. 1703—A bill to direct the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL, [25JN]

Cosponsors added, [27JY]

S. 1704—A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Justice Act to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Tester, Mr. Daines, Mr. Moran, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Udall, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Hoeven), [7JY]

Cosponsors added, [8JY], [23JY]

Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–172), [3DE]

Placed on the calendar, [3DE]

S. 1705—An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. BURR, [7JY]

Reported (no written report), [7JY]

Placed on the calendar, [7JY]

Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–83), [16JY]

S. 1706—A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [7JY]

S. 1707—A bill to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the ''Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Cotton), [7JY]

Cosponsors added, [30JY]

Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [5AU]

Passed House, [24SE]

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S. 1708—A bill to improve certain provisions relating to charter schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN, [7JY]

S. 1709—A bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. McCain, Mr. King, and Ms. Cantwell), [7JY]

Cosponsors added, [16JY], [4AU], [9SE]

S. 1710—A bill to authorize a grant-matching program that strengthens and accelerates interventions in the lowest-performing elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Casey), [7JY]

S. 1711—A bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Heller, Mr. King, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Daines, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Isakson), [7JY]

Cosponsors added, [5AU], [24SE], [8OC], [3NO]

S. 1712—A bill to amend the Small Tract Act of 1983 to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, resolve minor encroachments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BENNET, [7JY]

S. 1713—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [7JY]

S. 1714—A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Casey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Roberts), [7JY]

Cosponsors added, [9JY], [16JY], [9SE], [8OC], [3NO], [18NO], [30NO]

S. 1715—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. King), [8JY]

Cosponsors added, [15SE], [26OC], [4NO], [15DE]

S. 1716—A bill to provide access to higher education for the students of the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Booker, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Whitehouse), [8JY]

Cosponsors added, [9JY], [13JY], [29SE], [5OC]

S. 1717—A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Cotton), [8JY]

Cosponsors added, [9JY]

S. 1718—A bill to provide for the repeal of certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that have the effect of rationing health care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS, [8JY]

S. 1719—A bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Bennet, and Ms. Mikulski), [8JY]

Cosponsors added, [3AU], [16SE], [27OC], [4NO], [18NO], [19NO]

Reported with amendment (no written report), [1DE]

Placed on the calendar, [1DE]

Passed Senate amended, [8DE]

S. 1720—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign $10 Federal reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Cardin), [8JY]

S. 1721—A bill to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a joint uniform formulary with respect to systemic pain and psychotropic drugs that are critical for the transition of an individual from receiving health care services furnished by the Secretary of Defense to health care services furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. McCain), [8JY]

S. 1722—A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain additional disclosure requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROUNDS, [8JY]

Cosponsors added, [3AU]

S. 1723—A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HEINRICH, [9JY]

S. 1724—A bill to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Boxer, and Mrs. Feinstein), [9JY]

S. 1725—An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. GRAHAM, [9JY]

Reported (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]

Placed on the calendar, [9JY]

S. 1726—A bill to create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Paul, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Murray), [9JY]

Cosponsors added, [13JY], [28OC], [18NO], [8DE]

S. 1727—A bill to rename the National Florence Crittenton Mission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN, [9JY]

S. 1728—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COATS, [9JY]

Cosponsors added, [5AU]

S. 1729—A bill to amend the State report card provisions of section 1111(h) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the disaggregation of the educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Cassidy), [9JY]

S. 1730—A bill to enhance civil penalties under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Leahy), [9JY]

S. 1731—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of certain benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish such benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces with other than dishonorable conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. Hirono), [9JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [29OC]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [29OC]

S. 1732—A bill to authorize elements of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Moran), [9JY]

S. 1733—A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [9JY]

S. 1734—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to waive the state of good repair certification requirement for participants in the pilot program for expedited project delivery; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK, [9JY]

S. 1735—A bill to modernize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Markey, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Whitehouse), [9JY]

S. 1736—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Booker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Coons, Mr. King, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Markey, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Reed), [9JY]

S. 1737—A bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Warren, Mr. Udall, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Franken, Mr. Reed, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Markey, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Peters), [9JY]

S. 1738—A bill to protect individuals by strengthening the Nation's mental health infrastructure, improving the understanding of violence, strengthening firearm prohibitions and protections for at-risk individuals, and improving and expanding the reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [9JY]

S. 1739—A bill to increase the minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOKER, [9JY]

S. 1740—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that all provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Casey, Mr. Warner, Mr. Reid, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Markey, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Franken, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Coons, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Tester, Mr. Booker, Mr. Reed, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Peters, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Udall, Mr. King, and Mr. Manchin), [9JY]

S. 1741—A bill to establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, help consumers identify recalled tires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Brown), [9JY]

S. 1742—A bill to improve the provision of postal services to rural areas of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. Tester, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Peters), [9JY]
Cosponsors added, [3AU], [30SE], [10NO]

S. 1743—A bill to provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Markey), [9JY]

S. 1744—A bill to authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land in the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [9JY]

S. 1745—A bill to provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. TESTER, [9JY]

S. 1746—A bill to require the Office of Personnel Management to provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Kaine), [9JY]
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [23JY], [29SE]

S. 1747—A bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Graham), [9JY]

S. 1748—A bill to provide for improved investment in national transportation infrastructure; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Durbin), [9JY]
Cosponsors added, [13JY]

S. 1749—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow allocation of certain renewable energy tax credits to Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HEINRICH, [13JY]

S. 1750—A bill to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, disposing, and improving the efficiency of Federal buildings and other civilian real property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Portman, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Tillis), [13JY]

S. 1751—A bill to provide for a grant program for handgun licensing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [13JY]

S. 1752—A bill to enhance communication between Federal, State, tribal, and local jurisdictions and to ensure the rapid and effective deportation of certain criminal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [13JY]

S. 1753—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and permanently extend qualified zone academy bonds, and to treat such bonds as specified tax credit bonds; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN, [13JY]

S. 1754—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges presiding over the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [14JY]
Cosponsors added, [8OC]

S. 1755—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a 5-year extension of the tax credit for residential energy efficient property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Booker, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Franken), [14JY]
Cosponsors added, [9SE]

S. 1756—A bill to help small businesses take advantage of energy efficiency; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Coons), [14JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY]
Reported (no written report), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]

S. 1757—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Bennet), [14JY]
Cosponsors added, [30SE], [22OC]

S. 1758—A bill to amend the Social Security Act to make certain revisions to provisions limiting payment of benefits to fugitive felons under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COATS, [14JY]

S. 1759—A bill to prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Nelson (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Donnelly)), [14JY]

S. 1760—A bill to prevent gun trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Durbin), [14JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [30JY]

S. 1761—A bill to take certain Federal land located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [14JY]

S. 1762—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase the penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the United States after being removed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ, [14JY]
Cosponsors added, [15JY], [28JY]

S. 1763—A bill to require a study on the public health and environmental impacts of the production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Peters), [14JY]

S. 1764—A bill to prohibit certain Federal funds from being made available to sanctuary cities and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL, [14JY]

S. 1765—A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide equal treatment of LGBT older individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Merkley, and Ms. Baldwin), [14JY]

S. 1766—A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Brown, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Peters, Mr. Udall, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Booker), [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [15SE], [22SE], [7OC], [8OC], [20OC]

S. 1767—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Roberts), [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [3AU], [25SE], [20OC], [14DE]

S. 1768—A bill to authorize States to enforce safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. Moran), [15JY]

S. 1769—A bill to amend the African Elephant Conservation Act to conserve elephants while appropriately regulating ivory in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [15JY]

S. 1770—A bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Vitter), [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [29SE]

S. 1771—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from the employer health coverage mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Crapo), [15JY]

S. 1772—A bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation and to ensure that employers consider these requests, and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain occupations with evidence of unpredictable and unstable scheduling practices that negatively affect employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, and Ms. Hirono), [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [5AU]

S. 1773—A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Franken), [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 1774—A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to treat Puerto Rico as a State for purposes of chapter 9 of such title relating to the adjustment of debts of municipalities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Warren, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Booker, Mr. Reid, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Heinrich, and Ms. Hirono), [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [21JY], [3AU], [18DE]

S. 1775—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Blumenthal), [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [5AU], [9SE], [5OC], [22OC]

S. 1776—A bill to enhance tribal road safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [15JY]

S. 1777—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [15JY]

S. 1778—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit certain Medicare providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain Medicare beneficiaries in a different State; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mrs. Ernst), [15JY]

S. 1779—A bill to prevent conflicts of interest that stem from executive Government employees receiving bonuses or other compensation arrangements from nongovernment sources, from the revolving door that raises concerns about the independence of financial services regulators, and from the revolving door that casts aspersions over the awarding of Government contracts and other financial benefits; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Schatz, and Ms. Warren), [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [21JY], [28SE]

S. 1780—A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to promote watershed health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Flake), [15JY]

S. 1781—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to modify a provision relating to the obligation and release of funds; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HATCH, [15JY]

S. 1782—A bill to permit a State transportation department to approve a justification report for a project to build or modify a freeway-to-crossroad interchange on the Interstate Highway System within a transportation management area in such State; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HATCH, [15JY]

S. 1783—A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to clarify a provision relating to the designation of a northern transportation route in Washington County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH, [15JY]

S. 1784—A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Paul), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [19OC]

S. 1785—A bill to repeal the wage rate requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. McCain, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Scott), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [3AU]

S. 1786—A bill to establish a commission to examine the United States monetary policy, evaluate alternative monetary regimes, and recommend a course for monetary policy going forward; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Paul, and Mr. Cruz), [16JY]

S. 1787—A bill to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a full-service community schools grant program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [16JY]

S. 1788—A bill to require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies, institutions, or programs to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [16JY]

S. 1789—A bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO, [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [22JY], [24JY], [29JY], [30JY], [10SE], [29SE], [6OC], [20OC], [28OC], [16NO]
Reported (no written report), [27OC]
Placed on the calendar, [27OC]

S. 1790—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable prescription drugs from approved pharmacies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [16JY]

S. 1791—A bill to amend the Delta Development Act to include Vernon and Sabine parishes in the definition of the term ''Lower Mississippi''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Cassidy), [16JY]

S. 1792—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Carper, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Markey), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [27JY], [8DE]

S. 1793—A bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. Wicker), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [25SE]

S. 1794—A bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Markey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Franken), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [21SE]

S. 1795—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for major disasters declared in any of calendar years 2012 through 2015, to make certain tax relief provisions permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Menendez), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [15SE]

S. 1796—A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to allow States to certify infants for participation in that program for a period of 2 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Warren, and Mrs. Murray), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [30NO]

S. 1797—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. Moran, Mr. King, and Mr. Boozman), [16JY]

S. 1798—A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO, [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [3AU], [15SE], [22SE], [3NO]

S. 1799—A bill to provide authority for certain depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. COLLINS, [16JY]

S. 1800—An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. MORAN, [16JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–82), [16JY]
Placed on the calendar, [16JY]

S. 1801—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [20OC]

S. 1802—A bill to protect the investment choices of American investors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Menendez), [16JY]

S. 1803—A bill to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [16JY]

S. 1804—A bill to eliminate the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection by repealing title X of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, commonly known as the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CRUZ, [21JY]

S. 1805—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. King), [21JY]

S. 1806—A bill to protect consumers from security and privacy threats to their motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [21JY]

S. 1807—A bill to require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Gardner), [21JY]

S. 1808—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Johnson), [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [26OC]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
Placed on the calendar, [19OC]

S. 1809—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the treatment of seasonal positions for purposes of the employer shared responsibility requirement; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. King, and Mr. Blunt), [21JY]

S. 1810—A bill to apply the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to Congressional members and members of the executive branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [22JY]

S. 1811—A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Superstorm Sandy; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Booker), [21JY]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]

S. 1812—A bill to protect public safety by incentivizing State and local law enforcement to cooperate with Federal immigration law enforcement to prevent the release of criminal aliens into communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Cornyn), [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [28JY], [29JY], [8SE]

S. 1813—A bill to establish a bus state of good repair program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [21JY]

S. 1814—A bill to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Flake, and Mr. McCain), [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [9SE]

S. 1815—A bill to require a process by which members of the Armed Forces may carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. HELLER, [21JY]

S. 1816—A bill to provide relief to community banks, to promote access to capital for community banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [10NO]

S. 1817—A bill to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Lankford), [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [1OC], [30NO]

S. 1818—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. LANKFORD, [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [28SE], [30NO]

S. 1819—A bill to improve security at Armed Forces recruitment centers; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. DAINES, [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [4AU], [5AU], [6AU]

S. 1820—A bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. LANKFORD, [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [28SE], [30NO]

S. 1821—A bill to permit service members to carry firearms on military installations, including reserve centers and recruitment offices; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. JOHNSON, [21JY]

S. 1822—A bill to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER, [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [19OC]

S. 1823—A bill to safeguard military personnel on Armed Forces military installations by repealing bans on military personnel carrying firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. MORAN, [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [5AU]

S. 1824—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [21JY]

S. 1825—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear waste repository; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Heller), [22JY]

S. 1826—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James ''Maggie'' Megellas Post Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Cornyn), [22JY]
Reported (no written report), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Passed Senate, [5AU]

S. 1827—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the tax treatment of small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [22JY]

S. 1828—A bill to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Homeland Security to detect and prevent intrusions against, and to use countermeasures to protect, government agency information systems and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Warner, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Coats, Ms. Ayotte, and Mrs. McCaskill), [22JY]

S. 1829—A bill to require a report on requirements and risks in connection with the use of radioisotopic power systems for space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [22JY]

S. 1830—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [9SE], [15SE], [22SE], [28SE], [29OC], [4NO], [17NO], [1DE], [15DE]

S. 1831—A bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [5AU], [10SE], [15SE], [16SE], [21SE], [22SE], [24SE], [29SE], [1OC], [19OC], [20OC], [26OC], [28OC], [3NO], [9NO], [30NO], [7DE], [15DE]

S. 1832—A bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Markey), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [29JY], [8SE], [2DE]

S. 1833—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. CASEY, [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [5AU], [6AU], [8SE], [15SE], [16SE], [24SE], [28SE], [30SE], [8OC], [20OC], [21OC], [28OC], [9DE]

S. 1834—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Markey, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Hirono, and Ms. Baldwin), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [4NO]

S. 1835—A bill to enhance military facilities force protection; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. BALDWIN, [22JY]

S. 1836—A bill to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LANKFORD, [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [27JY], [28JY], [8SE]

S. 1837—A bill to provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to the State of California, other western States, and the Nation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. BOXER, [22JY]

S. 1838—A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the treatment of coordinated expenditures as contributions to candidates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Udall), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [5AU]

S. 1839—A bill to amend titles 10 and 18, to permit members of the Armed Forces to possess firearms on military installations in accordance with applicable State law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PAUL, [22JY]

S. 1840—A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Lee), [22JY]

S. 1841—A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [22JY]

S. 1842—A bill to ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Cruz), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [27JY], [28JY], [5AU], [8SE]

S. 1843—A bill to enhance communication between Federal, State, tribal, and local jurisdictions and to ensure the rapid and effective deportation of certain criminal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. McCain), [22JY]

S. 1844—A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for voluntary country of origin labeling for beef, pork, and chicken; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Thune, Mr. Brown, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Rounds), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [4AU], [8SE], [30SE]

S. 1845—A bill to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH, [23JY]

S. 1846—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [23JY]

S. 1847—A bill to enhance the accuracy of credit reporting and provide greater rights to consumers who dispute errors in their credit reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Merkley, and Mrs. McCaskill), [23JY]

S. 1848—A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to improve the functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [23JY]

S. 1849—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Paul, Mr. Cassidy, and Mr. Barrasso), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [19NO], [17DE]

S. 1850—A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup of status offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Paul), [23JY]

S. 1851—A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to require States to eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [23JY]

S. 1852—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY, [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [29SE], [28OC]

S. 1853—A bill to limit the availability of funding for contributions to the United Nations if the arms embargo on Iran pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1747 and 1929 is lifted; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CRUZ, [23JY]

S. 1854—A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to improve the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BOOKER, [23JY]

S. 1855—A bill to provide special foreign military sales status to the Philippines; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Johnson), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [19NO]

S. 1856—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, and Ms. Hirono), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [5AU], [6AU], [8SE], [24SE], [21OC], [26OC], [4NO], [9NO], [10NO], [16NO], [1DE]

S. 1857—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Scott), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [27JY], [28JY]
Reported (no written report), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]

S. 1858—A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Booker, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden), [23JY]

S. 1859—A bill to assure equity in contracting between the Federal Government and small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. UDALL, [23JY]

S. 1860—A bill to protect and promote international religious freedom; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [5AU], [6OC]

S. 1861—A bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.
By Mr. PAUL, [24JY]
Read the first time, [24JY]
Read the second time, [26JY]
Placed on the calendar, [26JY]
Cosponsors added, [27JY], [28JY]

S. 1862—A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Tester), [26JY]

S. 1863—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Timothy Nugent, in recognition of his pioneering work on behalf of people with disabilities, including disabled veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK, [27JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [3AU]

S. 1864—A bill to improve national security by developing metrics to measure the effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at points of entry, and along the maritime border; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Cornyn), [27JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–152), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]

S. 1865—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to eating disorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Capito, and Ms. Baldwin), [27JY]
Cosponsors added, [29OC], [9NO], [30NO], [9DE]

S. 1866—A bill to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [27JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]

S. 1867—A bill to protect children from exploitation by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Kirk), [27JY]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [24SE], [5OC], [17DE]

S. 1868—A bill to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER, [27JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–157), [22OC]
Placed on the calendar, [22OC]

S. 1869—A bill to improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Johnson), [27JY]

S. 1870—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Tester), [27JY]
Cosponsors added, [8OC]

S. 1871—A bill to establish a smart card pilot program under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [27JY]

S. 1872—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Franken, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Tester, Mr. Markey, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Merkley), [27JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [30JY]

S. 1873—A bill to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN, [28JY]

S. 1874—A bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. McConnell, Mr. McCain, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Coats, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Risch, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Perdue), [28JY]
Cosponsors added, [1OC], [16NO], [18NO], [2DE], [3DE], [7DE], [15DE]

S. 1875—A bill to support enhanced accountability for United States assistance to Afghanistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Corker), [28JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [3AU]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

S. 1876—A bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Markey, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Reed, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Coons, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Boozman, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Franken), [28JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [3AU], [19OC]

S. 1877—A bill to require the Attorney General to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Rounds), [28JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY]

S. 1878—A bill to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [28JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [24SE]

S. 1879—A bill to improve processes in the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [28JY]

S. 1880—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving medical care for service-connected disabilities under programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [28JY]

S. 1881—A bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.
By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Paul, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Coats, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Thune, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Daines, and Mr. Cruz), [28JY]
Read the first time, [28JY]
Read the second time, [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [30JY], [3AU]
Motion to proceed considered, [30JY], [3AU]

S. 1882—A bill to support the sustainable recovery and rebuilding of Nepal following the recent, devastating earthquakes near Kathmandu; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [3AU], [19OC], [20OC]

S. 1883—A bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. Capito), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [3AU], [5AU], [9SE], [28SE], [6OC], [3NO], [10NO]

S. 1884—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Reed, Mr. Brown, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. King, and Ms. Hirono), [29JY]

S. 1885—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Hirono), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [3NO]

S. 1886—A bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. Cantwell), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [10NO], [18NO]

S. 1887—A bill to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Peters), [29JY]

S. 1888—A bill to reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement for the Federal Government; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [29JY]

S. 1889—A bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [29JY]

S. 1890—A bill to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Flake, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Tillis, and Ms. Baldwin), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [8OC], [28OC], [4NO], [17NO], [19NO], [2DE], [7DE], [8DE], [9DE], [10DE], [18DE]

S. 1891—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve coal royalties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Udall), [29JY]

S. 1892—A bill to provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Warner), [29JY]

S. 1893—A bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Franken, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Casey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Cassidy), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [3AU], [6AU], [22SE], [19OC], [10NO], [18NO], [19NO], [18DE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [1OC]
Placed on the calendar, [1OC]
Passed Senate amended, [18DE]

S. 1894—A bill to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [29JY]

S. 1895—A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act for purposes of making claims under such Act based on exposure to atmospheric nuclear testing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. McCAIN, [29JY]

S. 1896—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Warren, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Merkley), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [6OC]

S. 1897—A bill to help keep law enforcement officers and communities safer by making grants to purchase body worn cameras for use by State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Booker), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [4AU]

S. 1898—A bill to establish a program to assist in the importation and care of abused, injured, or abandoned nonhuman primates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [29JY]

S. 1899—A bill to permit aliens seeking asylum to be eligible for employment in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KING, [30JY]

S. 1900—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KAINE, [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [5AU], [16DE]

S. 1901—A bill to help small businesses access capital and create jobs by reauthorizing the successful State Small Business Credit Initiative; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Peters), [30JY]

S. 1902—A bill to provide for the treatment and extension of temporary financing of short-time compensation programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REED, [30JY]

S. 1903—A bill to provide for a study by the National Academy of Medicine on health disparities, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. Brown), [30JY]

S. 1904—A bill to protect our Social Security system and improve benefits for current and future generations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [30JY]

S. 1905—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [30JY]

S. 1906—A bill to clarify the exclusion of orphan drug sales from the calculation of the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [30JY]

S. 1907—A bill to reduce the Federal budget deficit by closing big oil tax loopholes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Markey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Franken, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Durbin), [30JY]

S. 1908—A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Carper, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Murphy), [30JY]

S. 1909—A bill to protect communities from destructive Federal overreach by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Rubio), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [3DE]

S. 1910—An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. BOOZMAN, [30JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

S. 1911—A bill to implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Coons), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [4AU], [17SE], [22SE], [18DE]

S. 1912—A bill to protect the rights of Indian and Native Alaskan voters; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Franken, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Udall), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [4AU]

S. 1913—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish programs to prevent prescription drug abuse under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Kaine), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [8OC], [19NO], [9DE]

S. 1914—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the guidelines for specification of certain disposal sites for dredged or fill material; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. Warner), [30JY]

S. 1915—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Coons), [3AU]
Cosponsors added, [30SE], [7OC], [28OC], [29OC], [4NO], [10NO], [1DE], [7DE], [10DE], [15DE], [18DE]

S. 1916—A bill to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE, [3AU]
Cosponsors added, [16SE], [29SE], [10NO]

S. 1917—A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to an entity that receives compensation for facilitating the donation of fetal tissue derived from an abortion; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Kirk, and Ms. Murkowski), [3AU]

S. 1918—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to extend the import- and export-related provision of that Act to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Booker, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Markey), [3AU]
Cosponsors added, [4AU], [21SE]

S. 1919—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. McCain, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Corker, Mr. Coats, Mr. Daines, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Moran), [4AU]
Cosponsors added, [6AU], [8SE], [16SE], [24SE], [9NO], [30NO], [3DE], [9DE]

S. 1920—A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to develop and submit to Congress a biennial report on the current state of the skills gap in the United States, as of the date of the report, that includes an analysis of the effectiveness of efforts to close the skills gap and policy recommendations to improve such efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Heller), [4AU]

S. 1921—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to adopt administrative procedures with respect to nonmedical exemptions for State immunization requirements; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MURPHY, [4AU]

S. 1922—A bill to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Lankford, and Mr. Blunt), [4AU]

S. 1923—A bill to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide certain individuals with information on employment support services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Lankford, and Mr. Blunt), [4AU]

S. 1924—A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Rounds), [4AU]

S. 1925—A bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program and to make permanent the payment in lieu of taxes program and the land and water conservation fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Udall, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Markey, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Coons, Mr. Peters, Mr. Tester, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. King, Mr. Leahy, and Mrs. Shaheen), [4AU]
Cosponsors added, [5AU]

S. 1926—A bill to ensure access to screening mammography services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [4AU]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [20OC], [26OC], [3NO], [17NO], [19NO], [9DE], [16DE]

S. 1927—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. Lankford), [4AU]

S. 1928—A bill to support the education of Indian children; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Heinrich), [4AU]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]

S. 1929—A bill to amend the Social Security Act to prevent disability fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Lankford, and Mr. Blunt), [4AU]

S. 1930—A bill to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Perdue), [4AU]

S. 1931—A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of certain Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Tester), [4AU]
Cosponsors added, [20OC]

S. 1932—A bill to provide States with flexibility to use Federal IV–E funding for State child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children who need child welfare services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET, [4AU]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]

S. 1933—A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Graham, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Markey, Ms. Collins, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Coons, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Schumer), [4AU]
Cosponsors added, [10SE]

S. 1934—A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to establish the Scale-up Manufacturing Investment Company (''SUMIC'') Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Peters), [4AU]

S. 1935—A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. King, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Peters), [4AU]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]

S. 1936—A bill to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [4AU]

S. 1937—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve nutrition in tribal areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. UDALL, [4AU]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [27OC]

S. 1938—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, and Mrs. Shaheen), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [16SE]

S. 1939—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for institutional ineligibility based on low cohort repayment rates and to require risk sharing payments of institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Hatch), [5AU]

S. 1940—A bill to improve the retirement security of American families by increasing Social Security benefits for current and future beneficiaries while making Social Security stronger for future generations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHATZ, [5AU]

S. 1941—A bill to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [5AU]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–188), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 1942—A bill to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. GARDNER, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [3NO]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–189), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 1943—A bill to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the State of Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [5AU]

S. 1944—A bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SULLIVAN, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [20OC], [18NO], [19NO], [7DE]

S. 1945—A bill to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. Murphy, and Ms. Collins), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [6AU], [17SE], [7OC], [4NO], [30NO]

S. 1946—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [5AU]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]
Placed on the calendar, [5AU]

S. 1947—A bill to exclude the discharge of certain Federal student loans from the calculation of gross income; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [29OC]

S. 1948—A bill to increase awareness of the Federal student loan income-based repayment plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [6AU]

S. 1949—A bill to make it unlawful to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile device; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mrs. Boxer), [5AU]

S. 1950—A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for online voter registration and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [5AU]

S. 1951—A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require the availability of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [5AU]

S. 1952—A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to modify the procedures for change of address; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [5AU]

S. 1953—A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict interstate waste imports and impose a higher fee on out-of-State waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CASEY, [5AU]

S. 1954—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in public elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN, [5AU]

S. 1955—A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SULLIVAN, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]

S. 1956—A bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct an assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Peters, and Ms. Baldwin), [5AU]

S. 1957—A bill to require the Attorney General to provide State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Cotton, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Crapo), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [15SE]

S. 1958—A bill to establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers with respect to student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Warren), [5AU]

S. 1959—A bill to provide greater controls and restrictions on revolving door lobbying; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Franken), [5AU]

S. 1960—A bill to establish a statute of limitations for certain actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [5AU]

S. 1961—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the treatment of the United States territories under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Menendez), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [22OC]

S. 1962—A bill to authorize 2 additional district judgeships for the district of Colorado; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Gardner), [5AU]

S. 1963—A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. King), [5AU]

S. 1964—A bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to invest in funding prevention and family services to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Casey, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Menendez), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [21SE], [21OC]

S. 1965—A bill to place restrictions on the use of solitary confinement for juveniles in Federal custody; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Durbin), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [9SE]

S. 1966—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require alternative options for program delivery; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Brown, Mr. Donnelly, and Mr. Bennet), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [17SE], [24SE], [28OC]

S. 1967—A bill to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [6AU]

S. 1968—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require certain companies to disclose information describing any measures the company has taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and the worst forms of child labor within the company's supply chains; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Markey), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [16SE]

S. 1969—A bill to designate Federal election day as a public holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS, [5AU]

S. 1970—A bill to establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for elections for Federal Office; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SANDERS, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [3NO]

S. 1971—A bill to expand the boundary of the California Coastal National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [5AU]

S. 1972—A bill to require air carriers to modify certain policies with respect to the use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [6AU], [10SE], [29SE], [21OC]

S. 1973—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the deduction for interest on education loans, to extend and expand the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate the limitation on contributions to Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL, [5AU]

S. 1974—A bill to require the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to amend its regulations relating to qualified mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [30SE]

S. 1975—A bill to establish the Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. McCaskill, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, and Ms. Warren), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 1976—A bill to prohibit the distribution in commerce of children's products and upholstered furniture containing certain flame retardants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [5AU]

S. 1977—A bill to provide family members and close associates of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others new tools to prevent gun violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [24SE], [29SE]

S. 1978—A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [5AU]

S. 1979—A bill to direct the Chief of Engineers to transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [5OC], [7OC]
Removal of cosponsors, [7OC]

S. 1980—A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Booker), [5AU]

S. 1981—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Brown, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Franken, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Markey), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]

S. 1982—A bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [10SE], [16SE], [22SE], [24SE], [28SE], [21OC], [27OC], [3NO], [4NO], [9NO], [16NO], [30NO], [15DE]

S. 1983—A bill to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [5AU]

S. 1984—A bill to prevent Indian tribes and tribal organizations that cultivate, manufacture, or distribute marijuana on Indian land from receiving Federal funds; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. LANKFORD, [5AU]

S. 1985—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Washington County, Utah, to authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH, [5AU]

S. 1986—A bill to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. REID, [5AU]

S. 1987—A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Grassley), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [15SE]

S. 1988—A bill to enhance the security of military personnel at United States military installations and operating locations; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. INHOFE, [5AU]

S. 1989—A bill to improve access to primary care services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [1OC]

S. 1990—A bill to require Inspectors General and the Comptroller General of the United States to submit reports on the use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard classified and personally identifiable information on Federal computer systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Carper), [5AU]

S. 1991—A bill to eliminate the sunset date for the Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN, [5AU]

S. 1992—A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to provide that a member of the Armed Forces and the spouse of that member shall have the same rights regarding the receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station of the member; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Daines, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Crapo), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [9SE]

S. 1993—A bill to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in the United States in national service positions to protect, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [5AU]

S. 1994—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase certain fuel taxes and to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [6AU]

S. 1995—A bill to provide grants for projects to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and to develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [5AU]

S. 1996—A bill to streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen the eligibility verification process for the premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidy; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Portman), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [30SE], [6OC], [16NO]

S. 1997—A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [5AU]

S. 1998—A bill to improve college affordability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]

S. 1999—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to act, without liability for certain damages, to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON, [5AU]

S. 2000—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers if the Secretary is not feasibly able to provide health care in facilities of the Department or through contracts or sharing agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]

S. 2001—A bill to phase out special wage certificates under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 that allow individuals with disabilities to be paid at subminimum wage rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. AYOTTE, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]

S. 2002—A bill to strengthen our mental health system and improve public safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN, [5AU]
Cosponsors added, [19OC], [20OC], [5NO], [7DE], [9DE]

S. 2003—A bill to facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KING, [6AU]

S. 2004—A bill to amend section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, to modify the authority of the President of the United States to declare national monuments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Barrasso), [6AU]

S. 2005—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [6AU]

S. 2006—A bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. King, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Perdue), [6AU]
Cosponsors added, [3DE]

S. 2007—A bill to create a consistent framework to expedite the recruitment of highly qualified personnel who perform information technology, cybersecurity, and cyber-related functions to enhance cybersecurity across the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Portman), [6AU]

S. 2008—A bill to enhance transportation programs in order to achieve an interconnected transportation system which connects people to jobs, schools, and other essential services through a multimodal network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [6AU]

S. 2009—A bill to prohibit the sale of arms to Bahrain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [6AU]
Cosponsors added, [28SE], [27OC]

S. 2010—A bill to provide for phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance payments during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. Brown), [9SE]

S. 2011—An original bill to provide for reforms of the administration of the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [9SE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–137), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 2012—An original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [9SE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 2013—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain leases at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [9SE]
Cosponsors added, [8OC]

S. 2014—A bill to demonstrate a commitment to our Nation's scientists by increasing opportunities for the development of our next generation of researchers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. Collins), [9SE]

S. 2015—A bill to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Flake, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Lankford, Mr. McCain, Mr. Moran, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Daines, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Lee, Mr. Paul, and Mr. Scott), [9SE]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [24SE], [28SE], [30SE], [6OC], [19OC], [22OC]

S. 2016—A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to promote the responsible transfer of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KAINE, [9SE]
Cosponsors added, [21SE], [29SE]

S. 2017—A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to recognize Alexander Creek, Alaska, as a Native village, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [9SE]

S. 2018—A bill to convey, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in and to certain non-Federal land in Glennallen, Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [9SE]

S. 2019—A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Grassley), [9SE]

S. 2020—A bill to establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Kaine, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [9SE]

S. 2021—A bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Ernst, and Mr. Brown), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [6OC], [7OC], [8OC], [10NO], [17NO], [19NO]

S. 2022—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. GRAHAM, [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [3DE]

S. 2023—A bill to ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Franken), [10SE]

S. 2024—A bill to expand the boundary of Fort Frederica National Monument in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ISAKSON, [10SE]

S. 2025—A bill to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [10SE]

S. 2026—A bill to foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Peters, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Durbin), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [16SE]

S. 2027—A bill to increase the penalties for fentanyl trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [10SE]

S. 2028—A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Reed), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [15SE], [16SE], [22SE], [28SE], [20OC]

S. 2029—A bill for the relief of Shirley Constantino Tan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [15SE]

S. 2030—A bill to allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Burr, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Hatch), [15SE]

S. 2031—A bill to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Merkley), [15SE]
Cosponsors added, [7OC], [30NO]

S. 2032—A bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [15SE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [24SE], [29SE], [1OC], [5OC], [26OC]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [3DE]

S. 2033—A bill to provide that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [15SE]
Cosponsors added, [14DE]

S. 2034—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [15SE]
Cosponsors added, [16SE], [22SE], [29SE], [30SE], [7OC], [20OC], [21OC]

S. 2035—A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by a lapse in appropriations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Reid, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Carper, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Warner), [15SE]
Read the first time, [15SE]
Read the second time, [16SE]
Placed on the calendar, [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [28OC], [19NO]

S. 2036—A bill to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. Warren), [15SE]
Passed Senate, [15SE]
Passed House, [16NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–93] (signed November 25, 2015)

S. 2037—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to clarify the Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Warren, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Murphy), [16SE]

S. 2038—A bill to provide certainty that Congress and the Administration will undertake substantive and structural housing finance reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Vitter, and Ms. Warren), [16SE]

S. 2039—A bill to designate the mountain at the Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming, as Devils Tower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Barrasso), [16SE]

S. 2040—A bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Graham, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Lee, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Coons, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Perdue, and Mr. Markey), [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [28OC], [5NO]

S. 2041—A bill to promote the development of safe drugs for neonates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Cassidy, and Mr. Menendez), [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [21OC]

S. 2042—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Franken, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Reed), [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [24SE], [28SE], [5OC], [20OC], [27OC], [28OC], [29OC], [3NO], [10NO], [16NO]

S. 2043—A bill to revise counseling requirements for certain borrowers of student loans and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GRASSLEY, [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [28SE]

S. 2044—A bill to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Moran), [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [3NO], [4NO], [5NO], [17NO], [15DE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–175), [8DE]
Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
Passed Senate amended, [14DE]

S. 2045—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Burr, Mr. Scott, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Boozman, Ms. Collins, Mr. Lankford, and Mr. Sullivan), [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [1OC], [5NO], [16NO], [19NO], [1DE]

S. 2046—A bill to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [17SE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 2047—A bill to terminate the independent third-party program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless the program is fully funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [17SE]

S. 2048—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend authorities relating to homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Boozman), [17SE]

S. 2049—A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing medical education program for non-Department medical professionals who treat veterans and family members of veterans to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN, [17SE]

S. 2050—A bill to provide for the establishment of a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HEITKAMP, [17SE]

S. 2051—A bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER, [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]

S. 2052—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive the requirement of certain veterans to make copayments for hospital care and medical services in the case of an error by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 2053—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Kaine), [17SE]

S. 2054—A bill to improve Federal sentencing and corrections practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS, [17SE]

S. 2055—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to national health security; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Casey), [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [26OC], [19NO]

S. 2056—A bill to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [17SE]

S. 2057—A bill providing for additional space for the protection and preservation of national collections held by the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Perdue), [17SE]

S. 2058—A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site within 55 miles of each city in the United States that has a population of more than 700,000 individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Tillis), [17SE]

S. 2059—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Cardin), [17SE]

S. 2060—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [25SE]

S. 2061—A bill to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MORAN, [21SE]
Cosponsors added, [22SE]

S. 2062—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend authority for operation of the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO, [21SE]

S. 2063—A bill to provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to address mining-related issues, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Bennet), [22SE]

S. 2064—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the definition of eligible program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Kaine), [22SE]

S. 2065—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Brown), [22SE]

S. 2066—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SASSE (for himself, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Daines, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Moran, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Tillis, Mr. McCain, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Crapo), [22SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [1OC], [8OC], [21OC], [22OC], [29OC]

S. 2067—A bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. Capito, Mr. King, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Barrasso), [22SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [28SE], [30SE], [1OC], [7OC], [8OC], [20OC], [22OC], [28OC], [3NO], [17NO], [9DE], [10DE], [17DE]

S. 2068—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Carper), [22SE]
Cosponsors added, [7OC]

S. 2069—A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [22SE]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 114–191), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 2070—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [22SE]
Cosponsors added, [16DE]

S. 2071—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Murphy), [24SE]
Cosponsors added, [30SE], [18NO]

S. 2072—A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which the Administrator shall defer the designation of an area as a nonattainment area for purposes of the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard if the area achieves and maintains certain standards under a voluntary early action compact plan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [24SE]
Cosponsors added, [17NO]

S. 2073—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the ''Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Reed), [24SE]

S. 2074—A bill to prohibit paying Members of Congress during periods during which a Government shutdown is in effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. Manchin, and Mrs. Boxer), [24SE]

S. 2075—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and to express the sense of the Senate that the resulting revenue loss should be offset; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Casey, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Baldwin), [24SE]
Cosponsors added, [30SE], [22OC], [30NO], [7DE]

S. 2076—A bill to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Ms. Collins), [24SE]

S. 2077—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify the ability to request consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments and awards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [24SE]

S. 2078—An original bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER, [24SE]
Reported (no written report), [24SE]
Placed on the calendar, [24SE]
Passed Senate, [30SE]
Passed House, [6OC]
Presented to the President (October 8, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–71] (signed October 16, 2015)

S. 2079—A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Durbin), [24SE]

S. 2080—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance pipeline safety, to provide communities with access to improved information concerning the equipment and operations of pipeline facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [24SE]

S. 2081—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend authorities for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases the Secretary determines are associated with exposure to herbicide agents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [25SE]

S. 2082—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [25SE]
Passed Senate amended, [25SE]
Passed House, [30SE]
Presented to the President (September 30, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–58] (signed September 30, 2015)

S. 2083—A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Tillis), [28SE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

S. 2084—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Cotton), [28SE]
Cosponsors added, [5OC]

S. 2085—A bill to clarify that nonprofit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity may accept donated mortgage appraisals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [28SE]

S. 2086—A bill to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Rubio), [28SE]

S. 2087—A bill to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MORAN, [28SE]

S. 2088—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the ''Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [28SE]

S. 2089—A bill to provide for investment in clean energy, to empower and protect consumers, to modernize energy infrastructure, to cut pollution and waste, to invest in research and development, and for other purposes.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Franken, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Coons, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Peters, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. King, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [28SE]
Read the first time, [28SE]
Read the second time, [29SE]
Placed on the calendar, [29SE]
Cosponsors added, [1OC], [27OC]

S. 2090—A bill to ensure that Social Security contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Whitehouse), [28SE]
Cosponsors added, [5OC]

S. 2091—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Heller, Mr. Lee, Mr. Coons, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Peters), [29SE]
Cosponsors added, [5OC], [7OC], [9NO]

S. 2092—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt amounts paid for aircraft management services from the excise taxes imposed on transportation by air; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [29SE]

S. 2093—A bill to provide that the Secretary of Transportation shall have sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Warner), [29SE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–170), [30NO]
Placed on the calendar, [30NO]

S. 2094—A bill to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CRUZ, [29SE]

S. 2095—A bill to establish certain requirements with respect to pollock and golden king crab; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Sullivan, and Mrs. Murray), [29SE]
Cosponsors added, [17NO]

S. 2096—A bill to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to better protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as ''black lung disease''), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Kaine), [29SE]

S. 2097—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for payment for Medicaid services furnished by Ryan White part C grantees under a cost-based prospective payment system; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. BALDWIN, [29SE]
Cosponsors added, [19NO]

S. 2098—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the determination of cohort default rates and provide for enhanced civil penalties,

to ensure personal liability of owners, officers, and executives of institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Blumenthal), [29SE]

S. 2099—A bill to provide for the establishment of a mechanism to allow borrowers of Federal student loans to refinance their loans, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. Capito), [29SE]
Cosponsors added, [19NO]

S. 2100—A bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 21; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Reed, Ms. Warren, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Whitehouse), [29SE]

S. 2101—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Daines, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Shaheen, and Ms. Collins), [29SE]
Cosponsors added, [30SE]

S. 2102—A bill to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Hatch), [30SE]
Cosponsors added, [8DE]

S. 2103—A bill to modify a provision relating to adjustments of certain State apportionments for Federal highway programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Flake), [30SE]
Cosponsors added, [22OC], [3NO], [10NO]

S. 2104—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and to prevent the termination of two star plans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Casey), [30SE]
Cosponsors added, [28OC], [18NO]

S. 2105—A bill to authorize funding for, and increase accessibility to, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide incentive grants to help facilitate reporting to such systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Blumenthal), [30SE]

S. 2106—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and publish an action plan for improving the vocational rehabilitation services and assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Tillis), [30SE]

S. 2107—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help build a stronger health care workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [30SE]

S. 2108—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on the establishment of certain hospitals and facilities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [30SE]
Cosponsors added, [1OC]

S. 2109—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON, [30SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–173), [7DE]
Placed on the calendar, [7DE]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [15DE]

S. 2110—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. McCaskill, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Hirono, and Ms. Warren), [30SE]
Cosponsors added, [26OC], [9NO]

S. 2111—A bill to establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative, high-quality higher education providers to participate in programs under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [30SE]

S. 2112—A bill to require law enforcement agencies to report the use of lethal force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [30SE]

S. 2113—A bill to harness the expertise, ingenuity, and creativity of all people to contribute to innovation in the United States and to help solve problems or scientific questions by encouraging and increasing the use of crowdsourcing and citizen science methods within the Federal Government, as appropriate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Daines), [30SE]

S. 2114—A bill to correct inconsistencies in the definitions relating to Native Americans in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Schatz), [1OC]

S. 2115—A bill to continue job creation and the promotion of investment through improvements to targeted employment areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FLAKE, [1OC]

S. 2116—A bill to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Vitter), [1OC]
Cosponsors added, [5OC], [6OC]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [7OC]
Placed on the calendar, [7OC]

S. 2117—A bill to prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [1OC]

S. 2118—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Heinrich), [1OC]

S. 2119—A bill to provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Coons, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Warner, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Schatz), [1OC]
Cosponsors added, [19OC], [22OC]

S. 2120—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Markey), [1OC]
Cosponsors added, [6OC]

S. 2121—A bill to facilitate and enhance the declassification of information, including in the Legislative Branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [1OC]

S. 2122—A bill to increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and to reauthorize the EB–5 regional center program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [1OC]

S. 2123—A bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Lee, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Graham, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Scott), [1OC]
Cosponsors added, [8OC], [21OC], [22OC], [26OC], [4NO], [9NO], [10NO], [17NO], [3DE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [26OC]
Placed on the calendar, [26OC]

S. 2124—A bill to establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW, [1OC]

S. 2125—A bill to make the Community Advantage Pilot Program of the Small Business Administration permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [1OC]

S. 2126—A bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Vitter, and Mrs. Shaheen), [1OC]
Cosponsors added, [6OC]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]

S. 2127—A bill to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [1OC]
Cosponsors added, [22OC], [9DE]

S. 2128—A bill to require the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to submit to Congress a report on Inspector General mandates; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SASSE (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [5OC]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–171), [30NO]
Placed on the calendar, [30NO]

S. 2129—A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Energy and Water Development, and Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Alexander, and Ms. Collins), [5OC]
Read the first time, [5OC]

Read the second time, [6OC]
Placed on the calendar, [6OC]

S. 2130—A bill making appropriations for Department of Defense, energy and water development, Department of Homeland Security, military construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Graham), [5OC]
Read the first time, [5OC]
Read the second time, [6OC]
Placed on the calendar, [6OC]

S. 2131—A bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and related agencies, and the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. Shelby, and Mr. Hoeven), [5OC]
Read the first time, [5OC]
Read the second time, [6OC]
Placed on the calendar, [6OC]

S. 2132—A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government, Department of the Interior, environment, and Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Blunt), [5OC]
Read the first time, [5OC]
Read the second time, [6OC]
Placed on the calendar, [6OC]

S. 2133—A bill to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies' development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Carper (for himself, Mr. Tillis, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Baldwin)), [5OC]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 2134—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Moran), [5OC]
Cosponsors added, [19OC], [5NO]

S. 2135—A bill to address the liability of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the Animas and San Juan Rivers spill; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COTTON, [5OC]

S. 2136—A bill to establish the Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [6OC]
Cosponsors added, [20OC]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [3DE]
Placed on the calendar, [3DE]

S. 2137—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Burr, and Ms. Hirono), [6OC]
Cosponsors added, [21OC], [3NO]

S. 2138—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the review and acceptance of subcontracting plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. VITTER, [6OC]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [3NO]
Placed on the calendar, [3NO]

S. 2139—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for the procurement of covered contracts; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [6OC]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [2DE]
Placed on the calendar, [2DE]

S. 2140—A bill to establish criminal penalties for failing to inform and warn of serious dangers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Casey), [6OC]

S. 2141—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health information technology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [6OC]

S. 2142—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Whitehouse), [6OC]
Cosponsors added, [7OC], [8OC]

S. 2143—A bill to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CORNYN, [6OC]

S. 2144—A bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Risch), [6OC]
Cosponsors added, [3NO]

S. 2145—A bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [6OC]
Cosponsors added, [20OC], [26OC], [27OC], [28OC], [3NO], [9NO], [19NO]

S. 2146—A bill to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement, and for other purposes.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Perdue, and Mr. Isakson), [6OC]
Read the first time, [6OC]
Read the second time, [7OC]
Placed on the calendar, [7OC]
Cosponsors added, [7OC], [8OC], [19OC], [20OC]
Motion to proceed considered, [8OC], [19OC], [20OC]

S. 2147—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to participant votes on the suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Burr), [7OC]
Cosponsors added, [10NO]

S. 2148—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Carper, Mr. Udall, Ms. Hirono, Mr. King, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Coons, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Merkley), [7OC]
Cosponsors added, [8OC], [19OC], [20OC], [21OC], [26OC], [27OC], [29OC], [15DE]

S. 2149—A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Franken), [7OC]

S. 2150—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system so that prospective students may have a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Franken), [7OC]

S. 2151—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Casey), [7OC]
Cosponsors added, [9NO], [10NO]

S. 2152—A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Coons), [7OC]
Cosponsors added, [8OC], [22OC], [27OC], [4NO], [16NO], [19NO], [17DE]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [5NO]
Placed on the calendar, [5NO]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
Passed Senate amended, [18DE]

S. 2153—A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require applicable manufacturers to include information regarding payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in transparency reports submitted under section 1128G of such Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [7OC]

S. 2154—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [7OC]

S. 2155—A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Wyden), [7OC]

S. 2156—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a criminal penalty for launching drones that interfere with fighting fires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [7OC]

S. 2157—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER, [7OC]

S. 2158—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LANKFORD, [7OC]

S. 2159—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Tillis), [7OC]
Cosponsors added, [15DE]

S. 2160—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, relating to enlistment and consequences of certain service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Heller), [7OC]

S. 2161—A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Warren), [7OC]
Cosponsors added, [8OC]

S. 2162—A bill to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Capito, and Mr. Leahy), [7OC]
Passed Senate, [7OC]
Passed House, [20OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–86] (signed November 5, 2015)

S. 2163—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Daines, and Mr. Gardner), [7OC]
Cosponsors added, [20OC], [16NO], [2DE]

S. 2164—A bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program and to make permanent the payment in lieu of taxes program and the land and water conservation fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [7OC]

S. 2165—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to permanently authorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Murray), [8OC]
Read the first time, [8OC]
Read the second time, [19OC]
Placed on the calendar, [19OC]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [28OC]

S. 2166—A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [8OC]
Cosponsors added, [27OC]

S. 2167—A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act) and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. MURPHY, [8OC]

S. 2168—A bill to encourage greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Udall), [8OC]
Cosponsors added, [29OC]

S. 2169—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Daines), [8OC]
Read the first time, [8OC]
Read the second time, [19OC]
Placed on the calendar, [19OC]

S. 2170—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Udall, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Rounds, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Heinrich), [8OC]
Cosponsors added, [21OC], [10NO], [3DE]

S. 2171—A bill to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Scott, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Booker), [8OC]

S. 2172—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Whitehouse), [8OC]

S. 2173—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. Mikulski), [8OC]

S. 2174—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Portman, and Mrs. Capito), [8OC]

S. 2175—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER, [8OC]
Cosponsors added, [3NO]

S. 2176—A bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Franken, and Mr. King), [8OC]

S. 2177—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [8OC]

S. 2178—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain provisions of the Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2008 relating to timber, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Cotton), [8OC]
Cosponsors added, [2DE], [9DE]

S. 2179—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers if the Secretary is not feasibly able to provide health care in facilities of the Department or through contracts or sharing agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [8OC]

S. 2180—A bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Casey, Ms. Collins, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Coons), [8OC]

S. 2181—A bill to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached.
By Mr. PAUL, [19OC]
Read the first time, [19OC]
Read the second time, [20OC]
Placed on the calendar, [20OC]

S. 2182—A bill to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget.
By Mr. PAUL, [19OC]
Read the first time, [19OC]
Read the second time, [20OC]
Placed on the calendar, [20OC]

S. 2183—A bill to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Graham, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Warner), [19OC]
Read the first time, [19OC]
Read the second time, [20OC]
Placed on the calendar, [20OC]

S. 2184—A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [20OC]
Cosponsors added, [27OC], [29OC]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [17NO]
Placed on the calendar, [17NO]

S. 2185—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Hirono, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [20OC]
Cosponsors added, [28OC], [19NO], [7DE], [14DE]

S. 2186—A bill to provide the legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO, [20OC]
Cosponsors added, [10DE]

S. 2187—A bill to establish a third-party quality system assessment program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Gardner), [21OC]

S. 2188—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the humanitarian device exemption; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [21OC]

S. 2189—A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Udall, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Tester, Mr. Daines, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Risch), [21OC]

S. 2190—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a scholarship program for educators of rural students and provide for loan forgiveness for rural educators, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide professional development grants for rural elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER, [21OC]

S. 2191—A bill to establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships to drive down the cost of tuition for millions of American students; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [21OC]

S. 2192—A bill to ensure that States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying

a firearm to the national instant criminal background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [21OC]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 2193—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Perdue), [21OC]
Read the first time, [21OC]
Read the second time, [22OC]
Placed on the calendar, [22OC]
Cosponsors added, [22OC], [17NO], [10DE]

S. 2194—A bill to promote the use of clean cookstoves and fuels to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Durbin), [22OC]

S. 2195—A bill to prohibit the indefinite detention of persons by the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [22OC]

S. 2196—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Cochran), [22OC]
Cosponsors added, [5NO], [17NO], [18NO], [19NO], [1DE], [7DE], [9DE], [10DE], [14DE], [18DE]

S. 2197—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Isakson), [22OC]

S. 2198—A bill to establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt certain policies and procedures relating to the transfer and possession of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Warren, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Murphy), [22OC]

S. 2199—A bill to require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Daines), [22OC]

S. 2200—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [22OC]
Read the first time, [22OC]
Read the second time, [26OC]
Placed on the calendar, [26OC]
Cosponsors added, [17NO], [19NO], [8DE], [14DE], [17DE]

S. 2201—A bill to promote international trade, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [22OC]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. 2202—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Tester), [22OC]

S. 2203—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and to provide equitable treatment for residents of Puerto Rico with respect to the refundable portion of the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Warren), [22OC]
Cosponsors added, [29OC], [2DE]

S. 2204—A bill to respect the Constitutional entitlement to liberty by recognizing the right of an individual to have personal control over the medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER, [22OC]

S. 2205—A bill to establish a grant program to assist tribal governments in establishing tribal healing to wellness courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Franken), [22OC]

S. 2206—A bill to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Thune, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Grassley), [26OC]
Cosponsors added, [29OC], [18NO]

S. 2207—A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards of not less than $10,000,000 for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Booker), [27OC]

S. 2208—A bill to promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Casey), [27OC]
Cosponsors added, [4NO], [9NO]

S. 2209—A bill to revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRAPO, [27OC]

S. 2210—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Markey), [27OC]

S. 2211—A bill to authorize additional uses of the Spectrum Relocation Fund; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Udall), [27OC]

S. 2212—A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require all political committees to notify the Federal Election Commission within 48 hours of receiving cumulative contributions of $1,000 or more from any contributor during a calendar year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. KING, [28OC]

S. 2213—A bill to prohibit firearms dealers from selling a firearm prior to the completion of a background check; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Warren, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Reed, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Cardin), [28OC]
Cosponsors added, [29OC], [17NO]

S. 2214—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require patient medication information to be provided with certain prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. Warren, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Blumenthal), [28OC]

S. 2215—A bill to prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees of the Internal Revenue Service who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Roberts), [28OC]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]

S. 2216—A bill to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. McCaskill), [28OC]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]

S. 2217—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments, and to amend the authority to bring proceedings under section 403A; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. King), [29OC]

S. 2218—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Donnelly), [29OC]

S. 2219—A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Gardner), [29OC]

S. 2220—A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Markey, Mr. Tester, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Casey, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Coons, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mr. Peters, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Murphy), [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [3NO], [5NO], [10NO]

S. 2221—A bill to preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay, and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay, under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Risch, Mr. Hatch, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. McCain, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Moran), [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [3NO]

S. 2222—A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [18DE]

S. 2223—A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. THUNE, [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [3NO]

S. 2224—A bill to establish in the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health

and Human Services the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty to develop a national strategy to eliminate child poverty in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Brown), [29OC]

S. 2225—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish an H—2B temporary non-agricultural work visa program and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Cassidy, and Mr. Warner), [30OC]
Cosponsors added, [10NO]

S. 2226—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and to establish a pilot program to provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Capito, and Ms. Klobuchar), [3NO]
Cosponsors added, [15DE]

S. 2227—A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to permit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to authorize Federal agencies to accept certain payments related to spectrum efficiency and reallocation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [3NO]

S. 2228—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit review of certain Medicare payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Schumer), [3NO]

S. 2229—A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct audits relating to the timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [3NO]

S. 2230—A bill to require the Secretary of State to submit a report to Congress on the designation of the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CRUZ, [3NO]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]

S. 2231—A bill to express the sense of Congress that the Government of the Maldives should immediately release former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison and release all other political prisoners in the country, as well as guarantee due process for and respect the human rights of all of the people of the Maldives; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. McCain, Mr. Reed, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Markey, and Mrs. Feinstein), [3NO]

S. 2232—A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Heller, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Lee, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Scott), [3NO]
Read the first time, [3NO]
Read the second time, [4NO]
Placed on the calendar, [4NO]
Cosponsors added, [16NO], [2DE]
Motion to proceed considered, [18DE]

S. 2233—A bill to amend section 3716 of title 31, United States Code, to reestablish the period of limitations for claims of the United States that may be collected by garnishing payments received from the Government; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [3NO]

S. 2234—A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Risch, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. King, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Collins, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Coats), [4NO]
Cosponsors added, [17NO], [18DE]

S. 2235—A bill to repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Warren, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, and Ms. Baldwin), [4NO]
Cosponsors added, [5NO], [16NO], [2DE]

S. 2236—A bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as long guns; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRAPO, [4NO]

S. 2237—A bill to limit the application of Federal laws to the distribution and consumption of marijuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS, [4NO]

S. 2238—A bill to prohibit drilling in the outer Continental Shelf, to prohibit coal leases on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Leahy, and Ms. Warren), [4NO]

S. 2239—A bill to restrict funds related to escalating United States military involvement in Syria; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Murphy), [4NO]

S. 2240—A bill to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Crapo), [4NO]
Cosponsors added, [5NO], [19NO]

S. 2241—A bill to combat the heroin epidemic and drug sample backlogs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [4NO]

S. 2242—A bill to repeal section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. ''Buck'' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Sanders (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, and Ms. Baldwin)), [5NO]

S. 2243—A bill to amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Coats, and Ms. Baldwin), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]

S. 2244—A bill to reform the Federal Crop Insurance Act and reduce Federal spending on crop insurance; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [5NO]

S. 2245—A bill to exclude the Internal Revenue Service from the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to labor-management relations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GARDNER, [5NO]

S. 2246—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to exempt the Internal Revenue Service from certain labor-management relations requirements; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCOTT, [5NO]

S. 2247—A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [5NO]

S. 2248—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Casey), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [16NO], [18NO]

S. 2249—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to impose criminal penalties for the unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [5NO]

S. 2250—A bill to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Major Charles S. Kettles of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam War; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [5NO]

S. 2251—A bill to provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Franken, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Markey), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [9NO], [16NO], [18DE]

S. 2252—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Sanders), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [16NO]

S. 2253—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Tillis, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Reed, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Wyden), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [9NO]

S. 2254—A bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Markey), [5NO]

S. 2255—A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to restrict the debt collection practices of certain debt collectors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. Lee), [5NO]

S. 2256—A bill to establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, to establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, to establish a grant program with respect to naloxone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mrs. Capito), [5NO]

S. 2257—A bill to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (by request), [5NO]

S. 2258—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reform the surface transportation project delivery program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH, [9NO]

S. 2259—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Thune, and Mrs. Murray), [9NO]

S. 2260—A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require that the Congressional Budget Office prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside of the normal scoring periods; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [9NO]

S. 2261—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on services furnished by Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, and Mrs. Murray), [9NO]

Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [17DE]

S. 2262—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal cancer screening test under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [10NO]

S. 2263—A bill to encourage effective, voluntary private sector investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to private sector employers recognizing such investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [10NO]

Cosponsors added, [17NO], [8DE]

S. 2264—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET, [10NO]

S. 2265—A bill to improve the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. Moran), [10NO]

S. 2266—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Brown), [10NO]

Cosponsors added, [16NO]

S. 2267—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless children and youths and foster care children and youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Casey, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Booker, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Franken), [10NO]

Cosponsors added, [30NO]

S. 2268—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dust Off crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism and life-saving actions in Vietnam; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [10NO]

Cosponsors added, [18DE]

S. 2269—A bill to establish the Government Transformation Board to make certain recommendations to improve the economy of the United States and the efficiency and effectiveness of Federal programs; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [10NO]

S. 2270—A bill to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Markey, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Durbin), [10NO]

S. 2271—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Coons), [10NO]

S. 2272—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Reed, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Blumenthal), [10NO]

S. 2273—A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an incubator and accelerator grant program for veterans and members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BOOKER, [10NO]

S. 2274—A bill to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Udall, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Daines), [10NO]

S. 2275—A bill to provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Merkley), [10NO]

Cosponsors added, [3DE]

S. 2276—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. Booker, Mr. Daines, and Mr. Peters), [10NO]

S. 2277—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for veteran first-time homebuyers and for adaptive housing and mobility improvements for disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY, [10NO]

S. 2278—A bill to promote the availability of additional unlicensed spectrum for innovation and investment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHATZ, [10NO]

S. 2279—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to increase efficiency in the recruitment and hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of health care workers that are undergoing separation from the Armed Forces, to create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Tillis, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Warner, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Tester), [10NO]

Cosponsors added, [18NO]

S. 2280—A bill to promote pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Leahy), [10NO]

Passed Senate, [10NO]

S. 2281—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue final rules relating to listing of the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. Barrasso), [10NO]

S. 2282—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Franken), [16NO]

Cosponsors added, [14DE]

S. 2283—A bill to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. Risch), [16NO]

Cosponsors added, [1DE]

S. 2284—A bill to suspend the admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect the national security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Cassidy, and Mr. Barrasso), [17NO]

Cosponsors added, [19NO]

S. 2285—A bill to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BURR, [17NO]

S. 2286—A bill to address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System land and public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Flake), [17NO]

S. 2287—A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to improve technology transfer at the Department of Energy by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, as well as ensure that public investments in research and development generate the greatest return on investment for taxpayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL, [17NO]

S. 2288—A bill to prohibit members and staff of the Federal Reserve System from lobbying for or against legislation, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PAUL, [17NO]

Read the first time, [17NO]

Read the second time, [18NO]

Placed on the calendar, [18NO]

S. 2289—A bill to modernize and improve the Family Unification Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Schatz, and Mrs. Murray), [17NO]

S. 2290—A bill to amend the Head Start Act to authorize block grants to States for prekindergarten education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [17NO]

S. 2291—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish procedures within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the processing of whistleblower complaints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Rubio), [17NO]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. 2292—A bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [17NO]
Cosponsors added, [7DE], [8DE]

S. 2293—A bill to enhance Social Security benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [17NO]

S. 2294—A bill to create a division within the Congressional Budget Office to perform regulatory analysis of economically significant rules; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Collins), [17NO]

S. 2295—A bill to extend the termination date for the authority to collect certain record and make permanent the authority for roving surveillance and to treat individual terrorist as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COTTON, [17NO]
Cosponsors added, [18NO], [19NO], [30NO]

S. 2296—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [18NO]

S. 2297—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Cassidy), [18NO]
Cosponsors added, [14DE]

S. 2298—A bill to specify the state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Perdue, and Mr. Paul), [18NO]

S. 2299—A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to improve enforcement of the trade laws of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [18NO]

S. 2300—A bill to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. JOHNSON, [18NO]

S. 2301—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to strengthen requirements related to nutrient information on food labels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Markey), [18NO]

S. 2302—A bill to temporarily restrict the admission to the United States of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territory; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ, [18NO]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [19NO]

S. 2303—A bill to exempt the Department of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. McCAIN, [18NO]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [19NO]

S. 2304—A bill to provide for tribal demonstration projects for the integration of early childhood development, education, including Native language and culture, and related services, for evaluation of those demonstration projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [18NO]

S. 2305—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Portman), [19NO]

S. 2306—A bill to require the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake remediation oversight of the West Lake Landfill located in Bridgeton, Missouri; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [19NO]

S. 2307—A bill to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Wicker), [19NO]

S. 2308—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Portman, and Ms. Klobuchar), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [1DE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [10DE]

S. 2309—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [19NO]

S. 2310—A bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Johnson), [19NO]

S. 2311—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Markey), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [30NO], [2DE], [7DE]

S. 2312—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments for durable medical equipment under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Roberts, Mr. King, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Collins, and Mrs. Capito), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [8DE], [9DE], [14DE], [15DE], [16DE]

S. 2313—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate program-related investments by private foundations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Peters), [19NO]

S. 2314—A bill to provide for the conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Udall, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Heinrich), [19NO]

S. 2315—A bill to provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Blumenthal, and Ms. Warren), [19NO]

S. 2316—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and to improve oversight of fiduciaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Brown), [19NO]

S. 2317—A bill to amend title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen minority-serving institutions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Schatz), [19NO]

S. 2318—A bill to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund for 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [19NO]

S. 2319—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE, [19NO]

S. 2320—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create Universal Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FLAKE, [19NO]

S. 2321—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Warren, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Franken), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [15DE]

S. 2322—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under the maximum hours requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Blumenthal), [19NO]

S. 2323—A bill to clarify the definition of nonimmigrant for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Booker, and Ms. Hirono), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [30NO], [1DE], [8DE]

S. 2324—A bill to provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [19NO]

S. 2325—A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. Murkowski), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [15DE]

S. 2326—A bill to designate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife

Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [19NO]

S. 2327—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Act of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. Murray, and Ms. Warren), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [1DE]

S. 2328—A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Sullivan, and Ms. Cantwell), [19NO]
Passed Senate, [19NO]

S. 2329—A bill to prevent the entry of extremists into the United States under the refugee program, and for other purposes.
By Mr. PAUL, [19NO]
Read the first time, [19NO]
Read the second time, [30NO]
Placed on the calendar, [30NO]

S. 2330—A bill to allow the Attorney General additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BOOKER, [19NO]

S. 2331—A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements with respect to controversies arising under provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Graham), [19NO]

S. 2332—A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Coons), [30NO]

S. 2333—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayer protection and assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN, [30NO]

S. 2334—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in the tracking and procurement of biological implants by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. CASSIDY, [30NO]

S. 2335—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [1DE]

S. 2336—A bill to modernize laws, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Markey, Ms. Baldwin, and Ms. Warren), [1DE]
Cosponsors added, [10DE], [16DE]

S. 2337—A bill to improve homeland security by enhancing the requirements for participation in the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Flake, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Coats, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Warner, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Tester, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Franken), [1DE]
Cosponsors added, [2DE], [3DE], [10DE], [14DE]

S. 2338—A bill to award grants to States for the development of innovative long-term services and supports programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO, [1DE]
Cosponsors added, [14DE]

S. 2339—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land, to prohibit the export of coal produced on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Whitehouse), [1DE]

S. 2340—A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. Peters), [2DE]

S. 2341—A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Markey, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Udall, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Booker, Mr. Reed, Mr. Peters, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Tester, and Ms. Hirono), [2DE]

S. 2342—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income Medicare part D beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another territory of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Blumenthal), [2DE]

S. 2343—A bill to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test the effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Peters), [2DE]

S. 2344—A bill to provide authority for access to certain business records collected under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 prior to November 29, 2015, to make the authority for roving surveillance, the authority to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 permanent, and to modify the certification requirements for access to telephone toll and transactional records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COTTON, [2DE]
Cosponsors added, [3DE], [7DE], [8DE], [14DE]

S. 2345—A bill to establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives of the Internal Revenue Service based on performance or misconduct; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Heller), [2DE]

S. 2346—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON, [2DE]

S. 2347—A bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [3DE]

S. 2348—A bill to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Lee, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [3DE]
Cosponsors added, [10DE]

S. 2349—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER, [3DE]

S. 2350—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for full expensing of tangible property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL, [3DE]

S. 2351—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ISAKSON, [3DE]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [10DE]

S. 2352—A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require mandatory reporting of incidents of child abuse or neglect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [3DE]

S. 2353—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the incentives for biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. Cantwell), [3DE]
Cosponsors added, [8DE], [9DE]

S. 2354—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. King), [3DE]
Cosponsors added, [8DE]

S. 2355—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting certain positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [3DE]

S. 2356—A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to require an electronic communication service provider that generates call detail records pursuant to an order under that Act to notify the Attorney General if the provider intends to retain such records for a period less than 18 months; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. Cotton), [3DE]
Cosponsors added, [18DE]

S. 2357—A bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [3DE]
Cosponsors added, [7DE], [8DE], [9DE]

S. 2358—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities that are seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet wastewater and stormwater obligations under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [3DE]

S. 2359—A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.
By Mr. PAUL, [3DE]
Read the first time, [3DE]
Read the second time, [7DE]
Placed on the calendar, [7DE]

S. 2360—A bill to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. Cantwell) (by request), [7DE]

S. 2361—A bill to enhance airport security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Ayotte, and Ms. Cantwell), [7DE]
Cosponsors added, [14DE], [15DE]

S. 2362—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide enhanced security measures for the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. JOHNSON, [7DE]
Cosponsors added, [8DE], [18DE]

S. 2363—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the Governor of a State to reject the resettlement of a refugee in that State unless there is adequate assurance that the alien does not present a security risk and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ, [8DE]
Cosponsors added, [10DE]

S. 2364—A bill to permit occupational therapists to conduct the initial assessment visit under a Medicare home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Heller), [8DE]

S. 2365—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect American jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Sessions), [8DE]

S. 2366—A bill to promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. UDALL, [8DE]

S. 2367—A bill to provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN, [8DE]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]

S. 2368—An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the efficiency of the Medicare appeals process, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [8DE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–177), [8DE]
Placed on the calendar, [8DE]

S. 2369—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an Office for Community Partnerships; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER, [8DE]

S. 2370—A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying or amending the standards and regulations governing the substantiation of charitable contributions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [8DE]

S. 2371—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of locum tenens physicians as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages in underserved areas; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ISAKSON, [8DE]

S. 2372—A bill to require reporting of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Burr), [8DE]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [18DE]

S. 2373—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Schumer), [8DE]
Cosponsors added, [10DE], [16DE], [17DE]

S. 2374—A bill to amend the Defense Base Act to require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism occurring on or after September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. Warren), [8DE]

S. 2375—A bill to decrease the deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Lankford), [8DE]

S. 2376—A bill to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN, [9DE]

S. 2377—A bill to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and protect and secure the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Reed, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Brown), [9DE]
Cosponsors added, [10DE], [15DE]

S. 2378—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [9DE]

S. 2379—A bill to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. McCain), [9DE]

S. 2380—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by the Bureau of Land Management; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. McCain), [9DE]

S. 2381—A bill to provide assistance and support to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Grassley), [9DE]

S. 2382—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Blunt), [9DE]

S. 2383—A bill to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Utah from all forms of public appropriation, to provide for the shared management of the withdrawn land by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force to facilitate enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, enhance public safety, and provide for continued public access to the withdrawn land, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Lee), [10DE]

S. 2384—A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for the consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for the deployment, construction, maintenance, or operation of a customer-side technology; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE, [10DE]

S. 2385—A bill to strengthen protections for the remaining populations of wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching efforts and anti-trafficking strategies, to promote the value of wildlife and natural resources, to curtail the demand for illegal wildlife products in consumer countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Flake), [10DE]

S. 2386—A bill to authorize the establishment of the Stonewall National Historic Site in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [10DE]

S. 2387—A bill to restore protections for Social Security, Railroad retirement, and Black Lung benefits from administrative offset; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Merkley), [10DE]

S. 2388—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Lee), [10DE]

S. 2389—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the rural add-on payment in the Medicare home health benefit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [10DE]

S. 2390—A bill to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [10DE]

S. 2391—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend certain energy tax provisions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Merkley), [10DE]

S. 2392—A bill to enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [10DE]

S. 2393—A bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [10DE]
Passed Senate, [10DE]
Cosponsors added, [14DE]

S. 2394—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the H—1B visa program, to repeal the diversity visa lottery program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Sessions), [10DE]

S. 2395—A bill to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Flake, and Mr. Schumer), [10DE]

S. 2396—A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the ''Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Perdue), [10DE]

S. 2397—A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Tester, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Booker, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Schumer), [10DE]

S. 2398—A bill to provide benefits and services to workers who have lost their jobs or have experienced a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [10DE]

S. 2399—A bill to provide for emissions reductions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [10DE]

S. 2400—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the financing for the Hazardous Substance Superfund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Whitehouse), [14DE]

S. 2401—A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Murkowski), [15DE]

S. 2402—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to search all public records to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Kirk), [15DE]

S. 2403—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Burr, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Blumenthal), [15DE]

S. 2404—A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations regarding the collection and use of personal information obtained by tracking the online activity of an individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Markey), [15DE]

S. 2405—A bill to require the disclosure of information concerning the manufacture of methamphetamine upon transfer or lease of covered housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [15DE]

S. 2406—A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to review certain decisions to grant categorical exclusions for Next Generation flight procedures and to consult with the airports at which such procedures will be implemented; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [16DE]

S. 2407—A bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of J. Christopher Stevens, Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, and Sean Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Rubio), [16DE]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. 2408—A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and all other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [16DE]

S. 2409—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and to improve program integrity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN, [16DE]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. 2410—A bill to promote transparency in the oversight of cybersecurity risks at publicly traded companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. Collins), [17DE]

S. 2411—A bill to permit the Secretary of Homeland Security to search open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Flake), [17DE]

S. 2412—A bill to establish the Tule Lake National Historic Site in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [17DE]

S. 2413—A bill to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relating to the prices of products and services sold online, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [17DE]

S. 2414—A bill to decrease the frequency of sports blackouts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. McCain), [17DE]

S. 2415—A bill to implement integrity measures to strengthen the EB–5 Regional Center Program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation in American communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Schumer), [17DE]

S. 2416—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require the use of electronic visit verification systems for home health services under the Medicare Program and personal care services and home health care services under the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY, [17DE]

S. 2417—A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Rounds), [17DE]

S. 2418—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. Johnson), [17DE]

S. 2419—A bill to improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Casey), [17DE]

S. 2420—A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to modify the exception to the work requirement; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Markey, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Boxer), [17DE]

S. 2421—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Sullivan), [17DE]

S. 2422—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations are being made for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Cardin), [18DE]

S. 2423—A bill making appropriations to address the heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [18DE]

S. 2424—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [18DE]

S. 2425—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and certain radiation therapy services, to ensure flexibility in applying the hardship exception for meaningful use for the 2015 EHR reporting period for 2017 payment adjustments, and for other purposes.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Burr, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Klobuchar, and Ms. Hirono), [18DE]
Passed Senate, [18DE]
Passed House, [18DE]
Presented to the President (December 23, 2015) (after sine die adjournment)
Approved [Public Law 114–115] (signed December 28, 2015) (after sine die adjournment)

S. 2426—A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [18DE]

S. 2427—A bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [18DE]

S. 2428—A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a National Service for Schools Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET, [18DE]

S. 2429—A bill to require a report on the military dimensions of Iran's nuclear program and to prohibit the provision of sanctions relief to Iran until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Inhofe), [18DE]

S. 2430—A bill to permit the recovery of costs incurred by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for preclearance operations activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. Collins), [18DE]

S. 2431—A bill to improve the training of child protection professionals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Franken), [18DE]

S. 2432—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require the disclosure of the portion of

health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. Barrasso), [18DE]

S. 2433—A bill to provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER, [18DE]

S. 2434—A bill to provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution of the United States or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes.

By Mr. PAUL, [18DE]

Read the first time, [18DE]

S. 2435—A bill to ensure that each covered alien receives a thorough background investigation before such alien is admitted to the United States as a refugee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Inhofe), [18DE]

S. 2436—A bill to provide for certain assistance and reforms relating to the territories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Schumer), [18DE]

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

S.J. Res. 1—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cruz, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Perdue, and Mr. Daines), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [4FE], [2MR], [6AU], [17NO]

S.J. Res. 2—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE, [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [12JA], [21JA]

S.J. Res. 3—A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. LEAHY, [12JA]

S.J. Res. 4—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS, [21JA]

S.J. Res. 5—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Tester, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Hirono, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Markey, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden), [21JA]
Cosponsors added, [22JA], [26JA], [12FE], [2MR]

S.J. Res. 6—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Scott, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Moran, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Heller, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Boozman, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Thune, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Portman, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Graham, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Risch, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Daines, Mr. Rounds, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Coats, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Cotton, Ms. Collins, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Corker, Mr. Paul, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Sasse), [4FE]

S.J. Res. 7—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies, and other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [4FE]

S.J. Res. 8—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Burr, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Risch, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Coats, Mr. Scott, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Thune, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Corker, Mr. Flake, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Heller, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Collins, Mr. Paul, Mr. Cotton, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Vitter, Mr. McCain, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Moran, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Daines, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Cruz), [9FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [12FE]
Discharged by petition, [23FE]
Placed on the calendar, [23FE]
Considered, [3MR]
Passed Senate, [4MR]
Passed House, [19MR]
Presented to the President (March 27, 2015)
Presidential veto message, [31MR]
Consideration of veto message, [30AP], [4MY], [5MY]
Motion to table veto message agreed to in the Senate, [5MY]

S.J. Res. 9—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SHELBY, [9FE]

S.J. Res. 10—A joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Lankford), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP]

S.J. Res. 11—A joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Lankford), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP]

S.J. Res. 12—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ, [23AP]

S.J. Res. 13—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to applying laws equally to the citizens of the United States and the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [23AP]

S.J. Res. 14—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission regulating broadband Internet access; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. PAUL, [28AP]

S.J. Res. 15—A joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Markey, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Peters, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Reed), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [11MY], [7JY], [30SE]

S.J. Res. 16—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [30SE]

S.J. Res. 17—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ENZI, [25JN]

S.J. Res. 18—A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Manchin), [9JY]

S.J. Res. 19—A joint resolution to express the disfavor of Congress regarding the proposed agreement for cooperation between the United States and the People's Republic of China transmitted to the Congress by the President on April 21, 2015, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Cotton), [15JY]
Committee discharged. Placed on the calendar, [21JY]

S.J. Res. 20—A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (by request), [28JY]
Committee discharged. Placed on the calendar, [29OC]

S.J. Res. 21—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Graham, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Cornyn), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S.J. Res. 22—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of ''waters of the

United States'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. McConnell), [17SE]

Cosponsors added, [21SE], [24SE], [7OC]
Discharged by petition, [30OC]
Placed on the calendar, [30OC]
Motion to proceed agreed to, [3NO]
Considered, [3NO]
Passed Senate, [4NO]

S.J. Res. 23—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ''Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources—Electric Utility Generating Units''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Scott, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Risch, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Moran, Mr. Flake, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Daines, Mr. Sasse, Mr. McCain, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Corker), [26OC]

Discharged by petition, [16NO]
Placed on the calendar, [16NO]
Passed Senate, [17NO]
Passed House, [1DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2015)
Vetoed, [18DE]

S.J. Res. 24—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ''Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources—Electric Utility Generating Units''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Scott, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Risch, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Moran, Mr. Flake, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Daines, Mr. Sasse, Mr. McCain, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Corker), [26OC]

Discharged by petition, [16NO]
Placed on the calendar, [16NO]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [17NO]
Passed Senate, [17NO]
Passed House, [1DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2015)
Vetoed, [18DE]

S.J. Res. 25—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barrasso, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Moran, Mr. Paul, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Isakson), [17NO]

Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S.J. Res. 26—A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its associated forces; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Hatch, and Mrs. Ernst), [3DE]

S.J. Res. 27—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [7DE]

S.J. Res. 28—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [10DE]

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

S. Con. Res. 1—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax is not in the economic interest of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7JA]

S. Con. Res. 2—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.
By Mr. TESTER, [8JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [8JA]
Agreed to in the House, [12JA]

S. Con. Res. 3—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [5FE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [23AP]
Agreed to in the House, [18MY]

S. Con. Res. 4—A concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [24FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [9MR], [10MR], [18MR], [23MR], [24MR], [25MR], [14AP], [29AP], [7MY], [2JN], [10JN], [24JN], [30JY], [16SE], [19OC], [21OC]

S. Con. Res. 5—A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the International Decade for People of African Descent; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN, [24FE]

S. Con. Res. 6—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that John Arthur ''Jack'' Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Reid), [26FE]

S. Con. Res. 7—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Tester, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Schatz), [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [12MR]
Agreed to in the House, [16MR]

S. Con. Res. 8—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative stamp honoring the 50th anniversary of the three civil rights marches from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama that took place over the course of several weeks in March 1965; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Scott, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Coons, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Warren, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Capito, and Mr. Portman), [4MR]

S. Con. Res. 9—A concurrent resolution honoring the life and memory of Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Coats)), [4MR]

S. Con. Res. 10—A concurrent resolution supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the ''International Year of Soils'' and supporting locally led soil conservation; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [17MR]
Cosponsors added, [25MR], [16AP], [23AP], [27AP], [28AP]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [13MY]

S. Con. Res. 11—An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United Sates Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025; from the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ENZI, [20MR]
Placed on the calendar, [20MR]
Considered, [20MR], [23MR], [24MR], [25MR]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [27MR]
Agreed to in the House amended, [14AP]
House insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference, [14AP]
Motion to instruct conferees considered, [14AP]
Motion to instruct conferees rejected, [14AP]
Conferees appointed, [14AP]
Senate disagreed to House amendment and agreed to a conference, [15AP]
Motions to instruct conferees considered, [15AP]
Conferees appointed, [15AP]
Conference report agreed to in the House, [30AP]
Senate agreed to motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report, [5MY]
Conference report agreed to in the Senate, [5MY]

S. Con. Res. 12—A concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Schatz), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [22MY]

S. Con. Res. 13—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. MANCHIN, [20AP]

S. Con. Res. 14—A concurrent resolution providing that the President may not provide sanctions relief to Iran until certain United States citizens are released from Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RISCH, [30AP]

S. Con. Res. 15—A concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition and the establishment of Balboa Park in San Diego, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [4MY]

S. Con. Res. 16—A concurrent resolution stating the policy of the United States regarding the release of United States citizens in Iran.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Isakson, and Mrs. Feinstein), [7MY]
Placed on the calendar, [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [11MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [11MY]

S. Con. Res. 17—A concurrent resolution establishing a joint select committee to address regulatory reform; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Thune, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Risch, Mr. Hoeven, and Ms. Collins), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [1JN], [9JN], [16JY]

S. Con. Res. 18—A concurrent resolution recognizing the daisy as the flower for military caregivers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Blumenthal), [22JN]

S. Con. Res. 19—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [24JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24JN]
Agreed to in the House, [25JN]

S. Con. Res. 20—A concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the 25th anniversary of the date of enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Collins, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Casey, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. King, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Markey, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Warren, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Cardin), [28JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [28JY]

S. Con. Res. 21—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Durbin), [5OC]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [8OC]

S. Con. Res. 22—A concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program.
By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. Reed), [6OC]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6OC]

S. Con. Res. 23—A concurrent resolution supporting the establishment of a bipartisan Museum Study Commission to study the establishment of a National Museum of the American People to tell the immigration and migration stories of all people of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHATZ, [7OC]

S. Con. Res. 24—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the marble bust of Vice President Richard Cheney on December 3, 2015.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Reid), [5NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [5NO]

Agreed to in the House, [16NO]

S. Con. Res. 25—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should submit the Paris climate change agreement to the Senate for its advice and consent; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Thune, Mr. Scott, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Hatch, Mr. McCain, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Daines, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Cornyn), [19NO]

Cosponsors added, [1DE], [7DE]

S. Con. Res. 26—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions against Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Rubio), [1DE]

Cosponsors added, [16DE]

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

S. Res. 1—A resolution informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Read the first time, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 2—A resolution informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 3—A resolution to elect Orrin G. Hatch, a Senator from the State of Utah, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 4—A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 5—A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 6—A resolution expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy for his service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Leahy as President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. Reid), [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 7—A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 8—A resolution electing Julie Adams as Secretary of the Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 9—A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of the Secretary of the Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 10—A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of the Secretary of the Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 11—A resolution electing Frank Larkin as Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 12—A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 13—A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 14—A resolution electing Laura C. Dove, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 15—A resolution electing Gary B. Myrick, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate.
By Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. Reid), [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 16—A resolution to make effective appointment of Senate Legal Counsel.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Reid), [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 17—A resolution to make effective appointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Reid), [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 18—A resolution making majority party appointments for the 114th Congress.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [6JA]
Read and held over, under the rule, [6JA]

S. Res. 19—A resolution relative to the death of Edward W. Brooke, III, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Reid, Ms. Warren, Mr. Markey, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [6JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6JA]

S. Res. 20—A resolution limiting certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Klobuchar), [6JA]
Read and held over, under the rule, [6JA]

S. Res. 21—A resolution making majority party appointments for the 114th Congress.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [7JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7JA]

S. Res. 22—A resolution to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.
By Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. REID), [7JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7JA]

S. Res. 23—A resolution making majority party appointments for the 114th Congress.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [8JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [8JA]

S. Res. 24—A resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary of Bowie State University.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [8JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [8JA]

S. Res. 25—A resolution commemorating 50 years since the creation of the Medicare and Medicaid Programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Manchin), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [9JA]

S. Res. 26—A resolution commending Pope Francis for his leadership in helping to secure the release of Alan Gross and for working with the Governments of the United States and Cuba to achieve a more positive relationship; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Flake, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brown, Mr. Udall, and Mr. Kaine), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [20JA], [11FE]

S. Res. 27—A resolution to authorize testimony and representation in United States of America v. Jeffrey A. Sterling.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Reid), [16JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16JA]

S. Res. 28—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE, [20JA]
Reported (no written report), [20JA]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [20JA]

S. Res. 29—A resolution condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris, offering condolences to the families of the victims, expressing solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirming fundamental freedom of expression.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Risch, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Udall, Mr. Isakson, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Coons, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Flake, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Burr), [20JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20JA]

S. Res. 30—A resolution designating the week of January 25 through January 31, 2015, as ''National School Choice Week''.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Paul, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Ayotte), [20JA]

Agreed to in the Senate, [20JA]

S. Res. 31—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE, [21JA]
Reported (no written report), [21JA]

S. Res. 32—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans Affairs.
By Mr. ISAKSON, [21JA]
Reported (no written report), [21JA]

S. Res. 33—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON, [22JA]
Reported (no written report), [22JA]

S. Res. 34—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. HATCH, [22JA]
Reported (no written report), [22JA]

S. Res. 35—A resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Kirk), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [26JA], [27JA], [28JA]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [28JA]
Placed on the calendar, [28JA]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [30JA]

S. Res. 36—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY, [22JA]
Reported (no written report), [22JA]

S. Res. 37—A resolution supporting women's reproductive health care decisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Markey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Peters, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Franken), [22JA]

S. Res. 38—A resolution relative to the death of Wendell H. Ford, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Paul, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [22JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22JA]

S. Res. 39—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [26JA]
Reported (no written report), [26JA]

S. Res. 40—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States and others to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Tester, Mr. Carper, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Franken, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. King), [26JA]
Cosponsors added, [5FE], [9FE], [23FE]

S. Res. 41—A resolution congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2014 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [26JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26JA]

S. Res. 42—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
By Mr. SHELBY, [27JA]
Reported (no written report), [27JA]

S. Res. 43—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that children trafficked in the United States should be treated as victims, and not criminals, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl, an event around which many children are at risk for being trafficked for sex; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [28JA]

S. Res. 44—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [28JA]
Reported (no written report), [28JA]

S. Res. 45—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. VITTER, [28JA]
Reported (no written report), [28JA]

S. Res. 46—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging.
By Ms. COLLINS, [28JA]

S. Res. 47—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER, [28JA]
Reported (no written report), [28JA]

S. Res. 48—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [28JA]
Reported (no written report), [28JA]

S. Res. 49—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [28JA]
Reported (no written report), [28JA]

S. Res. 50—A resolution congratulating The Ohio State University football team for winning the 2015 College Football Playoff national championship.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Carper), [28JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [28JA]

S. Res. 51—A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Casey), [28JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [28JA]

S. Res. 52—A resolution calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Russian prison since July 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [10FE], [12FE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [12FE]

S. Res. 53—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services; from the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. McCAIN, [29JA]
Reported (no written report), [29JA]

S. Res. 54—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration; from the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. BLUNT, [29JA]
Reported (no written report), [29JA]

S. Res. 55—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mr. BURR, [29JA]
Reported (no written report), [29JA]

S. Res. 56—A resolution designating January 2015 as ''National Blood Donor Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. Warren), [29JA]

S. Res. 57—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget; from the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ENZI, [29JA]
Reported (no written report), [29JA]

S. Res. 58—A resolution recognizing January 2015 as ''National Mentoring Month''.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Capito, and Mr. Brown), [29JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29JA]

S. Res. 59—A resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2015 as ''National Stalking Awareness Month''.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Perdue), [30JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30JA]

S. Res. 60—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month from January 1 through February 1, 2015, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, modern slavery.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Toomey, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. King, Mr. Markey, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Rubio), [30JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30JA]

S. Res. 61—A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Peggy Charren; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MARKEY, [2FE]

S. Res. 62—A resolution designating the week beginning on February 8 , 2015, as ''National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week''.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. Thune, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Daines, Mr. Franken, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Peters, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Udall), [2FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [2FE]

S. Res. 63—A resolution congratulating the New England Patriots on their victory in Super Bowl XLIX; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Markey, Mr. Reed, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Blumenthal, and Ms. Collins), [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [4FE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [4FE]

S. Res. 64—A resolution designating February 2 through 6, 2015, as ''National School Counseling Week''.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Casey, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Durbin,

Mr. Isakson, Mr. Schatz, Mr. King, and Mr. Cornyn), [3FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3FE]

S. Res. 65—A resolution supporting efforts to bring an end to violence perpetrated by Boko Haram, and urging the Government of Nigeria to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Coons, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Durbin), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [24FE]

S. Res. 66—A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 12, 2015, as ''Darwin Day'' and recognizing the importance of science in the betterment of humanity; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [4FE]

S. Res. 67—A resolution amending rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to revise the number of affirmative votes required to end debate on nominations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Lee), [4FE]

S. Res. 68—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the January 24, 2015, attacks carried out by Russian-backed rebels on the civilian population in Mariupol, Ukraine, and the provision of lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [4FE]

S. Res. 69—A resolution calling for the protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Portman, Mr. King, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Lankford), [5FE]
Cosponsors added, [9FE]

S. Res. 70—A resolution designating February 2015 as ''National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month'' ; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [5FE]

S. Res. 71—A resolution designating the week of February 8 through February 14, 2015, as ''Internet Governance Awareness Week''.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Warner, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Inhofe), [5FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5FE]

S. Res. 72—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the January 24, 2015, attacks carried out by Russian-backed rebels on the civilian population in Mariupol, Ukraine, and the provision of lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Corker, Mr. McCain, Mr. Risch, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Gardner, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Portman, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Graham, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Whitehouse), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [23FE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [24MR]
Title amended, [24MR]

S. Res. 73—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017; from the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. BLUNT, [12FE]
Reported (no written report), [12FE]
Placed on the calendar, [12FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12FE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 114–112), [4AU]

S. Res. 74—A resolution declaring that achieving the primary goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease of the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025 is an urgent national priority; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Warner, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Whitehouse), [12FE]

S. Res. 75—A resolution designating the month of February 2015, as ''National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse)), [12FE]

S. Res. 76—A resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address to a joint session of Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Lee, Mr. Heller, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Moran, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Vitter, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Risch, Mr. Daines, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Capito, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. McCain, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Portman, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Burr, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Perdue, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coats, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Murkowski), [12FE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [26FE]
Title amended, [26FE]

S. Res. 77—A resolution designating Friday, February 13, 2015, as ''$2.13 Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Boxer, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [12FE]

S. Res. 78—A resolution relative to the death of Jerry Tarkanian, former head basketball coach of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Reid), [12FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12FE]

S. Res. 79—A resolution honoring Dean Edwards Smith, former head coach for the men's basketball team for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Tillis), [12FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12FE]

S. Res. 80—A resolution recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Rubio), [12FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12FE]

S. Res. 81—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that children trafficked for sex in the United States should not be treated or regarded as child prostitutes because there is no such thing as a ''child prostitute'', only children who are victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Grassley), [12FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12FE]

S. Res. 82—A resolution commending Kathleen Alvarez Tritak on her service to the United States Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [12FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12FE]

S. Res. 83—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. Collins), [23FE]

S. Res. 84—A resolution celebrating Black History Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Paul, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Coons, Mr. Portman, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Wicker, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Cardin), [23FE]
Cosponsors added, [24FE]

S. Res. 85—A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Georgia Jones-Ayers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [25FE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [12MR]

S. Res. 86—A resolution recognizing March 3, 2015, as the centennial of the Navy Reserve.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Warner, Mr. McCain, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kirk, Mr. King, and Mr. Peters), [25FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [25FE]

S. Res. 87—A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Reid, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Rounds, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Coons, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Coats, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Boozman, Mr. King, Mr. Heller, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Gardner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Cotton, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. McCain, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Markey, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Moran, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Hatch, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Franken, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Booker, Mr. Peters, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Brown, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Warner, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Casey, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Scott), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [3MR], [18MR], [18MY], [3JN]
Reported (no written report), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JN]

S. Res. 88—A resolution celebrating Black History Month.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Paul, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Coons, Mr. Portman, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Wicker, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Reed, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Sasse), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [3MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26FE]

S. Res. 89—A resolution congratulating the Oregon Shakespeare Festival on its 80th year.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [26FE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [26FE]

S. Res. 90—A resolution designating February 2015 as ''American Heart Month'' and February 6, 2015, as ''National Wear Red Day''.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Capito, Ms. Heitkamp, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Collins, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Fischer, and Ms. Klobuchar), [26FE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [26FE]

S. Res. 91—A resolution designating March 2, 2015, as ''Read Across America Day''.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Durbin), [26FE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [26FE]

S. Res. 92—A resolution designating February 28, 2015, as ''Rare Disease Day''.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Coons, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mrs. Feinstein), [27FE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [27FE]

S. Res. 93—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, and calling for a swift and transparent investigation into his tragic murder in Moscow on February 27, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Corker, Mr. Risch, Mr. Markey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Isakson), [2MR]

Cosponsors added, [4MR]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [10MR]

S. Res. 94—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Isakson, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Coons, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Schumer), [3MR]

Agreed to in the Senate, [3MR]

S. Res. 95—A resolution designating March 3, 2015, as ''World Wildlife Day''.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [3MR]

Agreed to in the Senate, [3MR]

S. Res. 96—A resolution condemning the murder of Boris Nemtsov, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Graham), [4MR]

S. Res. 97—A resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Whitehouse), [4MR]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [5MY]

S. Res. 98—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Markey), [4MR]

Agreed to in the Senate, [4MR]

S. Res. 99—A resolution calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill its promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's History; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [10MR]

S. Res. 100—A resolution to provide sufficient time for legislation to be read; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. PAUL, [12MR]

S. Res. 101—A resolution relating to proceedings of the Senate in the event of a partial or full shutdown of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Gardner), [12MR]

S. Res. 102—A resolution requiring authorizing committees to hold annual hearings on Government Accountability Office investigative reports on the identification, consolidation, and elimination of duplicative Government programs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Peters), [17MR]

S. Res. 103—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Social Work Month and World Social Work Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Franken), [18MR]

S. Res. 104—A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the success of Operation Streamline and the importance of prosecuting first time illegal border crossers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. McCain), [18MR]

S. Res. 105—A resolution recognizing the 194th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Coons, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [19MR]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [26MR]

S. Res. 106—A resolution designating March 22, 2015, as ''National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day''.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Casey), [19MR]

Agreed to in the Senate, [19MR]

S. Res. 107—A resolution recognizing the 70th anniversary of White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico and commemorating the unique place in history, and national security importance, of the range; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Udall), [23MR]

S. Res. 108—A resolution commemorating the discovery of the polio vaccine and supporting efforts to eradicate the disease; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Coons, Mr. Markey, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Reed), [24MR]

Cosponsors added, [8SE]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [21OC]

S. Res. 109—A resolution acknowledging and honoring brave young men from Hawaii who enabled the United States to establish and maintain jurisdiction in remote equatorial islands as prolonged conflict in the Pacific led to World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [24MR]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [21MY]

S. Res. 110—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate about a strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. Booker, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Schatz), [24MR]

Agreed to in the Senate, [24MR]

S. Res. 111—A resolution designating March 2015 as ''National Middle Level Education Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [25MR]

S. Res. 112—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Internal Revenue Service should provide printed copies of Internal Revenue Service Publication 17 to taxpayers in the United States free of charge; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, and Ms. Ayotte), [25MR]

S. Res. 113—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend the issuance of, and the United States Postal Service should issue, a commemorative stamp in honor of the holiday of Diwali; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [25MR]

Cosponsors added, [5NO], [7DE], [16DE]

S. Res. 114—A resolution supporting the designation of March 2015, as ''National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [25MR]

S. Res. 115—A resolution designating April 2015 as ''National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month''.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [25MR]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25MR]

S. Res. 116—A resolution providing for free and fair elections in Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Rubio), [26MR]

Cosponsors added, [15AP], [24SE]

S. Res. 117—A resolution recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect public safety, and expressing support for the designation of March 31, 2015, as National Lineman Appreciation Day; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TILLIS, [26MR]

S. Res. 118—A resolution amending rule XXXI of the Standing Rules for the Senate, to provide for timely consideration of nominations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY, [26MR]

S. Res. 119—A resolution amending rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules for the Senate to provide for timely establishment of conference committees; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Udall), [26MR]

S. Res. 120—A resolution modifying extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Udall), [26MR]

S. Res. 121—A resolution amending rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Udall), [26MR]

S. Res. 122—A resolution amending rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to limit debate on motions to proceed; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Udall), [26MR]

S. Res. 123—A resolution providing for consideration of changes to rules for the proceedings of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY, [26MR]

S. Res. 124—A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mr. Udall, and Ms. Warren), [26MR]

S. Res. 125—A resolution designating the first week of April 2015 as ''National Asbestos Awareness Week''.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Feinstein,

Mr. Reid, Mr. Tester, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Warren, Mr. Daines, Mr. Booker, Mr. Crapo, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [26MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26MR]

S. Res. 126—A resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [26MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26MR]

S. Res. 127—A resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [26MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26MR]

S. Res. 128—A resolution supporting the designation of March 2015, as ''National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month''.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [26MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26MR]

S. Res. 129—A resolution designating May 4, 2015, as National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [26MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26MR]

S. Res. 130—A resolution designating March 29, 2015, as ''Vietnam Veterans Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [14AP]

S. Res. 131—A resolution designating April 5, 2015, as ''Gold Star Wives Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [26MR]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [13AP]

S. Res. 132—A resolution designating the week of April 5 through April 11, 2015, as ''National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. Cochran), [26MR]

S. Res. 133—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week.
By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Warren, Mr. Brown, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Franken), [13AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13AP]
Cosponsors added, [14AP]

S. Res. 134—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Government of Canada does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Peters, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Durbin), [13AP]
Cosponsors added, [2JN]

S. Res. 135—A resolution making minority party appointments for the 114th Congress.
By Mr. REID, [14AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14AP]

S. Res. 136—A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2015, as ''Silver Star Service Banner Day''; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [16AP]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]

S. Res. 137—A resolution congratulating the administration, staff, students, and alumni of Roosevelt University on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the University.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [16AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16AP]

S. Res. 138—A resolution congratulating the Providence College Men's Ice Hockey team for winning the 2015 NCAA Division I National Championship.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [16AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16AP]

S. Res. 139—A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Lankford), [16AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16AP]

S. Res. 140—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Markey), [20AP]
Cosponsors added, [21AP], [22AP], [23AP], [27AP]

S. Res. 141—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [20AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20AP]

S. Res. 142—A resolution honoring the life of Rachel Carson; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Casey, and Ms. Mikulski), [21AP]

S. Res. 143—A resolution supporting efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Warren, Mr. Reed, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Murphy), [21AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [7MY], [12MY], [20MY], [21MY], [2JN], [9SE], [10SE], [17SE]

S. Res. 144—A resolution supporting the mission and goals of 2015 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which include increasing public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Vitter), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [27AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22AP]

S. Res. 145—A resolution supporting the designation of April 2015, as ''Parkinson's Awareness Month''.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Isakson), [22AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22AP]

S. Res. 146—A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of April 13 through April 17, 2015, as ''National Assistant Principals Week''.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Perdue, and Ms. Mikulski), [22AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22AP]

S. Res. 147—A resolution designating Donald A. Ritchie as Historian Emeritus of the United States Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Reid), [22AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22AP]

S. Res. 148—A resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Rubio), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [12MY], [14MY], [19MY], [20MY], [1JN], [7JY], [16JY], [4AU], [5AU], [5OC], [6OC], [8OC], [21OC], [4NO], [17NO], [18NO], [30NO], [1DE], [2DE], [3DE], [8DE], [15DE]
Reported (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [17DE]

S. Res. 149—A resolution recognizing the importance and inspiration of the Hubble Space Telescope.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [23AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23AP]

S. Res. 150—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools in the United States.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [23AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23AP]

S. Res. 151—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Booker), [23AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23AP]

S. Res. 152—A resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [28AP]

S. Res. 153—A resolution recognizing the importance of the United States-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Perdue), [28AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [28AP]

S. Res. 154—A resolution designating May 16, 2015, as ''Kids to Parks Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Booker, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Heinrich), [29AP]

S. Res. 155—A resolution establishing May 2, 2015, as a Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans to express support for the children and families affected by the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa by promoting awareness of the children of West Africa who have been orphaned by the 2014 Ebola epidemic, celebrating those who have recognized and are working to fulfill the needs of those children, and encouraging the people of the United States to continue to support the people of West Africa; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [29AP]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [5MY]

S. Res. 156—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2015 as ''National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Murphy), [30AP]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [23MY]

S. Res. 157—A resolution recognizing the economic, cultural, and political contributions of the Southeast-Asian American community on the 40th anniversaries of the beginning of Khmer Rouge control over Cambodia and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide and the end of the Vietnam War and the ''Secret War'' in the Kingdom of Laos; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. HIRONO, [30AP]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. Res. 158—A resolution recognizing the cultural and historic significance of the Cinco de Mayo holiday.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Reid, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Udall, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Cruz), [30AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]

S. Res. 159—A resolution designating April 2015, as ''National 9–1–1 Education Month''.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Burr), [30AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]

S. Res. 160—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Carper, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Tester, Mr. Coons, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Booker, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Peters), [30AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]

S. Res. 161—A resolution designating April 2015 as ''Financial Literacy Month''.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Scott, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Carper, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Udall, Mr. Coons, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Franken, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Moran, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Cochran), [30AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]

S. Res. 162—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Alcohol Responsibility Month.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Heller), [30AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]

S. Res. 163—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the humanitarian catastrophe caused by the April 25, 2015, earthquake in Nepal.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Tester, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Coons, Mr. Reed, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Rubio, and Ms. Ayotte), [30AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]

S. Res. 164—A resolution designating April 30, 2015, as Dia de los Ninos—Celebrating Young Americans.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Booker, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Schumer), [30AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]

S. Res. 165—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Brown), [30AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]

S. Res. 166—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that domestically grown flowers support the farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the United States, enhance the ability of the people of the United States to honor their mothers on Mother's Day, and that the White House should strive to showcase domestically grown flowers.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, and Ms. Murkowski), [4MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [4MY]

S. Res. 167—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Argentinian prosecutor Alberto Nisman, and calling for a swift and transparent investigation into his tragic death in Buenos Aires on January 18, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [5MY]

S. Res. 168—A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Blunt), [5MY]

Cosponsors added, [7MY], [11MY], [14MY], [18MY]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [21MY]

S. Res. 169—A resolution expressing condolences to the family of Dr. Warren Weinstein, and commemorating the life and work of Dr. Warren Weinstein.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [5MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [5MY]

S. Res. 170—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Reid, Mr. Warner, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Heller, Mr. King, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Thune), [6MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [6MY]

S. Res. 171—A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 16th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 3 through May 9, 2015.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Booker, Mr. Burr, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Lankford, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Tillis, and Mr. Vitter), [6MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [6MY]

S. Res. 172—A resolution honoring the vital role of small businesses and the passion of entrepreneurs in the United States during ''National Small Business Week'', from May 4, through May 8, 2015.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Gardner, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coons, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Markey, Mr. Risch, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Hoeven), [6MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [6MY]

S. Res. 173—A resolution condemning atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad of Syria and his regime, and for other purposes.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Casey), [6MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [6MY]

S. Res. 174—A resolution recognizing May 2015 as ''Jewish American Heritage Month'' and honoring the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Inhofe), [7MY]

Cosponsors added, [11MY], [12MY]

S. Res. 175—A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States to building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Moran, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Markey, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Coons, Mr. Warner, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Booker, Ms. Warren, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Menendez), [7MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [7MY]

S. Res. 176—A resolution designating September 2015 as ''National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Durbin), [11MY]

Cosponsors added, [21MY], [1JN], [3AU]

S. Res. 177—A resolution designating the week of May 10 through May 16, 2015, as ''National Police Week''.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Coons, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Hatch, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Warren, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Franken, Mr. Thune, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Scott, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Warner, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Peters), [11MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [11MY]

Cosponsors added, [12MY]

S. Res. 178—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week from May 6, 2015, through May 12, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY, [12MY]

S. Res. 179—A resolution designating May 16, 2015, as ''Kids to Parks Day''.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Booker, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Lee), [14MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [14MY]

S. Res. 180—A resolution urging additional sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GARDNER, [19MY]

Cosponsors added, [4JN]

S. Res. 181—A resolution designating May 19, 2015, as ''National Schizencephaly Awareness Day''.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [19MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [19MY]

S. Res. 182—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Defense laboratories have been, and continue to be, on the cutting edge of scientific and technological advancement and supporting the designation of May 14, 2015, as the ''Department of Defense Laboratory Day''.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Markey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Donnelly, and Mr. Schumer), [19MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [19MY]

S. Res. 183—A resolution calling for suspension of construction of artificial land formations on islands, reefs, shoals, and other features of the Spratly Islands and for a peaceful and multilateral resolution to the South China Sea territorial dispute; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Sullivan), [21MY]

S. Res. 184—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that conversion therapy, including efforts by mental health practitioners to change the sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression of an individual, is dangerous and harmful and should be prohibited from being practiced on minors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Markey, Mr. Franken, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Warren, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Udall, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Peters, Mr. Casey, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Durbin), [21MY]

Cosponsors added, [1JN]

S. Res. 185—A resolution recognizing the significance of May 2015 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Heller, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Brown, Mr. Franken, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Markey, and Ms. Klobuchar), [21MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [21MY]

S. Res. 186—A resolution designating the week of May 17 through May 23, 2015, as ''National Public Works Week''.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [21MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [21MY]

S. Res. 187—A resolution expressing support for the designation of the month of May 2015, as ''National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month''.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Schatz), [21MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [21MY]

S. Res. 188—A resolution expressing appreciation of the goals of American Craft Beer Week and commending the small and independent craft brewers of the United States.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Cantwell, and Ms. Ayotte), [31MY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [31MY]

S. Res. 189—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. McCain), [1JN]

Cosponsors added, [28JY], [7DE]

Reported (no written report), [10DE]

Placed on the calendar, [10DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16DE]

S. Res. 190—A resolution encouraging reunions of Korean Americans who were divided by the Korean War

from relatives in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Warner), [3JN]

S. Res. 191—A resolution relative to the death of Joseph Robinette Biden, III.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [3JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JN]

S. Res. 192—A resolution requiring that legislation considered by the Senate be confined to a single issue; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. ENZI, [4JN]

S. Res. 193—A resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the historic Griswold v. Connecticut decision of the Supreme Court of the United States and expressing the sense of the Senate that the case was an important step forward in helping ensure that all people of the United States are able to use contraceptives to plan pregnancies and have healthier babies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Coons, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, and Ms. Baldwin), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JN], [15JN]

S. Res. 194—A resolution welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [8JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]

S. Res. 195—A resolution designating the Ulysses S. Grant Association as the organization to implement the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War General and 2-term President of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Portman, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Schumer, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [9JN]

S. Res. 196—A resolution designating July 10, 2015, as Collector Car Appreciation Day and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Tester), [9JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9JN]

S. Res. 197—A resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Schatz), [9JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JY]

S. Res. 198—A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the United States.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Lee), [10JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [10JN]

S. Res. 199—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding establishing a National Strategic Agenda; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Thune), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [16SE], [7DE]

S. Res. 200—A resolution wishing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama a happy 80th birthday on July 6, 2015, and recognizing the outstanding contributions His Holiness has made to the promotion of nonviolence, human rights, interfaith dialogue, environmental awareness, and democracy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Menendez), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JN], [22JN], [23JN], [24JN], [7JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [8JY]

S. Res. 201—A resolution designating June 19, 2015, as ''Juneteenth Independence Day'' in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reid, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wicker), [15JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [15JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]

S. Res. 202—A resolution designating June 15, 2015, as ''World Elder Abuse Awareness Day''.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Murphy), [15JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [15JN]

S. Res. 203—A resolution designating June 20, 2015, as ''American Eagle Day'' and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Corker, and Mr. Sessions), [17JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17JN]

S. Res. 204—A resolution recognizing June 20, 2015 as ''World Refugee Day''; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Coons, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. King, Mr. Brown, Mr. Reed, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Casey), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [22JN], [24JN]
Reported (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14JY]

S. Res. 205—A resolution congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2015 Stanley Cup.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [18JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18JN]

S. Res. 206—A resolution congratulating the Golden State Warriors for winning the 2015 National Basketball Association Championship.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [18JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18JN]

S. Res. 207—A resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Wyden), [22JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN]
Reported (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [8DE]

S. Res. 208—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal Ovidio Ricardo Palmera Pineda, also known as ''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the United States as a part of the Colombian peace process; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO, [23JN]

S. Res. 209—A resolution designating the Ulysses S. Grant Association as the organization to implement the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War General and 2-term President of the United States.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Portman, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Schumer, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [23JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23JN]

S. Res. 210—A resolution celebrating the 125th anniversary of the State of Wyoming.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Barrasso), [23JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23JN]

S. Res. 211—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Srebrenica; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN, [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [8JY], [9JY]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]

S. Res. 212—A resolution condemning the attack on Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and expressing encouragement and prayers for all affected by this evil assault.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reid, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [24JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24JN]

S. Res. 213—A resolution designating October 30, 2015, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Corker, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Portman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Graham, Mr. Reid, Mr. Udall, and Ms. Murkowski), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [13JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [25SE]

S. Res. 214—A resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope, a pre-eminent international women's association and an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [16SE]

S. Res. 215—A resolution designating the month of June 2015 as ''National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month'' and June 27, 2015, as ''National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day''.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Moran, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Thune, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Booker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Warner, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Franken, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tester, Ms. Hirono, and Ms. Collins), [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [25JN]

S. Res. 216—A resolution recognizing the month of June 2015 as ''Immigrant Heritage Month'', a celebration of the accomplishments and contributions immigrants and their children have made in shaping the history, strengthening the economy, and enriching the culture of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [7JY]

S. Res. 217—A resolution designating October 8, 2015, as ''National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Graham), [8JY]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [15SE], [17SE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [29SE]

S. Res. 218—A resolution congratulating the United States Women's National Team for winning the 2015 FIFA World Cup.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brown, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Booker, Mr. McCain, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Warner, Mr. Perdue, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Markey, Mr. Moran, Mr. Carper, Mr. Thune, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Casey, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Peters, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Wyden), [8JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [8JY]

S. Res. 219—A resolution designating July 25, 2015, as ''National Day of the American Cowboy''.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Tester, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Hoeven), [9JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9JY]

S. Res. 220—A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Medora Musical.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Hoeven), [9JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9JY]

S. Res. 221—A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park.
By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. Bennet, and Ms. Cantwell), [9JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9JY]

S. Res. 222—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federation Internationale de Football Association should immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEAHY, [13JY]
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [15JY], [21JY], [27JY], [28SE]

S. Res. 223—A resolution designating September 2015 as ''National Child Awareness Month'' to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing the efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Lankford), [14JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14JY]

S. Res. 224—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest and Van Ness Street, Northwest and International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as ''Liu Xiaobo Plaza''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S. Res. 225—A resolution honoring the National Association of Women Business Owners on its 40th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Risch, Mr. Coons, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Peters, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Ernst, and Mr. Enzi), [21JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [28JY]

S. Res. 226—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the street between the intersections of 16th Street, Northwest and Fuller Street, Northwest and 16th Street, Northwest and Euclid Street, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as ''Oswaldo Paya Way''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CRUZ, [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [27JY]

S. Res. 227—A resolution condemning the attacks of July 16, 2015, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, honoring the members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives, and expressing support and prayers for all those affected.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Reid, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [21JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [21JY]

S. Res. 228—A resolution designating September 2015 as ''National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Moran, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Menendez), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [24JY], [30JY], [3AU], [4AU]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [5AU]

S. Res. 229—A resolution designating July 26, 2015, as ''United States Intelligence Professionals Day''.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Risch, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Cotton, and Ms. Hirono), [23JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23JY]

S. Res. 230—A resolution designating September 25, 2015, as ''National Lobster Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Reed, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Murphy), [27JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [5AU]

S. Res. 231—A resolution honoring the memory and legacy of the two Louisiana citizens who lost their lives, recognizing the heroism of first responders and those on the scene, and condemning the attack of July 23, 2015, in Lafayette, Louisiana.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [27JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27JY]

S. Res. 232—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that August 30, 2015, be observed as ''1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day''; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Perdue, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Warner, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Portman, Mr. Coons, Mr. Carper, and Mr. Cotton), [27JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [30JY], [3AU]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [4AU]

S. Res. 233—A resolution recognizing July 28, 2015, as ''World Hepatitis Day''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Schatz), [28JY]

S. Res. 234—A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate.
By Mr. BLUNT, [29JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29JY]

S. Res. 235—A resolution designating September 2015 as ''National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month''.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [29JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29JY]

S. Res. 236—A resolution designating July 30, 2015, as ''National Whistleblower Appreciation Day''.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Collins, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Carper, and Mrs. McCaskill), [30JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30JY]

S. Res. 237—A resolution condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for continuing

to perpetrate crimes against humanity, war crimes, and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government, the African Union, and governments and regional organizations in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield and promote protection and recovery of affected communities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Rounds, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Peters, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Hatch), [30JY]

Cosponsors added, [8SE], [7OC], [17NO]

S. Res. 238—A resolution expressing the determination of the Senate that the 60-calendar day period for congressional review of the nuclear agreement with Iran did not begin with the transmittal of the agreement on July 19, 2015, because that transmittal did not include all materials required to be transmitted pursuant to the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRUZ, [30JY]

S. Res. 239—A resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science of the College of William & Mary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. Warner), [30JY]

S. Res. 240—A resolution recognizing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and its partners for the success of the historic flyby of Pluto by the New Horizons spacecraft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Peters, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Bennet), [3AU]

S. Res. 241—A resolution designating August 16, 2015, as ''National Airborne Day.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. Capito, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Corker, Mr. Reid, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Tester, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Burr, Ms. Collins, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Paul, Mr. Rounds, and Mr. Casey), [3AU]

Agreed to in the Senate, [3AU]

S. Res. 242—A resolution celebrating 25 years of success from the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Ms. Collins), [5AU]

Cosponsors added, [8SE], [9SE]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [16SE]

S. Res. 243—A resolution celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Small Business Development Centers of the United States; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Risch, Mr. Peters, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Gardner), [5AU]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [8SE]

S. Res. 244—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the ''Laudato Si'' encyclical of Pope Francis, and global climate change; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Udall, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Sanders), [5AU]

S. Res. 245—A resolution designating the week beginning September 13, 2015, as ''National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brown, Mr. Portman, Mr. King, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Booker, Mr. Markey, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Ayotte, and Mrs. Murray), [5AU]

Cosponsors added, [6AU], [8SE]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [15SE]

S. Res. 246—A resolution commemorating 80 years since the creation of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Casey, Mr. Warner, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Coons, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Whitehouse), [5AU]

S. Res. 247—A resolution commemorating and honoring the actions of President Harry S. Truman and the crews of the Enola Gay and Bockscar in using the atomic bomb to bring World War II to an end; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ISAKSON, [5AU]

S. Res. 248—A resolution designating September 2015 as ''National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month''.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Vitter, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cardin, Mr. King, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Boozman), [5AU]

Agreed to in the Senate, [5AU]

S. Res. 249—A resolution honoring the Red Land Little League Team of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, for the performance of the team in the 2015 Little League World Series; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [9SE]

S. Res. 250—A resolution relative to the death of Richard Schultz Schweiker, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [9SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [9SE]

S. Res. 251—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the congressional review provision of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 does not apply to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action announced on July 14, 2015, because the President failed to transmit the entire agreement as required by such Act, and that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action would only preempt existing Iran sanctions laws as ''the supreme Law of the Land'' if ratified by the Senate as a treaty with the concurrence of two thirds of the Senators present pursuant to Article II, section 2, clause 2, of the Constitution or if Congress were to enact new implementing legislation that supersedes the mandatory statutory sanctions that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action announced on July 14, 2015, purports to supersede; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Lee), [10SE]

Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S. Res. 252—An original resolution expressing the sense of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate relating to easing the burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses; from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. VITTER, [15SE]

Reported (no written report), [15SE]

Placed on the calendar, [15SE]

S. Res. 253—A resolution welcoming King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on their official visit to the United States, including visits to Miami and St. Augustine, Florida; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Kaine), [15SE]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]

S. Res. 254—A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, and Ms. Warren), [15SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [15SE]

S. Res. 255—A resolution designating the week beginning September 14, 2015, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Casey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Heller, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, and Ms. Warren), [15SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [15SE]

S. Res. 256—A resolution designating September 2015 as ''School Bus Safety Month''.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. Booker), [15SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [15SE]

S. Res. 257—A resolution congratulating Captain Kristen Griest and First Lieutenant Shaye Haver on their graduation from Ranger School; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Capito, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Warren, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Tester, Mr. Flake, Mr. Reed, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Warner, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Franken, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Coons, Mr. Thune, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Gardner), [17SE]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [21SE]

S. Res. 258—A resolution designating the week of September 20 through 26, 2015, as ''National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Collins, Mr. Reed, Mr. Donnelly, and Mr. Peters), [17SE]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]

S. Res. 259—A resolution honoring the bravery and heroism of those who selflessly prevented a deadly terrorist attack and saved countless lives while aboard a passenger train bound from Amsterdam to Paris on August 21, 2015.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Merkley, Mr. McCain, Mr. Grassley, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr.

Boozman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wicker), [17SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]

S. Res. 260—A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Calvin G. Moret.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Cassidy), [21SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [21SE]

S. Res. 261—A resolution designating the week of October 11 through October 17, 2015, as ''National Case Management Week'' to recognize the role of case management in improving health care outcomes for patients; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Cotton), [22SE]

Cosponsors added, [8OC]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [20OC]

S. Res. 262—A resolution to support the empowerment of women and urge countries to #FreeThe20; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. McCaskill, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Capito, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Cantwell, and Mrs. Murray), [22SE]

Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S. Res. 263—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Retirement Security Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles, increasing personal financial literacy, and engaging the people of the United States on the keys to success in achieving and maintaining retirement security throughout their lifetimes.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Wyden, and Ms. Collins), [22SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [22SE]

S. Res. 264—A resolution designating September 23, 2015, as ''National Falls Prevention Awareness Day'' to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. McCaskill), [22SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [22SE]

S. Res. 265—A resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Congressman Louis Stokes.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [22SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [22SE]

S. Res. 266—A resolution designating September 2015 at ''National Kinship Care Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [22SE]

Cosponsors added, [24SE], [29SE]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [30SE]

S. Res. 267—A resolution expressing support for the continuation of the Federal Perkins Loan program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Casey, Ms. Collins, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Reed, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Coons, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Warner), [24SE]

Cosponsors added, [25SE], [28SE], [29SE], [30SE]

S. Res. 268—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Syrian refugee crisis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Udall, and Mr. Murphy), [24SE]

S. Res. 269—A resolution designating the week of September 19 through September 26, 2015, as ''National Estuaries Week''.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. King, Mr. Coons, Mr. Brown, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Mikulski, and Ms. Collins), [24SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]

S. Res. 270—A resolution designating September 2015 as ''Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month''.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Murphy), [24SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]

S. Res. 271—A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Dinosaur National Monument and designating October 4, 2015, as ''Dinosaur National Monument Day''.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [28SE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [28SE]

S. Res. 272—A resolution congratulating the University of Kansas for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Kansas, the United States, and the world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [30SE]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [6OC]

S. Res. 273—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for reconciliation in Indonesia and disclosure by the United States Government of events surrounding the mass killings during 1965 and 1966; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. UDALL, [1OC]

S. Res. 274—A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the peaceful and democratic reunification of Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Johnson), [1OC]

Cosponsors added, [8OC], [21OC]

Reported (no written report), [8OC]

Placed on the calendar, [8OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [22OC]

S. Res. 275—A resolution calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed and designating October 2015 as ''National Dyslexia Awareness Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [1OC]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [7OC]

Cosponsors added, [22OC], [29OC]

S. Res. 276—A resolution designating the week beginning October 18, 2015, as ''National Character Counts Week''.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cochran, and Mrs. Feinstein), [1OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [1OC]

S. Res. 277—A resolution recognizing the month of October 2015 as ''National Principals Month''.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Durbin), [5OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [5OC]

S. Res. 278—A resolution welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [6OC]

Cosponsors added, [7OC]

Reported (no written report), [8OC]

Placed on the calendar, [8OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [8OC]

S. Res. 279—A resolution honoring the Red Land Little League Team of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, for the performance of the Team in the 2015 Little League World Series.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [6OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [6OC]

S. Res. 280—A resolution recognizing the month of October 2015 as ''National Women's Small Business Month''.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Risch, Mr. Peters, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Coons), [7OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [7OC]

S. Res. 281—A resolution designating the week of October 5 through October 9, 2015, as ''National Health Information Technology Week'' to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Thune), [7OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [7OC]

S. Res. 282—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [8OC]

Cosponsors added, [20OC], [3NO], [4NO], [5NO], [9NO], [16NO], [17NO]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [18NO]

S. Res. 283—A resolution designating October 2015 as ''Filipino American History Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Reid, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Heller, Mr. Franken, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Kirk), [8OC]

Cosponsors added, [22OC]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [22OC]

S. Res. 284—A resolution recognizing the importance of mental health globally and highlighting the contributions and value of mental health, psychosocial support, and human capacity, particularly in development contexts and humanitarian settings; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Cassidy), [8OC]

S. Res. 285—A resolution commemorating the life and accomplishments of Robert Edward Simon, Jr.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. Warner), [8OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [8OC]

S. Res. 286—A resolution designating the week beginning on October 11, 2015, as ''National Wildlife Refuge Week''.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Collins, Mr. Reed, Mr. Booker, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Peters, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Franken), [8OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [8OC]

S. Res. 287—A resolution condemning the senseless murder and wounding of 18 individuals (sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, students, and teachers) in Roseburg, Oregon, on October 1, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [8OC]

Cosponsors added, [22OC]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [22OC]

S. Res. 288—A resolution commemorating October 22, 2015, as the 50th anniversary of the enactment

of the Highway Beautification Act of 1965; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Udall), [19OC]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [22OC]

S. Res. 289—A resolution designating the week beginning on October 18, 2015, as ''National Chemistry Week''.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [19OC]
Agreed to in the Senate, [19OC]

S. Res. 290—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that any protocol to, or other agreement regarding, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of 1992, negotiated at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris will be considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [20OC]
Cosponsors added, [18DE]

S. Res. 291—A resolution honoring the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the El Faro.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Collins, Mr. Markey, Mr. King, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Carper, Mr. Coons, Mr. Warner, Mr. Perdue, Ms. Warren, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [21OC]
Agreed to in the Senate, [21OC]

S. Res. 292—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the availability of high-quality childcare for working parents should be increased; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Casey, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Feinstein, and Ms. Klobuchar), [22OC]

S. Res. 293—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commending domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence victim service providers, crisis hotline staff, and first responders serving victims of domestic violence for their compassionate support of victims of domestic violence, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to support efforts to end domestic violence and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Ayotte, and Ms. Klobuchar), [22OC]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [28OC]

S. Res. 294—A resolution designating October 26, 2015, as Day of the Deployed.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Peters), [22OC]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22OC]

S. Res. 295—A resolution designating the week of November 2 through November 6, 2015 as ''National Veterans Small Business Week''.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Coons, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Markey, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Peters, Mr. Risch, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Blumenthal), [22OC]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22OC]

S. Res. 296—A resolution congratulating Army Reserve Major Lisa Jaster on her graduation from the Army Ranger School; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [26OC]

S. Res. 297—A resolution congratulating the Minnesota Lynx on their victory in the 2015 Women's National Basketball Association Finals.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [26OC]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26OC]

S. Res. 298—A resolution recognizing Connecticut's Submarine Century, the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Naval Submarine Base New London, and Connecticut's historic role in supporting the undersea capabilities of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [26OC]

S. Res. 299—A resolution honoring the life, legacy, and example of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the twentieth anniversary of his death; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Carper, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Franken, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Kaine), [28OC]
Cosponsors added, [29OC], [3NO], [5NO], [10NO]

S. Res. 300—A resolution designating November 7, 2015, as National Bison Day.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Udall, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Lee, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Thune, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Portman, Mr. Tester, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Markey), [28OC]
Agreed to in the Senate, [28OC]

S. Res. 301—A resolution calling on the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation to modify the accreditation standards of the Council to prevent the standards from negatively impacting Alaska Native and Native American teacher candidates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Schatz), [30OC]

S. Res. 302—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Graham, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Heller), [3NO]
Cosponsors added, [4NO], [5NO], [9NO], [10NO], [17NO]
Reported (no written report), [10NO]
Placed on the calendar, [10NO]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [10NO]

S. Res. 303—A resolution designating the week beginning November 8, 2015, as ''National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [3NO]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [5NO]

S. Res. 304—A resolution recognizing November 28, 2015, as ''Small Business Saturday'' and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Risch, Mr. Coons, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Peters, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Booker, Mr. Scott, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Udall, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. King, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Daines, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Tester, Mr. Portman, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Manchin), [3NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3NO]
Cosponsors added, [5NO]

S. Res. 305—A resolution commending and congratulating the Kansas City Royals on their 2015 World Series victory.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Moran), [4NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4NO]

S. Res. 306—A resolution designating the week beginning November 2, 2015, as ''National Apprenticeship Week''.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Collins, Mr. Scott, Mr. Booker, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Coons, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Franken, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Reed), [4NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4NO]

S. Res. 307—A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Daines, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Lankford, Mr. McCain, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Peters, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Reid), [5NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5NO]

S. Res. 308—A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2015, as the ''National Day on Writing''.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [5NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5NO]

S. Res. 309—A resolution relative to the death of Fred Thompson, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Corker, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [5NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5NO]

S. Res. 310—A resolution condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Kirk), [9NO]
Cosponsors added, [10NO], [19NO]
Reported (no written report), [17NO]
Placed on the calendar, [18NO]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [16DE]

S. Res. 311—A resolution honoring Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, as Rutgers celebrates its 250th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Booker), [9NO]

S. Res. 312—A resolution designating the week beginning November 8, 2015, as ''National Pregnancy Center Week'' to recognize the vital role that community-supported pregnancy centers (also known as pregnancy care and pregnancy resource centers) play in saving lives and serving women and men faced with difficult pregnancy decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Risch, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Rounds,

Mr. Blunt, Mr. Daines, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Scott, Mr. Coats, Mr. Portman, Mr. Moran, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Cruz), [10NO]

S. Res. 313—A resolution condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris and offering thoughts and prayers for the victims, condolences to their families, resolve to support the people of France, and the pledge to defend democracy and stand in solidarity with the country of France and all our allies in the face of this horrific attack on freedom and liberty.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Daines, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Portman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [16NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16NO]

S. Res. 314—A resolution expressing support for designation of the third Tuesday in November as ''National Entrepreneurs' Day''; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Booker), [17NO]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [19NO]

S. Res. 315—A resolution expressing support for the goals of both National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Casey, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Thune, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Portman, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Moran, Mr. Lee, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Alexander, Mr. McCain, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Daines, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Franken, Mr. Peters, Mr. King, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Tillis, Mrs. Ernst, and Mr. Scott), [18NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [18NO]

S. Res. 316—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Education Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Durbin), [18NO]

S. Res. 317—A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the American Visionary Art Museum; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI, [18NO]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [9DE]

S. Res. 318—A resolution to authorize deposition testimony and representation in Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Reid), [18NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [18NO]

S. Res. 319—A resolution designating November 29, 2015, as ''Drive Safer Sunday'' .

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Coons), [19NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [19NO]

S. Res. 320—A resolution congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Durbin), [19NO]

Cosponsors added, [8DE]

Reported with amendment (no written report), [10DE]

Placed on the calendar, [10DE]

Agreed to in the Senate amended, [16DE]

S. Res. 321—A resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the founding of CARE; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MIKULSKI, [19NO]

S. Res. 322—A resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the refusal of Rosa Louise Parks to give up her seat on a bus on December 1, 1955.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Peters, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Markey, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Warner, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Sasse), [30NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30NO]

Cosponsors added, [1DE]

S. Res. 323—A resolution supporting the designation of December 1, 2015, as ''#GivingTuesday'' and supporting strong incentives for all people of the United States to give generously; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Thune, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Roberts), [1DE]

S. Res. 324—A resolution designating December 3, 2015, as ''National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day''.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [2DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [2DE]

S. Res. 325—A resolution permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [2DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [2DE]

S. Res. 326—A resolution celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Inhofe), [3DE]

Cosponsors added, [7DE], [15DE]

Reported with amendment (no written report), [10DE]

Placed on the calendar, [10DE]

Agreed to in the Senate amended, [16DE]

S. Res. 327—A resolution condemning violence that targets healthcare for women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Warner, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Udall, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Franken, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Coons, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Booker, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carper, Mr. King, Mr. Tester, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mrs. McCaskill), [3DE]

Cosponsors added, [7DE], [17DE]

S. Res. 328—A resolution supporting the December 3, 2015, National Day of Remembrance for victims of drunk and drugged driving and for victims of the consequences of underage drinking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mrs. Capito), [3DE]

S. Res. 329—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding an agreement reached at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Paris in December 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Manchin, and Mrs. Capito), [7DE]

S. Res. 330—A resolution congratulating the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for winning the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Perdue), [7DE]

S. Res. 331—A resolution designating December 12, 2015, as ''Wreaths Across America Day''.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. King), [8DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [8DE]

S. Res. 332—A resolution commemorating the 140th anniversary of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI, [9DE]

S. Res. 333—A resolution to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (S. Ct.).

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Reid), [10DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [10DE]

S. Res. 334—A resolution congratulating the Pennsylvania State University women's soccer team for winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Soccer Championship.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [14DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [14DE]

S. Res. 335—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER, [15DE]

S. Res. 336—A resolution honoring the Portland Timbers as the champions of Major League Soccer in 2015.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [15DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [15DE]

S. Res. 337—A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 12, 2016, as ''Darwin Day'' and recognizing the importance of science in the betterment of humanity; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [17DE]

S. Res. 338—A resolution congratulating Towson University on the 150th anniversary of the founding of the university.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [18DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [18DE]

S. Res. 339—A resolution congratulating the University of Iowa College of Law for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Iowa, the United States, and the world.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. Ernst), [18DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [18DE]

S. Res. 340—A resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS or Da'esh) is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, and calling upon the President to work with foreign governments and the United Nations to provide physical protection for ISIS' targets, to support the creation of an international criminal tribunal with jurisdiction to punish these crimes, and to use every reasonable means, including sanctions, to destroy ISIS and disrupt its support networks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Wicker), [18DE]

S. Res. 341—A resolution designating January 2016 as ''National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [18DE]

S. Res. 342—A resolution congratulating the women's volleyball team of Wheeling Jesuit University on winning the Division II National Championship.
By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. Manchin), [18DE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18DE]

HOUSE BILLS

H.R. 2—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [26MR]
Received in Senate, [26MR]
Passed Senate, [14AP]
Presented to the President (April 16, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–10] (signed April 16, 2015)

H.R. 3—A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.
Passed House, [9JA]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [12JA]

H.R. 5—A bill to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8JY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [13JY]

H.R. 6—A bill to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [13JY]

H.R. 7—A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.
Passed House, [22JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [26JA]

H.R. 8—A bill to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [7DE]

H.R. 22—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health care coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
Passed House, [6JA]
Received in Senate, [7JA]
Referred to the Committee on Finance, [8JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–3), [12FE]
Placed on the calendar, [12FE]
Motion to proceed considered, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY], [23JY]
Motion to proceed agreed to, [24JY]
Considered, [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [28JY], [29JY], [10NO]
Senate invoked cloture on Kirk amendment, [26JY]
Senate invoked cloture on bill, [29JY]
Passed Senate amended, [30JY]
Title amended, [30JY]
House consideration of Senate amendments, [3NO], [4NO], [5NO]
House agreed to Senate amendments with amendment, [5NO]
House insisted on its amendment to Senate amendment and asked for a conference, [5NO]
Conferees appointed, [5NO]
Senate consideration of House amendment to Senate amendment, [10NO]
Senate invoked cloture on debate to disagree to House amendment to Senate amendment, [10NO]
Senate disagreed to House amendment to Senate amendment and agreed to a conference. Conferees appointed, [10NO]
Additional conferees appointed, [17NO]
Conference report (H. Rept. 114–357) submitted in the House, [1DE]
Conference report agreed to in the Senate, [3DE]
Conference report agreed to in the House, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 4, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–94] (signed December 4, 2015)

H.R. 23—A bill to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [7JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [8JA]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Placed on the calendar, [11JN]
Passed Senate amended, [23JY]
House consideration of Senate amendment, [16SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [16SE]
Presented to the President (September 21, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–52] (signed September 30, 2015)

H.R. 26—A bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [7JA]
Received in Senate, [7JA]
Passed Senate, [8JA]
Presented to the President (January 9, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–1] (signed January 12, 2015)

H.R. 30—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours.
Passed House, [8JA]
Received in Senate, [9JA]
Referred to the Committee on Finance, [12JA]

H.R. 33—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
Passed House, [12JA]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [13JA]
Read the second time, [16JA]
Placed on the calendar, [16JA]
Passed Senate amended, [27FE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [27FE]
Presented to the President (February 27, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–3] (signed February 27, 2015)

H.R. 34—A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [7JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [8JA]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]
Placed on the calendar, [22SE]
Passed Senate amended, [6OC]

H.R. 35—A bill to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation.
Passed House, [7JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [8JA]

H.R. 36—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [13MY]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [14MY]
Read the second time, [16SE]
Placed on the calendar, [16SE]
Motion to proceed considered, [17SE], [21SE], [22SE]
Motion to proceed withdrawn, [22SE]

H.R. 37—A bill to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, to reduce regulatory burdens, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [16JA]

H.R. 50—A bill to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [4FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [5FE]

H.R. 91—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.
Passed House amended, [18MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [19MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [22JN]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [7JY]
Presented to the President (July 9, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–31] (signed July 20, 2015)

H.R. 159—A bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.
Passed House amended, [27JA]
Received in Senate, [28JA]
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [4FE]

H.R. 160—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.
Passed House, [18JN]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [22JN]
Read the second time, [23JN]
Placed on the calendar, [23JN]

H.R. 172—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the ''R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse''.
Passed House, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [29AP]

H.R. 181—A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.
Passed House amended, [27JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [4FE]

H.R. 185—A bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents.
Passed House amended, [13JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [16JA]

H.R. 203—A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention

programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [12JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [13JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–34), [21JA]
Placed on the calendar, [21JA]
Passed Senate, [3FE]
Presented to the President (February 11, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–2) (signed February 12, 2015)

H.R. 208—A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Superstorm Sandy.
Passed House amended, [13JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, [14JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [21OC]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [16NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–88] (signed November 25, 2015)

H.R. 212—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [24FE]
Received in Senate, [25FE]
Passed Senate, [5AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–45] (signed August 7, 2015)

H.R. 216—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [24MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [25MR]

H.R. 233—A bill to allow reviews of certain families' incomes every 3 years for purposes of determining eligibility for certain Federal assisted housing programs.
Passed House, [23MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [24MR]

H.R. 235—A bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.
Passed House, [9JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [10JN]

H.R. 237—A bill to authorize the revocation or denial of passports and passport cards to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [21JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [22JY]

H.R. 240—A bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [14JA]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [16JA]
Read the second time, [20JA]
Placed on the calendar, [20JA]
Motion to proceed considered, [30JA], [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [23FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE]
Cloture motion, [3FE]
Senate invoked cloture on consideration of motion to proceed, [25FE]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [26FE]
Considered, [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Senate invoked cloture, [27FE]
Passed Senate amended, [27FE]
House disagreed to Senate amendment and asked for a conference, [27FE]
Senate insisted on its amendment, [27FE]
Senate disagreed to a conference, [2MR]
House receded and agreed to Senate amendment, [3MR]
Presented to the President (March 4, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–4] (signed March 4, 2015)

H.R. 246—A bill to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking.
Passed House, [27JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [28JA]

H.R. 251—A bill to transfer the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of the Secretary, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JY]

H.R. 280—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Passed House amended, [2MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [3MR]

H.R. 284—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [17MR]

H.R. 285—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts.
Passed House, [27JA]
Received in Senate, [28JA]
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [4FE]

H.R. 294—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the transfer of veterans to non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.
Passed House amended, [2MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [3MR]

H.R. 299—A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [13AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [14AP]

H.R. 313—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [26OC]
Presented to the President (October 28, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–75] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 322—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the ''Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office''.
Passed House, [24SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25SE]
Reported (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]
Passed Senate, [20OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–76] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 323—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the ''Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office''.
Passed House, [24SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25SE]
Reported (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]
Passed Senate, [20OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–77] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 324—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the ''Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office''.
Passed House, [24SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25SE]
Reported (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]
Passed Senate, [20OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–78] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 336—A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.
Passed House, [1JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [2JN]

H.R. 348—A bill to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [25SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [28SE]

H.R. 350—A bill to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [27JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [28JA]

H.R. 351—A bill to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [29JA]

H.R. 357—A bill to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [26JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [27JA]

H.R. 360—A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [24MR]

H.R. 361—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities.
Passed House, [2FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [3FE]

H.R. 373—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [29AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–193), [16DE]

Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

H.R. 387—A bill to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [13JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [14JY]

H.R. 398—A bill to provide for the development and dissemination of evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [27JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [28JA]

H.R. 404—A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.
Passed House, [1JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [2JN]

H.R. 427—A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.
Passed House amended, [28JY]
Received in Senate, [29JY]
Read the first time, [1DE]
Read the second time, [2DE]
Placed on the calendar, [2DE]

H.R. 431—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
Passed House, [11FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [12FE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [2MR]
Presented to the President (March 4, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–5] (signed March 7, 2015)

H.R. 432—A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JY]

H.R. 455—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a northern border threat analysis, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29OC]

H.R. 460—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [27JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [28JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–46), [14MY]
Placed on the calendar, [14MY]

H.R. 468—A bill to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to increase knowledge concerning, and improve services for, runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking.
Passed House, [26JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [27JA]

H.R. 469—A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [27JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [28JA]

H.R. 471—A bill to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [21AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [22AP]

H.R. 474—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs.
Passed House, [18MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [19MY]

H.R. 487—A bill to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands.
Passed House, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [17SE]

H.R. 514—A bill to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [26JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [27JA]

H.R. 515—A bill to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [26JA]
Received in Senate, [28JA]
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [4FE]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [17NO]
Placed on the calendar, [17NO]
Passed Senate amended, [17DE]

H.R. 527—A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [5FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9FE]

H.R. 529—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans.
Passed House amended, [25FE]
Received in Senate, [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Finance, [16AP]

H.R. 533—A bill to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [1JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [2JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [24JN]
Presented to the President (June 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–28] (signed July 6, 2015)

H.R. 538—A bill to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [19OC]

H.R. 558—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the ''Richard 'Dick' Chenault Post Office Building''.
Passed House, [24SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25SE]
Reported (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]
Passed Senate, [20OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–79] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 596—A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3FE]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [4FE]
Read the second time, [5FE]
Placed on the calendar, [5FE]

H.R. 597—A bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27OC]
Received in Senate, [28OC]
Read the first time, [28OC]
Read the second time, [29OC]
Placed on the calendar, [29OC]

H.R. 601—A bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement.
Passed House, [13AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [14AP]

H.R. 606—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.
Passed House, [12MY]
Received in Senate, [13MY]
Passed Senate, [14MY]
Presented to the President (May 18, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–14] (signed May 22, 2015)

H.R. 615—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [3FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–53), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Passed Senate amended, [11JN]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [23JN]
Presented to the President (June 24, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–29] (signed July 6, 2015)

H.R. 623—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [3FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–145), [21SE]
Placed on the calendar, [21SE]
Passed Senate amended, [7OC]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [28OC]
Presented to the President (November 2, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–80] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 636—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [13FE]
Received in Senate, [23FE]
Read the first time, [16AP]
Read the second time, [20AP]
Placed on the calendar, [20AP]

H.R. 639—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.
Passed House amended, [16MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [17MR]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [26OC]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [16NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–89] (signed November 25, 2015)

H.R. 644—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the

charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.
Passed House amended, [12FE]
Received in Senate, [23FE]
Read the first time, [16AP]
Read the second time, [20AP]
Placed on the calendar, [20AP]
Passed Senate amended, [14MY]
Title amended, [14MY]
House agreed to Senate amendments with amendment, [12JN]
Senate consideration of House amendment to Senate amendment, [23JN]
Senate insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference, [24JN]
Conferees appointed, [24JN]
House insisted on its amendment to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference, [1DE]
Conferees appointed, [2DE]
Conference report (H. Rept. 114–376) submitted in the House, [9DE]
Conference report agreed to in the House, [11DE]

H.R. 647—A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [17MR]

H.R. 648—A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [17MR]

H.R. 650—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.
Passed House, [14AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15AP]

H.R. 651—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the ''Sister Ann Keefe Post Office''.
Passed House, [29AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [30AP]
Reported (no written report), [6MY]
Placed on the calendar, [6MY]
Passed Senate, [11MY]
Presented to the President (May 14, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–15] (signed May 22, 2015)

H.R. 675—A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [29JY]

H.R. 685—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction.
Passed House, [14AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15AP]

H.R. 702—A bill to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions.
Passed House amended, [9OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [19OC]

H.R. 709—A bill to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes.
Passed House amended, [15AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [16AP]

H.R. 710—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [10FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [11FE]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged, [22AP]
Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [22AP]

H.R. 719—A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [10FE]
Received in Senate, [11FE]
Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [24FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–111), [4AU]
Placed on the calendar, [4AU]
Passed Senate amended, [17SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment with amendment, [24SE]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment with amendment, [30SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment to House amendment to Senate amendment, [30SE]
Presented to the President (September 30, 2015), [2OC]
Approved [Public Law 114–53] (signed September 30, 2015)

H.R. 720—A bill to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [10FE]
Received in Senate, [11FE]
Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [12FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–92), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
Passed Senate amended, [5AU]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [16SE]
Presented to the President (September 17, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–50] (signed September 24, 2015)

H.R. 723—A bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty.
Passed House, [12MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [13MY]

H.R. 728—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the ''Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office''.
Passed House, [15JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [16JN]
Reported (no written report), [24JN]
Placed on the calendar, [24JN]
Passed Senate, [8JY]
Presented to the President (July 9, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–32] (signed July 20, 2015)

H.R. 734—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.
Passed House, [24FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [25FE]

H.R. 749—A bill to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [4MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [9MR]

H.R. 758—A bill to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [17SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [21SE]

H.R. 774—A bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [28JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [21OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–81] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 810—A bill to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [10FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [11FE]

H.R. 874—A bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [19MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [20MY]

H.R. 876—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals.
Passed House amended, [16MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [17MR]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [27JY]
Presented to the President (July 29, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–42] (signed August 6, 2015)

H.R. 891—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the ''Floresville Veterans Post Office Building''.
Passed House, [15JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [16JN]
Reported (no written report), [24JN]
Placed on the calendar, [24JN]
Passed Senate, [8JY]
Presented to the President (July 9, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–33] (signed July 20, 2015)

H.R. 893—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate, [24JN]
Passed Senate, [25JN]
Presented to the President (June 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–30] (signed July 6, 2015)

H.R. 907—A bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
Passed House amended, [7JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [8JY]

H.R. 944—A bill to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [1JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [2JN]

H.R. 959—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [17SE]

H.R. 979—A bill to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as ''Sky Point''.
Passed House, [1JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [2JN]

H.R. 984—A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

Passed House, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [29AP]

H.R. 998—A bill to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [28JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–180), [15DE]
Placed on the calendar, [15DE]

H.R. 1020—A bill to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.
Passed House, [25FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [26FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]
Placed on the calendar, [4AU]
Passed Senate amended, [24SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [1OC]
Presented to the President (October 1, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–59] (signed October 7, 2015)

H.R. 1023—A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control.
Passed House, [13JY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [14JY]

H.R. 1026—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations.
Passed House amended, [15AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [16AP]

H.R. 1029—A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [17MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [18MR]

H.R. 1030—A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible.
Passed House amended, [18MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [19MR]

H.R. 1038—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee.
Passed House, [18MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [19MY]

H.R. 1047—A bill to authorize private nonprofit organizations to administer permanent housing rental assistance provided through the Continuum of Care Program under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JY]

H.R. 1058—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights.
Passed House amended, [15AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [16AP]

H.R. 1073—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [17NO]

H.R. 1075—A bill to designate the United States Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry located at First Street and Pan American Avenue in Douglas, Arizona, as the ''Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry''.
Passed House, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [29AP]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [12MY]
Presented to the President (May 14, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–16] (signed May 22, 2015)

H.R. 1090—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [28OC]

H.R. 1092—A bill to designate the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the ''Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Bureau of Investigation Miami Field Office''.
Passed House amended, [24MR]
Received in Senate, [25MR]
Passed Senate, [27MR]
Presented to the President (April 1, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–8] (signed April 7, 2015)

H.R. 1104—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations.
Passed House amended, [15AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [16AP]

H.R. 1119—A bill to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [20MY]

H.R. 1138—A bill to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [27JY]
Received in Senate, [27JY]
Passed Senate, [4AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–46] (signed August 7, 2015)

H.R. 1152—A bill to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business.
Passed House amended, [15AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [16AP]

H.R. 1156—A bill to authorize the establishment of a body under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities.
Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [20MY]

H.R. 1158—A bill to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [20MY]

H.R. 1162—A bill to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.
Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [20MY]

H.R. 1190—A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [24JN]

H.R. 1191—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
Passed House amended, [17MR]
Received in Senate, [18MR]
Read the first time, [18MR]
Read the second time, [19MR]
Placed on the calendar, [19MR]
Considered, [23AP], [27AP], [28AP], [29AP], [30AP], [5MY], [6MY]
Passed Senate amended, [7MY]
Title amended, [7MY]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [14MY]
Presented to the President (May 18, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–17] (signed May 22, 2015)

H.R. 1195—A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [23AP]

H.R. 1210—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [18NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [19NO]

H.R. 1213—A bill to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.
Passed House, [4MR]
Received in Senate and passed, [9MR]
Presented to the President (March 12, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–6] (signed March 20, 2015)

H.R. 1214—A bill to amend the Small Tracts Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, to resolve minor encroachments, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [17SE]

H.R. 1259—A bill to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [13AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [14AP]

H.R. 1265—A bill to apply the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.
Passed House, [13AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [14AP]

H.R. 1289—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [17SE]

H.R. 1295—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code.
Passed House amended, [15AP]
Received in Senate, [16AP]
Read the first time, [16AP]
Read the second time, [20AP]
Placed on the calendar, [20AP]
Passed Senate amended, [14MY]
Title amended, [14MY]
House agreed to Senate amendments with amendment, [11JN]
Senate consideration of House amendment to Senate amendment, [18JN]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment with an amendment, [24JN]

House agreed to Senate amendment to House amendment to Senate amendment, [25JN]
Presented to the President (June 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–27] (signed June 29, 2015)

H.R. 1300—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [29JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [30JY]

H.R. 1313—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences.
Passed House, [18MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [19MY]

H.R. 1314—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.
Passed House amended, [15AP]
Received in Senate, [16AP]
Read the first time, [16AP]
Read the second time, [20AP]
Placed on the calendar, [20AP]
Motion to proceed considered, [6MY], [7MY], [12MY], [13MY], [14MY]
Motion to proceed agreed to, [14MY]
Considered, [14MY], [18MY], [19MY], [20MY], [21MY]
Passed Senate amended, [22MY]
House disagreed to portion of Senate amendment, [12JN]
House agreed to portion of Senate amendment, [12JN]
House agreed to Senate amendment with amendment, [28OC]
Senate consideration of House amendment to Senate amendment, [29OC]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to agree to House amendment to Senate amendment, [30OC]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [30OC]
Presented to the President (November 2, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–74] (signed November 2, 2015)

H.R. 1315—A bill to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [20OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Budget, [21OC]

H.R. 1317—A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [17NO]

H.R. 1321—A bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads.
Passed House amended, [7DE]
Received in Senate, [8DE]
Passed Senate, [18DE]
Presented to the President (December 22, 2015) (after sine die adjournment)
Approved [Public Law 114–114] (signed December 28, 2015) (after sine die adjournment)

H.R. 1324—A bill to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [29AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–194), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

H.R. 1326—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the ''Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office''.
Passed House, [15JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [16JN]
Reported (no written report), [24JN]
Placed on the calendar, [24JN]
Passed Senate, [8JY]
Presented to the President (July 9, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–34] (signed July 20, 2015)

H.R. 1334—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JY]

H.R. 1335—A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [2JN]

H.R. 1338—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [17NO]

H.R. 1344—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.
Passed House amended, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [9SE]

H.R. 1350—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the ''Herman Badillo Post Office Building''.
Passed House, [15JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [16JN]
Reported (no written report), [24JN]
Placed on the calendar, [24JN]
Passed Senate, [8JY]
Presented to the President (July 9, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–35] (signed July 20, 2015)

H.R. 1367—A bill to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands.
Passed House, [13AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [14AP]

H.R. 1382—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans.
Passed House amended, [18MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [19MY]

H.R. 1384—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.
Passed House, [16NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [17NO]

H.R. 1408—A bill to require certain Federal banking agencies to conduct a study of the appropriate capital requirements for mortgage servicing assets for nonsystemic banking institutions, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JY]

H.R. 1428—A bill to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [20OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [21OC]

H.R. 1442—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the ''Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building''.
Passed House, [24SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25SE]
Reported (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]
Passed Senate, [20OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–82] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 1478—A bill to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [17NO]

H.R. 1480—A bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [13AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [14AP]

H.R. 1493—A bill to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [2JN]

H.R. 1525—A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10-K and regulation S-K, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [6OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [7OC]

H.R. 1527—A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [25MR]
Received in Senate, [26MR]
Passed Senate, [27MR]
Presented to the President (April 1, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–7] (signed April 1, 2015)

H.R. 1531—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [7JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [8JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–123), [4AU]
Placed on the calendar, [4AU]
Passed Senate, [5AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–47] (signed August 7, 2015)

H.R. 1541—A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs.
Passed House amended, [30NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [1DE]

H.R. 1553—A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to specify which smaller institutions may qualify for an 18-month examination cycle.
Passed House, [6OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [7OC]

H.R. 1554—A bill to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16SE]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [17SE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–195), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

H.R. 1557—A bill to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal government, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [21JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [22JY]

H.R. 1561—A bill to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [20MY]

H.R. 1562—A bill to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [15AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [16AP]

H.R. 1599—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [24JY]

H.R. 1607—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [28JY]

H.R. 1615—A bill to direct the Chief FOIA Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in the implementation of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [25JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [7JY]

H.R. 1624—A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer.
Passed House amended, [28SE]
Received in Senate, [29SE]
Passed Senate, [1OC]
Presented to the President (October 5, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–60] (signed October 7, 2015)

H.R. 1626—A bill to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [24JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [23JY]
Presented to the President (July 27, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–43] (signed August 6, 2015)

H.R. 1633—A bill to provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [24JN]

H.R. 1634—A bill to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [28JY]

H.R. 1637—A bill to require annual reports on the activities and accomplishments of federally funded research and development centers within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [24JN]

H.R. 1640—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [24JN]

H.R. 1646—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how small and medium sized unmanned aircraft systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the effects of such an attack, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [24JN]

H.R. 1656—A bill to provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [28JY]

H.R. 1690—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the ''Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse''.
Passed House, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [29AP]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [21MY]
Presented to the President (May 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–20] (signed May 29, 2015)

H.R. 1694—A bill to amend MAP-21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [17NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [18NO]

H.R. 1698—A bill to amend design and content requirements for certain gold and silver coins, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [24JN]

H.R. 1723—A bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Form S-1 so as to permit smaller reporting companies to use forward incorporation by reference for such form.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JY]

H.R. 1725—A bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [9SE]

H.R. 1735—A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15MY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Motion to proceed considered, [31MY]
Considered, [3JN], [4JN], [8JN], [9JN], [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
Passed Senate amended, [18JN]
House disagreed to Senate amendment and asked for a conference, [25JN]
Senate insisted on its amendment and agreed to a conference. Conferees appointed, [9JY]
Conference report (H. Rept. 114–270) filed in the House, [29SE]
Conference report agreed to in the House, [1OC]
Senate invoked cloture on conference report, [6OC]
Conference report considered in the Senate, [6OC]
Conference report agreed to in the Senate, [7OC]
Presented to the President (October 21, 2015)
Presidential veto message, [22OC]

H.R. 1737—A bill to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending.
Passed House amended, [18NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [19NO]

H.R. 1755—A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans.
Passed House amended, [30NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [1DE]

H.R. 1806—A bill to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental scientific discovery, and development to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [20MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [21MY]

H.R. 1816—A bill to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance.
Passed House amended, [18MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [19MY]

H.R. 1839—A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt certain transactions involving purchases by accredited investors, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [6OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [7OC]

H.R. 1847—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts.
Passed House amended, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [15JY]

H.R. 1853—A bill to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [3NO]

H.R. 1884—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the ''Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building''.
Passed House, [24SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25SE]
Reported (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]
Passed Senate, [20OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–83] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 1937—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.
Passed House amended, [22OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [26OC]

H.R. 1949—A bill to provide for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [17SE]

H.R. 1987—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [18MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [19MY]

H.R. 1994—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [29JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [30JY]

H.R. 2028—A bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes. (action occurred on April 24, 2015)
Passed House amended, [1MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [5MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–54), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Motion to proceed considered, [6OC], [7OC], [8OC]

H.R. 2029—A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes. (action occurred on April 24, 2015)
Passed House amended, [30AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [4MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–57), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Motion to proceed considered, [30SE], [1OC], [5NO]
Motion to proceed agreed to, [5NO]
Considered, [5NO], [9NO]
Passed Senate amended, [10NO]
House agreed to Senate amendment with amendment, [18DE]
Senate invoked cloture, [18DE]
Senate agreed to House amendments to Senate amendment, [18DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–113] (signed December 18, 2015)

H.R. 2048—A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [13MY]
Received in Senate, [14MY]
Read the first time, [14MY]
Read the second time, [18MY]
Placed on the calendar, [18MY]
Motion to proceed considered, [21MY], [22MY], [31MY]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed consideration, [31MY]
Motion to proceed agreed to, [31MY]
Considered, [31MY], [1JN]
Senate invoked cloture, [2JN]
Passed Senate, [2JN]
Presented to the President (June 2, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–23] (signed June 2, 2015)

H.R. 2051—A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [10JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–206), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]
Passed Senate amended, [21SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [28SE]
Presented to the President (September 29, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–54] (signed September 30, 2015)

H.R. 2061—A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [29SE]

H.R. 2064—A bill to amend certain provisions of the securities laws relating to the treatment of emerging growth companies.
Passed House amended, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JY]

H.R. 2088—A bill to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to improve inspection services performed at export elevators at export port locations, to reauthorize certain authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under such Act, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [10JN]

H.R. 2091—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify the ability to request consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments and awards.
Passed House, [6OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [7OC]

H.R. 2127—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to limit access to expedited airport security screening at an airport security checkpoint to participants of the PreCheck program and other known low-risk passengers, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [28JY]

H.R. 2130—A bill to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [10DE]

H.R. 2131—A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the ''J. Waties Waring Judicial Center''.
Passed House, [15JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [16JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [5AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–48] (signed August 7, 2015)

H.R. 2146—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [12MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [13MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [4JN]
House agreed to Senate amendment with amendment, [18JN]
Senate consideration of House amendment to Senate amendment, [18JN], [23JN], [24JN]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [24JN]
Presented to the President (June 24, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–26] (signed June 29, 2015)

H.R. 2168—A bill to make the current Dungeness crab fishery management regime permanent and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [6OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [7OC]

H.R. 2200—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [25JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [7JY]

H.R. 2206—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [28JY]

H.R. 2212—A bill to take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [1DE]

H.R. 2223—A bill to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [17SE]
Reported (S. Rept. 114–196), [16DE]
Placed on the calendar, [16DE]

H.R. 2241—A bill to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency.
Passed House amended, [18DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [18DE]

H.R. 2250—A bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [20MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–64), [11JN]
Placed on the calendar, [11JN]
Passed Senate amended, [10DE]
Title amended, [10DE]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 11, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–96] (signed December 11, 2015)

H.R. 2252—A bill to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14MY]
Received in Senate, [18MY]
Passed Senate, [19MY]
Presented to the President (May 19, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–13] (signed May 19, 2015)

H.R. 2256—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration and the furnishing of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Passed House amended, [21JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [22JY]

H.R. 2262—A bill to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating

more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [21MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [22MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [10NO]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [16NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–90] (signed November 25, 2015)

H.R. 2270—A bill to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30NO]
Received in Senate, [1DE]
Passed Senate, [14DE]
Presented to the President (December 16, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–101] (signed December 18, 2015), [31DE]

H.R. 2288—A bill to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [1DE]

H.R. 2289—A bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [10JN]

H.R. 2297—A bill to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [18MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [17NO]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [16DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–102] (signed December 18, 2015)

H.R. 2353—A bill to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [19MY]
Received in Senate, [20MY]
Read the first time, [20MY]
Read the second time, [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Passed Senate, [23MY]
Presented to the President (May 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–21] (signed May 29, 2015)

H.R. 2390—A bill to require a review of university-based centers for homeland security, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [24JN]

H.R. 2394—A bill to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [10JN]

H.R. 2482—A bill to amend the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JY]

H.R. 2494—A bill to support global anti-poaching efforts, strengthen the capacity of partner countries to counter wildlife trafficking, designate major wildlife trafficking countries, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [2NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [3NO]

H.R. 2496—A bill to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [21MY]
Received in Senate, [21MY]
Passed Senate, [22MY]
Presented to the President (May 22, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–19] (signed May 22, 2015)

H.R. 2499—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [13JY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [14JY]
Passed Senate amended, [23JY]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [27JY]
Presented to the President (July 27, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–38] (signed July 28, 2015)

H.R. 2505—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans.
Passed House amended, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [18JN]

H.R. 2507—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish an annual rulemaking schedule for payment rates under Medicare Advantage.
Passed House amended, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance,

H.R. 2559—A bill to designate the ''PFC Milton A. Lee Medal of Honor Memorial Highway'' in the State of Texas.
Passed House, [15JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [16JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [5AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–49] (signed August 7, 2015)

H.R. 2570—A bill to establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures.
Passed House amended, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [18JN]

H.R. 2576—A bill to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate, [24JN]
Placed on the calendar, [8JY]
Passed Senate amended, [17DE]

H.R. 2577—A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [10JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–75), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Considered, [18NO], [19NO]

H.R. 2578—A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [8JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]
Placed on the calendar, [16JN]

H.R. 2582—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage Program, to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [18JN]

H.R. 2583—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [17NO]

H.R. 2596—A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended,[16JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [17NO]

H.R. 2617—A bill to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa.
Passed House amended, [28SE]
Received in Senate, [29SE]
Passed Senate amended, [30SE]
Title amended, [30SE]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [1OC]
Presented to the President (October 1, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–61] (signed October 7, 2015)

H.R. 2620—A bill to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate, [24JN]
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 14, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–36] (signed July 20, 2015)

H.R. 2643—A bill to direct the Attorney General to provide State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [29OC]

H.R. 2647—A bill to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act and improve forest management activities in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [13JY]

H.R. 2670—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [13JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, [14JY]

H.R. 2685—A bill to making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [11JN]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [15JN]
Motion to proceed considered, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE], [3NO], [4NO], [5NO]

H.R. 2693—A bill to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the ''Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum''.
Passed House, [8DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [9DE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 11, 2015)

Approved [Public Law 114–103] (signed December 18, 2015)

H.R. 2722—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer.
Passed House amended, [15JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [16JY]

H.R. 2750—A bill to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [28JY]

H.R. 2770—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain maintenance of security-related technology at airports, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [28JY]

H.R. 2786—A bill to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to submit a report on cross-border rail security, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29SE]

H.R. 2795—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a study on the circumstances which may impact the effectiveness and availability of first responders before, during, or after a terrorist threat or event.
Passed House amended, [10DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [14DE]

H.R. 2820—A bill to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [9SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [3DE]
Placed on the calendar, [3DE]
Passed Senate amended, [9DE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [16DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–104] (signed December 18, 2015)

H.R. 2835—A bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.
Passed House amended, [28SE]
Received in Senate, [29SE]
Passed Senate, [1OC]
Presented to the President (October 7, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–68] (signed October 16, 2015)

H.R. 2843—A bill to require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration's PreCheck expedited screening program, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [28JY]

H.R. 2898—A bill to provide drought relief in the State of California, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [21JY]

H.R. 2997—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a demonstration program to enter into budget-neutral, performance-based contracts for energy and water conservation improvements for multifamily residential units.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JY]

H.R. 3009—A bill to amend section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deny assistance under such section to a State or political subdivision of a State that prohibits its officials from taking certain actions with respect to immigration.
Passed House, [23JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [24JY]

H.R. 3032—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal a certain reporting requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission.
Passed House, [16NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [17NO]

H.R. 3033—A bill to require the President's annual budget request to Congress each year to include a line item for the Research in Disabilities Education Program of the National Science Foundation and to require the National Science Foundation to conduct research on dyslexia.
Passed House amended, [26OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [27OC]

H.R. 3038—A bill to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [15JY]
Received in Senate, [16JY]
Read the first time, [16JY]
Read the second time, [21JY]
Placed on the calendar, [21JY]

H.R. 3059—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building.
Passed House, [24SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25SE]
Reported (no written report), [8OC]
Placed on the calendar, [8OC]
Passed Senate, [20OC]
Presented to the President (October 26, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–84] (signed November 5, 2015)

H.R. 3089—A bill to close out expired grants, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29SE]

H.R. 3102—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [6OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [7OC]

H.R. 3114—A bill to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [17NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [18NO]

H.R. 3116—A bill to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.
Passed House, [24SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [6OC]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [21OC]
Presented to the President (October 22, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–72] (signed October 22, 2015)

H.R. 3134—A bill to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.
Passed House, [18SE]
Received in Senate, [21SE]
Read the first time, [21SE]
Read the second time, [22SE]
Placed on the calendar, [22SE]

H.R. 3144—A bill to require consultation with the Aviation Security Advisory Committee regarding modifications to the prohibited item list, require a report on the Transportation Security Oversight Board, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [17NO]

H.R. 3189—A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [19NO]
Received in Senate, [30NO]
Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [17DE]

H.R. 3236—A bill to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [29JY]
Received in Senate and passed, [30JY]
Presented to the President (July 31, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–41] (signed July 31, 2015)

H.R. 3279—A bill to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [1DE]

H.R. 3350—A bill to require a terrorism threat assessment regarding the transportation of chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological materials through United States land borders and within the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [20OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [21OC]

H.R. 3361—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Insider Threat Program, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [2NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [3NO]

H.R. 3457—A bill to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [5OC]

H.R. 3490—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [1DE]

H.R. 3493—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [20OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [21OC]

H.R. 3503—A bill to require an assessment of fusion center personnel needs, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [2NO]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [3NO]

H.R. 3504—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.
Passed House, [18SE]
Received in Senate, [21SE]
Read the first time, [21SE]
Read the second time, [22SE]
Placed on the calendar, [22SE]

H.R. 3505—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the management and administration of the security clearance processes throughout the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [3NO]

H.R. 3510—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a cybersecurity strategy for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [6OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [7OC]

H.R. 3572—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform, streamline, and make improvements to the Department of Homeland Security and support the Department's efforts to implement better policy, planning, management, and performance, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [20OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [21OC]

H.R. 3578—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen and make improvements to the Directorate of Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [14DE]

H.R. 3594—A bill to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan Program, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28SE]
Received in Senate, [29SE]
Passed Senate amended, [16DE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [17DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–105] (signed December 18, 2015)

H.R. 3598—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the partnership between the Department of Homeland Security and the National Network of Fusion Centers, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [2NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [3NO]

H.R. 3614—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28SE]
Received in Senate and passed, [29SE]
Presented to the President (September 30, 2015), [2OC]
Approved [Public Law 114–55] (signed September 30, 2015)

H.R. 3654—A bill to require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [17DE]

H.R. 3750—A bill to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster.
Passed House amended, [16DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [17DE]

H.R. 3762—A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.
Passed House amended, [23OC]
Received in Senate, [18NO]
Read the first time, [18NO]
Read the second time, [19NO]
Placed on the calendar, [19NO]
Considered, [1DE], [2DE]
Passed Senate amended, [3DE]

H.R. 3766—A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8DE]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [9DE]

H.R. 3819—A bill to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [27OC]
Received in Senate, [27OC]
Passed Senate, [28OC]
Presented to the President (October 29, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–73] (signed October 29, 2015)

H.R. 3831—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage.
Passed House amended, [10DE]
Received in Senate, [14DE]
Passed Senate, [16DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–106] (signed December 18, 2015)

H.R. 3842—A bill to improve homeland security, including domestic preparedness and response to terrorism, by reforming Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to provide training to first responders, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [9DE]

H.R. 3859—A bill to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002.
Passed House amended, [8DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9DE]

H.R. 3869—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require State and local coordination on cybersecurity with the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [14DE]

H.R. 3875—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Department of Homeland Security a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives Office, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [14DE]

H.R. 3878—A bill to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [17DE]

H.R. 3996—A bill to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16NO]
Received in Senate, [17NO]
Passed Senate, [19NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–87] (signed November 20, 2015)

H.R. 4038—A bill to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [19NO]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [19NO]
Read the first time and deemed read the second time [19NO]

H.R. 4127—A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [1DE]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [2DE]

H.R. 4188—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [10DE]
Received in Senate, [14DE]
Passed Senate amended, [18DE]

H.R. 4246—A bill to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.
Passed House, [16DE]
Received in Senate and passed, [17DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–107] (signed December 18, 2015)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

H.J. Res. 10—A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.
Passed House, [26MR]
Received in Senate, [26MR]
Passed Senate, [26MR]
Presented to the President (April 1, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–9] (signed April 7, 2015)

H.J. Res. 43—A joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014.
Passed House, [30AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [4MY]

H.J. Res. 61—A joint resolution amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
Passed House, [27JY]
Received in Senate, [28JY]
Read the first time, [28JY]
Read the second time, [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Considered, [8SE], [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [16SE], [17SE], [22SE], [24SE]

H.J. Res. 76—A joint resolution appointing the day for convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.
Passed House, [15DE]
Received in Senate, [16DE]
Passed Senate, [17DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–108] (signed December 18, 2015)

H.J. Res. 78—A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16DE]
Received in Senate and passed, [16DE]
Presented to the President (December 16, 2015)
Approved [Public Law 114–100] (signed December 16, 2015)

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

H. Con. Res. 7—Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.
Agreed to in the House, [12JA]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [13JA]

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Nepal: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
Tropical Forest Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 566), [25FE]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
———combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
Reports filed
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1725) (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]
Girls Count Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 802), [21MY]

AGENCY PAYGO FOR GREENHOUSE GASES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 639), [3MR]

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Reports filed
Mandatory Price Reporting Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (H.R. 2051), [17SE]

AGRICULTURE *related term(s)* **FOOD; RURAL AREAS**
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1800), [16JY] (see S. 2129), [5OC]
AID: reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [12FE]
Animals: provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros (see S. 1845), [23JY]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [20JA]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: limit crop insurance premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer (see S. 345), [3FE]
———permit renegotiation of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement with private companies that administer Federal crop insurance (see S. 1442), [21MY]
———prohibit paying of premium subsidies on crop insurance policies based on actual market price of agricultural commodity at time of harvest (see S. 463), [11FE]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
———reform crop insurance program (see S. 2244), [5NO]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Labor: prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
Dept. of the Interior: enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases (see S. 937), [14AP]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
———provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
FDA: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
———prohibit use of Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption'' (see S. 496), [12FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal aid programs: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [8OC]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
———provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]
Idaho: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [17MR]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Lowery, Tim: relief (see S. 701), [10MR]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 90), [7JA]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
Native Americans: prevent Indian tribes and tribal organizations that cultivate, manufacture, or distribute marijuana on Indian land from receiving Federal funds (see S. 1984), [5AU]
Nettleton, Paul: relief (see S. 701), [10MR]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2FE]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 908), [14AP] (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, reduce estate value exemption level, include a billionaire's surtax, tax dynasty trusts, and protect farmland and conservation easements (see S. 1677), [25JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1801), [16JY] (see S. 2202), [22OC]
U.S. Cotton Futures Act: modify definition of cotton futures contracts (see S. 1655), [24JN]
U.S. Grain Standards Act: reauthorize (see S. 1417), [21MY]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1800) (S. Rept. 114–82), [16JY]
Charitable Agricultural Research Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 908) (S. Rept. 114–19), [14AP]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
Mandatory Price Reporting Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (H.R. 2051), [17SE]
U.S. Grain Standards Act Reauthorization: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 1417), [21MY]

AIR FORCE *see* **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

AIR POLLUTION *related term(s)* **CLEAN AIR ACT; ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT; POLLUTION**
Bills and resolutions
Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
Dept. of the Interior: issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market

for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 88), [7JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
———establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———promote new manufacturing by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in issuing air quality standards necessary to obtain preconstruction permits (see S. 1425), [21MY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
Forests: clarify treatment of carbon emissions from forest biomass (see S. 1284), [11MY]
Interagency Task Force on Short-Lived Climate Pollution Mitigation: establish (see S. 2076), [24SE]
International relations: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 70), [5FE] (see S. Res. 341), [18DE]
Pope Francis: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Taxation: oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
Motions
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 23), [17NO]
Reports filed
Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1324) (S. Rept. 114–159), [29OC]

AIRCRAFT *see* **COMMON CARRIERS**

AIRLINES AND AIRPORTS *see* **AVIATION**

AIRPORT SECURITY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 720) (S. Rept. 114–92), [23JY]

ALABAMA
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 76), [7JA]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Reports filed
Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]

ALAMEDA, CA
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 2422), [18DE]

ALASKA
Bills and resolutions
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans (see S. 1955), [5AU]
———provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims (see S. 872), [26MR]
Alexander Creek, AK: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation: modify accreditation standards to prevent the standards from negatively impacting Alaska Native and American Indian teacher candidates (see S. Res. 301), [30OC]
Dept. of Education: provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
Dept. of Energy: authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 383), [5FE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: reverse designation of certain communities in Alaska as nonrural (see S. 1154), [30AP]
FDA: establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
Forest Service: resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program (see S. 644), [3MR]
Glennallen, AK: convey reversionary interests of the U.S. in and to certain non-Federal land to Alaska Bible College (see S. 2018), [9SE]
GSA: convey certain Federal property in Alaska to Anchorage, AK (see S. 1492), [3JN]
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve: designate wilderness as Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area (see S. 873), [26MR]
Mining and mineral resources: reinstate certain mining claims (see S. 1395), [20MY]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 319), [29JA]
National forests: exempt lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
Native Americans: authorize Native regional and village corporations to establish energy assistance programs (see S. 1235), [6MY]
———convey certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (see S. 2421), [17DE]
———enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
———provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
Outer Continental Shelf: provide for the conduct of certain lease sales and make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative (see S. 1278), [11MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 2114), [1OC]
Point Spencer: retain and provide for future use of certain land, support missions and duties of the Coast Guard, and convey certain lands to Bering Straits Native Corp., and the State (see S. 1316), [13MY]
Transportation Security Administration: exempt certain flights in Hawaii and Alaska from increased aviation security service fees (see S. 712), [11MR]
Veterans: allow Indian Health Service to pay for Indian or Alaska Native veterans' copayments at Dept. of Veterans Affairs facilities (see S. 2417), [17DE]

Reports filed
Dept. of HHS Conveyance of Certain Property to Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp.: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 230) (S. Rept. 114–38), [11MY]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 873) (S. Rept. 114–131), [9SE]
Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 34) (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]

ALASKA BIBLE COLLEGE
Bills and resolutions
Glennallen, AK: convey reversionary interests of the U.S. in and to certain non-Federal land to Alaska Bible College (see S. 2018), [9SE]

ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: authorize Native regional and village corporations to establish energy assistance programs (see S. 1235), [6MY]
Alexander Creek, AK: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]
Native Americans: provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans (see S. 1955), [5AU]
———provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims (see S. 872), [26MR]

ALASKAN NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Alexander Creek, AK: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]

AL-ASSAD, BASHAR (PRESIDENT, SYRIA)
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
Reports filed
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]

ALBUQUERQUE INDIAN SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 986) (S. Rept. 114–114), [4AU]

ALCOHOL RESPONSIBILITY MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Bills and resolutions
Alcohol Responsibility Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]
American Craft Beer Week: support goals (see S. Res. 188), [31MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Dept. of HHS: provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]
Dept. of Justice: provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Law enforcement: strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
Taxation: exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits (see S. 1179), [4MY]
———modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 906), [14AP] (see S. 1459), [22MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———reduce the rate of tax on certain distilled spirits (see S. 1444), [21MY]
———reform (see S. 1562), [11JN]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
———remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers subject to Federal excise taxes on distilled spirits, wine, and beer (see S. 904), [14AP]
Reports filed
Cider Investment and Development through Excise Tax Reduction (CIDER) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 906) (S. Rept. 114–17), [14AP]
Commission on Native Children Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 246) (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Craft Beverage Bond Simplification Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 904) (S. Rept. 114–15), [14AP]
Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1893), [1OC]

ALEXANDER, LAMAR *(a Senator from Tennessee)*
Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [22OC]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [16MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [21MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [23JN]
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [4MR]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [28AP]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Education: establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of Energy: develop a national smart manufacturing plan and provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs (see S. 1054), [10JN]
———prohibit from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed (see S. 1029), [21AP]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
———submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions with National Laboratories (see S. 1229), [4JN]
Dept. of HHS: prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [8OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Transportation: establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [11JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Drugs: exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [4JN]
———improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [3NO]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational

choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Endangered species: protect and conserve elephants and regulate ivory in the U.S. (see S. 1769), [15JY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [4JN]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [26JY]
Federal agencies and departments: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [12MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [17MR]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [6OC] (see S. 2101), [29SE]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [30JY]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [24SE]
———provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies (see S. 1253), [12MY]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [22JN]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
———refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Power resources: modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [29JA]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [4NO]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [29OC]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [14DE]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [13AP]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [9FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [22SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [2JN]
Women: provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 44), [28JA]
Dept. of Education: simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
Dept. of Energy: extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
———improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 454), [11FE]
———remove authority to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans (see S. 1048), [22AP]
———review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for adverse effects on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards (see S. 1047), [22AP]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, TN, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1483), [2JN]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (see S. 1177), [30AP]
Employment: reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1124), [28AP]
Highway Beautification Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 288), [19OC]
Horse Protection Act: provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]
Insurance: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week: designate (see S. Res. 303), [3NO]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1943), [5AU]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one addi-

tional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 856), [24MR]
Senate Rules: revise number of affirmative votes required to end debate on nominations (see S. Res. 67), [4FE]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [28OC], [30OC]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (S.J. Res. 8), [3MR]

ALEXANDER CREEK, AK
Bills and resolutions
Native Americans: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]

ALGERIA, PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
Messages
Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty With Algeria: President Obama, [5OC]

ALICE PAUL CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1980), [5AU]

ALIENS *see* **IMMIGRATION; REFUGEES**

ALLOCATING FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION (ACE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 243), [22JA]

ALLOWING GREATER ACCESS TO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE CONTRACEPTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1438), [21MY]

AL-QAEDA (TERRORIST ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Weinstein, Warren: express condolences to family and commemorate life and work (see S. Res. 169), [5MY]

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY *see* **POWER RESOURCES; RENEWABLE ENERGY**

ALYCE SPOTTED BEAR AND WALTER SOBOLEFF COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN *see* **COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN**

ALYCE SPOTTED BEAR AND WALTER SOBOLEFF COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN ACT *see* **COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN ACT**

AMERICA GIVES MORE ACT
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 644, provisions, [24JN]
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AMERICA IMPLEMENTING NEW NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO VIGOROUSLY ACCELERATE TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY, AND SCIENCE (AMERICA INNOVATES) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1187), [4MY]

AMERICA INVENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Reports filed
Protecting American Talent and Entrepreneurship (PATENT) Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1137), [8SE]

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TISSUE BANKS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [5AU]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
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Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [30SE], [5NO], [18DE]
Reports filed
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2029) (S. Rept. 114–57), [21MY]

AMERICAN BUSINESS FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 975), [16AP]

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
Bills and resolutions
National Chemistry Week: designate (see S. Res. 289), [19OC]

AMERICAN CRAFT BEER WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals: support (see S. Res. 188), [31MY]

AMERICAN CURES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 289), [28JA]

AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 282), [8OC]

AMERICAN DREAM ACCOUNTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 687), [10MR]

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]

AMERICAN ENERGY RENAISSANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 791), [18MR]

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
Bills and resolutions
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]

AMERICAN HEART MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]

AMERICAN INNOVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 747), [16MR]

AMERICAN JOBS FIRST ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2394), [10DE]

AMERICAN NATURAL GAS SECURITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 585), [26FE]

AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
National Nurses Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 178), [12MY]

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 186), [21MY]

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Taxation: increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]

AMERICAN RED CROSS
Bills and resolutions
National Blood Donor Month: designate (see S. Res. 56), [29JA]

AMERICAN ROYALTIES, TOO (ART) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 977), [16AP]

AMERICAN SAMOA
Bills and resolutions
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]

AMERICAN SECURITY AGAINST FOREIGN ENEMIES (AMERICAN SAFE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2300), [18NO]

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT *related term(s)* **DISABLED**
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
AMERICA'S COLLEGE PROMISE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1716), [8JY]
AMERICA'S RED ROCK WILDERNESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1375), [19MY]
AMERICORPS *see* **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**
AMERICORPS SCHOOL TURNAROUND ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1710), [7JY]
AMTRAK
Bills and resolutions
Animals: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1087), [27AP]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Railroads: reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, and streamline rail project delivery (see S. 1626), [18JN]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2577) (S. Rept. 114–75), [25JN]
AMY AND VICKY CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VICTIM RESTITUTION IMPROVEMENT ACT *see* **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VICTIM RESTITUTION IMPROVEMENT ACT**
ANCHORAGE, AK
Bills and resolutions
GSA: convey certain Federal property in Alaska to Anchorage, AK (see S. 1492), [3JN]
ANGEL TAX CREDIT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 973), [16AP]
ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
ANIMALS *related term(s)* **NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES; WILDLIFE**
Bills and resolutions
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1087), [27AP]
Armed Forces: require that military working dogs be retired in the U.S. (see S. 1498), [3JN]
———require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 587), [26FE]
College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
———outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [22JY]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [11JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a program to assist in importation and care for abused, injured, or abandoned nonhuman primates (see S. 1898), [29JY]
Dept. of the Interior: enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
———enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases (see S. 937), [14AP]
———establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park (see S. 782), [18MR]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]
———protect and conserve elephants and regulate ivory in the U.S. (see S. 1769), [15JY]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
FDA: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
Foreign countries: strengthen protections for wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies and curtail demand for illegal wildlife products (see S. 2385), [10DE]
FTC: issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
———provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [23AP]
Idaho: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
North American bison: designate as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [15SE]
Sports: deregulate interstate commerce relative to parimutuel wagering on horseracing (see S. 1174), [30AP]
———protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
States: provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros (see S. 1845), [23JY]
Taxation: provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 850), [24MR] (see S. 946), [15AP]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: prohibit listing northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 655), [4MR]
———reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Grand Canyon Bison Management Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 782) (S. Rept. 114–184), [16DE]
Mandatory Price Reporting Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (H.R. 2051), [17SE]
ANTARCTIC REGIONS
Bills and resolutions
Coast Guard: provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard (see S. 1386), [19MY]
Power resources: provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy (see S. 1215), [6MY]
ANTIQUITIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 232), [22JA]
———require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
———require congressional approval, provide restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments (see S. 437), [10FE]
ANTI-TERRORISM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
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———constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 2), [6JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE] (see S.J. Res. 9), [9FE] (see S.J. Res. 18), [9JY]
———cut and cap Federal spending and enact balanced budget constitutional amendment (see S. 2182), [19OC]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
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———increase transparency in Federal budgeting (see S. 399), [5FE]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
———provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
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———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1570), [11JN]
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———extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
———making appropriations (see S. 1558), [11JN] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
———prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 300), [29JA] (see S. 327), [2FE]
———provide with authority to transfer funds in order to mitigate the effects of a sequestration of available departmental funds (see S. 813), [19MR]
———reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
Dept. of Education: allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]
———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]
———fund Federal Pell Grant Program through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [22AP]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student centers (see S. 604), [26FE]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
———use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary and secondary schools (see S. 325), [30JA]
Dept. of Energy: increase maximum percentage of funds available for laboratory directed research and development (see S. 830), [23MR]
———reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: eliminate offsetting accounts available for use by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (see S. 1593), [17JN]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA] (see S. 1619), [18JN] (see S. 2130, 2131), [5OC]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission

of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1328), [13MY]
Dept. of State: authorize appropriations (see S. 1635), [18JN]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]
———withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Dept. of Transportation: adequately fund bridges (see S. 1370), [19MY]
———assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
———reform the surface transportation project delivery program (see S. 2258), [9NO]
———rescind unused earmarks (see S. 1544), [10JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———extend authorization for construction of medical center in Aurora, CO, and enter into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to manage such construction (see S. 285), [28JA] (see S. 997), [16AP]
———extend authorization to replace existing medical center in Denver, CO, and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 684), [10MR]
———transfer authority for construction of future major medical facility projects to the Corps of Engineers (see S. 997), [16AP]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Drugs: making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
EPA: reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [8JN]
———rescind funds made available if certain deadlines are not met (see S. 110), [7JA]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]
———reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
FDA: prohibit use of Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption'' (see S. 496), [12FE]
Federal agencies and departments: create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [22JA]
———limit authority to award bonuses to employees (see S. 742), [16MR]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
———require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310, 323), [29JA]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
FEMA: provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 2324), [19NO]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [19MY]
Government: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 385), [5FE]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Health: prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
Immigration: permanently authorize the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program (see S. 1339), [14MY]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 130), [8JA]
———limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 415), [9FE]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
Intelligence services: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1705), [7JY]
———require Presidents' annual budget submissions to include the total dollar amount requested for intelligence or intelligence-related activities of the Government (see S. 1307), [12MY]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [2FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2164), [7OC] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC] (see S. 2318), [19NO]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
———reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
———suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 1494), [3JN]
National Forest Foundation Act: reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]
National Park Service: observe centennial through increased funding (see S. 2257), [5NO]
———refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 710), [11MR]
Native Americans: exempt the Indian Health Service, BIA, and certain other programs for Indians from budget sequestration (see S. 1497), [3JN]
———provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
———provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
NIH: prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [29JA]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
OMB: establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Public debt: appropriately manage debt by limiting use of extraordinary measures (see S. 19), [6JA]
———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]

———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 69), [7JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Railroads: reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, and streamline rail project delivery (see S. 1626), [18JN]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY] (see S. 1647), [23JN]
———modify U.S. Code relative to the obligation and release of funds (see S. 1781), [15JY]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
SBA: reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [1OC]
Science: prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
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Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
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———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Transportation: ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [30SE]
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U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
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Veterans: extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 833), [6AU]
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National Sea Grant College Program Act Reauthorization and Amendment: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 764) (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act Reauthorization: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710), [4JN]
———Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710) (S. Rept. 114–117), [5AU]
Older Americans Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 192), [3FE]
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Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2820), [3DE]
Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 34) (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2078), [24SE]
Water Resources Research Act Grants Reauthorization and Applied Water Supply Research Regarding Water Resources Research and Technology Institutes: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 653) (S. Rept. 114–48), [18MY]
Women's Small Business Ownership Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2126), [8OC]

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College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
EPA: prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]

ARAB COUNTRIES *related term(s)* **MIDDLE EAST**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: submit to Congress a report on designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2094), [29SE]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
Immigration: prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]

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ARCHAEOLOGY
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Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Corps of Engineers: transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see S. 1979), [5AU]
Dinosaur National Monument Day: designate (see S. Res. 271), [28SE]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]

ARCTIC REGIONS
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: retain and provide for future use of certain land on Point Spencer, support missions and duties of the Coast Guard, and convey certain Point Spencer lands to Bering Straits Native Corp., and the State (see S. 1316), [13MY]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
Coast Guard: provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard (see S. 1386), [19MY]
Power resources: provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy (see S. 1215), [6MY]

ARENAS, MARIA L.
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Bills and resolutions
Nisman, Alberto: offer condolences to family of Argentinian prosecutor, commend investigation of Argentine Israelite Mutual Association bombing, and call for investigation of death and Iranian involvement in bombing (see S. Res. 167), [5MY]

ARIZONA
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Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park (see S. 782), [18MR]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Gambling: prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts (see S. 152), [13JA]
Kaibab National Forest: clarify mapping error to allow the purchase of certain lands by Young Life (organization) (see S. 1592), [17JN]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Public lands: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
Roads and highways: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]
———extend Interstate Route 11 (see S. 842), [24MR]
Reports filed
Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Clarify Mapping Error To Allow the Purchase of Certain Kaibab National Forest Lands by Young Life (organization): Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1592) (S. Rept. 114–186), [16DE]
Grand Canyon Bison Management Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 782) (S. Rept. 114–184), [16DE]
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National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]

ARIZONA BORDERLANDS PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION ACT
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Armed Forces: sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
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Genocide: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
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China: express disfavor regarding the proposed U.S.-China nuclear cooperation agreement (see S.J. Res. 19), [15JY]
Dept. of Defense: reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
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Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [16JY]
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U.S.-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1789), [27OC]
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Bahrain: prohibit arms sales (see S. 2009), [6AU]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [16JY]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
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Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
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Foreign policy: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
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Taxation: allow deduction equal to fair market value for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor (see S. 931), [14AP]
———extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances (see S. 364), [4FE]
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EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
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Oceans: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Park Geun-hye: welcome Republic of Korea President upon U.S. visit and reaffirm importance of alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea (see S. Res. 194), [8JN] (see S. Res. 278), [6OC]
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Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend authorization for construction of medical center in Aurora, CO, and enter into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to manage such construction (see S. 285), [28JA] (see S. 997), [16AP]
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Armed Forces: sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial

aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to World War II First Special Service Force (see S. Con. Res. 2), [8JA]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
———require the Federal Government to obtain warrants when conducting aerial surveillance (see S. 1595), [17JN]
Crime: impose criminal penalties for unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft (see S. 2249), [5NO]
———provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]
Dept. of Defense: make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
———reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
———require a report on future mix of aircraft platforms (see S. 1477), [2JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve and permit recovery of costs incurred for preclearance operations activities in foreign countries and at foreign airports (see S. 2430), [18DE]
———improve operation of Unmanned Aircraft System program (see S. 159), [13JA]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA] (see S. 1619), [18JN] (see S. 2130, 2131), [5OC]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
Dept. of Transportation: improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
FAA: address increase of aircraft noise due to implementation of new flight paths under Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) (see S. 2406), [16DE]
———amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
———clarify whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status (see S. 387), [5FE]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
———issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
———issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [14AP]
———protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [18JN]
———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]
———use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
Government regulations: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [5AU]
Immigration: prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 47), [7JA]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
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Joint Inquiry Into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001: require declassification of certain redacted information (see S. 1471), [1JN]
Kettles, Charles S.: award Medal of Honor (see S. 2250), [5NO]
Medicare: require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
National Guard: require report on location of C–130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units (see S. 1625), [18JN]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Taxation: exempt aircraft management services from excise taxes imposed on transportation by air (see S. 2092), [29SE]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
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Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
———exempt certain flights in Hawaii and Alaska from increased aviation security service fees (see S. 712), [11MR]
———improve the Federal Flight Deck Officers program (see S. 1594), [17JN]
Utah: withdraw BLM lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
World War II: commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]
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Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
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AWARDS, MEDALS, PRIZES

Appointments
Congressional Award Board, [25FE], [21MY], [8SE], [19NO]
Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to World War II First Special Service Force (see S. Con. Res. 2), [8JA]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Dept. of Commerce: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]

Dept. of Energy: establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide financial awards to entities that develop and demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in high-cost regions (see S. 1346), [14MY]
Dept. of Labor: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [10NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: increase amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients (see S. 2022), [10SE]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
France: tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Kettles, Charles S.: award Medal of Honor (see S. 2250), [5NO]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 1502), [4JN]
Nobel Prize: recognition of Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for peace (see S. Res. 330), [7DE]
Nugent, Timothy: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1863), [27JY]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]

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Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]

AYOTTE, KELLY ***(a Senator from New Hampshire)***

Appointments

Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
———S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]

Attendance

Present, [6JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [8JY]
American Craft Beer Week: support goals (see S. Res. 188), [31MY]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [5AU]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 385), [5FE]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [10FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [29SE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [4MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [13AP]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [24MR]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [1JN]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [12JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [24FE]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [28OC]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [1JN]
Crime: expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [9FE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: disapprove rule on inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes, including catfish (see S.J. Res. 27), [7DE] (see S.J. Res. 28), [10DE]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [12FE]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 327), [10FE]
Dept. of Education: allow the awarding of job training Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1900), [5AU]
———award Early College Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1106), [16SE]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [5AU]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [26JA]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [22AP]
———revise counseling requirements for certain student loan borrowers (see S. 2043), [28SE]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [28SE]
Dept. of Energy: coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [4AU]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [5AU]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [4MY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 2151), [10NO]
———publish physical activity recommendations (see S. 1793), [25SE]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———improve operation of Unmanned Aircraft System program (see S. 159), [13JA]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [11FE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring

timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
———provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [28SE]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [27JY]
———strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [3AU]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [24MR]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [21JA]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [4JN]
———extend requirement to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 374), [4FE]
———improve accountability of employees (see S. 290), [28JA]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [22SE]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [5AU]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [6MY]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA]
———provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [11MR]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21OC]
———issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
FDA: create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [3FE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [22JA]
———improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [1OC]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [28OC]
———provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments (see S. 614), [24MR]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules (see S. 1820), [28SE]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———reform rulemaking process by only promulgating regulations that are necessary, maximize benefits, and provide the public an opportunity to participate in the process (see S. 1818), [28SE]
———require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [19OC]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [28JY]
Federal employees: provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [23FE]
———provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
FEMA: develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs relative to certain disaster relief and emergency assistance (see S. 2109), [15DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [23MR]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [23FE]
———provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions (see S. 927), [19NO]
———provide relief to community banks and promote their access to capital (see S. 1816), [10NO]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [23JN]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [13JY]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [8DE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [18NO]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [25FE]
Information technology: develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]
Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 1661), [21SE]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [10DE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [8OC]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
IRS: provide printed copies of Publication 17, ''Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals),'' to all taxpayers free of charge (see S. Res. 112), [25MR]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [21SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [3FE] (see S. 2101), [29SE]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5NO]
Libraries: require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (see S. 558), [25FE]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [2JN]

Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [23JN]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [8SE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [16SE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [30JY]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [16JN]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [9DE]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [21JY]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [14AP]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [9DE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [10MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [14DE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [17NO]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [30NO]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [23JN]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 176), [1JN]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [23JN]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [29SE]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 156), [30AP]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [16SE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [16JN]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [8SE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [8SE]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [29AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [29AP]
NOAA: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [18NO]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [18NO]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [10FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options (see S. 531), [23FE]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [30JY]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [24MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [15SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [20MY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 787), [18MR] (see S. 1636), [18JN]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [11MY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [22AP]
———expand participation in the Microloan Program (see S. 1857), [23JY]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [22AP]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [21AP]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [8JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [22AP]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [10FE]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]

Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Social Security: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [10MR]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [23JN]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [19MY]
———tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 340), [3FE]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [5AU]
———allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [24JN]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [7JY]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [10FE]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [30AP]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [7MY]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 215), [9DE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [12MY]
———permit the Dept. of the Treasury and the SSA to disclose certain return information relative to identity theft (see S. 1323), [13MY]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [20OC]
———provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave (see S. 2354), [8DE]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [12MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [25JN]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [5AU]
———improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [15JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 2070), [22SE]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [11JN]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of Labor: phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [5AU]
Dept. of Transportation: reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 206), [21JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———increase penalties for fentanyl trafficking (see S. 2027), [10SE]
Employment: provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 803), [19MR]
FCC: provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 734), [12MR]
Federal agencies and departments: limit authority to award bonuses to employees (see S. 742), [16MR]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 426), [10FE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Iran: require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
IRS: ensure that employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights (see S. 951), [15AP]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
NOAA: terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
Strengthening America's Bridges Fund: establish (see S. 1273), [11MY]
Tariff: recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [15AP]
Taxation: exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 279), [28JA] (see S. 322), [29JA]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]

———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]

AZERBAIJAN, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]

BADILLO, HERMAN *(a former Representative from New York)*
Bills and resolutions relative to
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Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1350), [24JN]

BAHRAIN, KINGDOM OF
Bills and resolutions
Arms sales: prohibit (see S. 2009), [6AU]

BAILOUT PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1320), [13MY]

BALANCED BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 493), [12FE]

BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Budget: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
———increase transparency in Federal budgeting (see S. 399), [5FE]
———provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]

BALDWIN, TAMMY *(a Senator from Wisconsin)*
Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
———S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
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Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [7JY]
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [20OC]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [25JN]
———allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 1249), [29OC]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2357), [7DE] (see S. 2393), [14DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [23AP]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [28AP]
Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking: establish (see S. 991), [24JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [6MY]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [17JN]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [9JA]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [15JN]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [20OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [25FE]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [11JN]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [23JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [21AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [21OC]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [28JY]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [30AP]
———provide for State accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [28JA]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [17DE]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [7JY]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———strengthen research in adult education (see S. 277), [28JA]
Dept. of Energy: award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
———improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 454), [11FE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [21OC]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [22OC]

———establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [4MY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [21OC]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [16AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [4NO]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [3FE]
Dept. of HUD: amend definition of ''homeless person'' to include certain homeless children and youth (see S. 256), [6AU]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [2DE]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [7JY]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [21SE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [15AP]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [1JN]
———establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of the Interior: restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [21AP]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [12MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5NO]
———carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Dept. (see S. 2210), [27OC]
———carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [23AP]
———establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [22JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [20MY]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [23AP]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [5AU]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [23AP]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [5AU]
———waive copayment requirement for medical and hospital services in the case of certain billing errors and inform veterans of payment plan and waiver rights relative to untimely billing (see S. 2052), [4NO]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
———prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [3JN]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [28OC]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [13MY]
———exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [9JY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [18MR]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
EPA: expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [15DE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [12MY]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21JY]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [30AP]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [14JY]
Federal agencies and departments: disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1109), [7MY]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [28JY]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [4MR]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: ensure that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (see S. 2033), [14DE]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [4AU]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [4AU]
Firearms: protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign trade: require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include requirements relative to paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods (see S. 735), [12MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]

———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [6OC]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [22OC]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE] (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE] (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [13MY]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [25FE]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [7MY]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [23MR]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [28AP]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [12MY]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [5FE]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Jaster, Lisa: tribute (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [20AP]
———reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [21JY]
Lieutenant Colonel James ''Maggie'' Megellas Post Office, Fond du Lac, WI: designate (see S. 1826), [22JY]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [23MR]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [3JN]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [24JN]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [23MR]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [27JY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [28AP]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [14DE]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [25SE]
———provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers (see S. 1132), [29OC]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [7DE]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [29JY]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 1502), [4JN]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [13MY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [18MY]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [29SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 324), [2DE]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
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National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [4JN]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [25JN]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [8SE]
———prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [25FE]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [28OC]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [23JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Pensions: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
———provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Pope Francis: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Postal Service: improve provision of postal services to rural areas (see S. 1742), [3AU]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [3NO]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [26FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Science: prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16AP]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [6AU]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Senior citizens: provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]

Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [11MR]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
———establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [11MY]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [3DE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [29JY]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [25FE]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [30AP]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [12MY]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [2FE]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [8JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [16JY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [9JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [24SE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [28JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: enhance military facilities force protection (see S. 1835), [22JY]
Conservation of natural resources: provide for advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities (see S. 1485), [2JN]
Copyrights: secure rights of artists of works of visual art to provide royalties (see S. 977), [16AP]
Dept. of Commerce: undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of Education: amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of HHS: increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
FCC: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Medicaid: provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
———strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [29SE]
National Blood Donor Month: designate (see S. Res. 56), [29JA]
NOAA: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
Patents: amend laws to promote basic research, stimulate publication of scientific documents, encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, and improve transfer of technology to the private sector (see S. 926), [14AP]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 2014), [9SE]
Surface Transportation Board: expand competition, restore balance to regulatory environment, and improve efficiency and reliability of rail shipping and transportation (see S. 853), [24MR]
Taxation: provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [3DE]

BALTIMORE, MD
Bills and resolutions
American Visionary Art Museum: anniversary of opening (see S. Res. 317), [18NO]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 610), [27FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 521), [12FE]
Reports filed
President Street Station Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 521) (S. Rept. 114–126), [9SE]
Thurgood Marshall's Elementary School Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 610) (S. Rept. 114–129), [9SE]

BANKING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]

BANKRUPTCY
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [20JA]
Business and industry: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
Claims: require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 357), [4FE]
Colleges and universities: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Credit: require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [15JY]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
Financial institutions: provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation (see S. 1840, 1841), [22JY]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]

Pensions: make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
Puerto Rico: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
———treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]

BANKS *see* **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

BARRASSO, JOHN ***(a Senator from Wyoming)***

Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]

Attendance
Present, [6JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [24SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Daughters of Penelope (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 214), [16SE]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
Dept. of HHS: provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [18DE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [3JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [2JN]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [29JA]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 234), [22JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [18MR]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [9JY]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
———use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [9JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [19MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [9MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [16SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [7OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
———require disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax (see S. 2432), [18DE]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [24FE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [29SE]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [2FE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [18MY]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [4AU]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]

Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [16DE]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [9JY]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [7JA]
———establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 121), [8JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [17SE]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Presidents of the U.S.: modify authority to declare national monuments (see S. 2004), [6AU]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [5NO]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [17MR]
Taxation: extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit (see S. 1361), [18MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Wyoming: anniversary of statehood (see S. Res. 210), [23JN]

Bills and resolutions introduced

BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Bureau of Reclamation: allow proactive measures to maintain and repair dams and water infrastructure (see S. 1657), [24JN]
———authorize use of active capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [12MY]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 49), [28JA]
Dept. of Energy: issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [21MY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
Dept. of the Interior: coordinate Federal and State permitting processes relative to construction of new surface water storage projects on Federal lands and designate Bureau of Reclamation as lead agency (see S. 1533), [9JN]
———improve processes (see S. 1879), [28JY]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [28JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
EPA: prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
Forest Service: provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
Forests: expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives (see S. 1691), [25JN]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 2318), [19NO]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24FE]
Medicare: cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [22JY]
National Guard: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 710), [11MR]
Native Americans: provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
Public lands: reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
Roads and highways: enhance tribal road safety (see S. 1776), [15JY]
Social Security: provide for a phased-in payment of disability insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 2010), [9SE]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]

Cloture motions

Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]

Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 986) (S. Rept. 114–114), [4AU]
Commission on Native Children Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 246) (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Dept. of HHS Conveyance of Certain Property to Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp.: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 230) (S. Rept. 114–38), [11MY]
Dept. of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 286) (S. Rept. 114–60), [22MY]
Expenditures: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 49), [28JA]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 209) (S. Rept. 114–149), [30SE]
Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 465) (S. Rept. 114–141), [10SE]
Keep the Promise Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 152) (S. Rept. 114–199), [18DE]
Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 35) (S. Rept. 114–139), [10SE]
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Incorporation Charter Revocation: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 321) (S. Rept. 114–40), [11MY]
Native American Children's Safety Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 184) (S. Rept. 114–37), [11MY]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act Reauthorization: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710), [4JN]
———Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710) (S. Rept. 114–117), [5AU]
New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 501) (S. Rept. 114–41), [11MY]
Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment (SURVIVE) Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 1704) (S. Rept. 114–172), [3DE]
Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 248) (S. Rept. 114–140), [10SE]

BEACHES *related term(s)* **COASTAL ZONES**
Bills and resolutions
California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]
EPA: improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
Escambia County, FL: convey certain property formerly part of Santa Rosa National Monument and conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (see S. 770), [18MR]

BELARUS, REPUBLIC OF
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Belarus: President Obama, [10JN]

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Appointments
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [8JY]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [29SE]
———outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [29SE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [21AP]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19OC]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [27FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [16MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]
Colorado: authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties (see S. 1941), [5AU]
———require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest (see S. 1942), [3NO]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [9JY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [12JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JN]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [14MY]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [28AP]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools (see S. 476), [12FE]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
Dept. of Energy: establish a grant program allowing National Laboratories provision of vouchers to small businesses to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and their economic impact (see S. 1259), [7MY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [18NO]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [19NO]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [23MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
———phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [17SE]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and

Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of the Interior: restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [2FE]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [30JY]
———extend authorization for construction of medical center in Aurora, CO, and enter into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to manage such construction (see S. 285), [28JA] (see S. 997), [22AP]
———extend authorization to replace existing medical center in Denver, CO, and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [30JY]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [10SE]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [8DE]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [5AU]
———transfer authority for construction of future major medical facility projects to the Corps of Engineers (see S. 997), [22AP]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [13MY]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Dinosaur National Monument Day: designate (see S. Res. 271), [28SE]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [13MY]
———exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
Education: provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [20MY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [11MY]
EPA: provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [17SE]
FDA: create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
———provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices (see S. 1077), [23AP]
Federal agencies and departments: strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [22MY]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
FEMA: prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 634), [17MR]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [8OC]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [7MY]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [5FE]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [25FE]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [17DE]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [10MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [2FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [9JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [17NO]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [21SE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [16JN]
———extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [9DE]
———extend certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on establishment of certain hospitals and facilities (see S. 2108), [30SE]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [14JY]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [23AP]
———provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies (see S. 1253), [7MY]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [7JY]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [15JY]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [3MR]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [18NO]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [4MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [4MR]
———require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
———strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs (see S. 2382), [9DE]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [13AP]

Medicare/Medicaid: implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [6OC]
———improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [9DE]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [22OC]
Mining and mineral resources: modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Native Americans: provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [11FE]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [5AU]
NIH: improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [19MR]
Nonprofit organizations: clarify that organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals (see S. 1344), [1JN] (see S. 2085), [28SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [13JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [7MY]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [8DE]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
———reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [30NO]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [3NO]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [10MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
SBA: increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [25JN]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [4JN]
———encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [29JA]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [5NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [18MR]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [14DE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
———tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: allow deductions and credits relative to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law (see S. 987), [16AP]
———enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [28JY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [27OC]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2MR]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [30AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [5FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55 (see S. 969), [16AP]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [3MR]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [28JY]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [5AU]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Arapaho National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 1295), [12MY]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Corp. for National and Community Service: establish National Service for Schools Program (see S. 2428), [18DE]
Courts: authorize additional district judgeships for the district of Colorado (see S. 1962), [5AU]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand authority to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance management and resolve minor encroachments (see S. 1712), [7JY]
Dept. of Education: establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative higher education providers to receive Federal education funding (see S. 2111), [30SE]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
Dept. of HHS: provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 1101), [27AP]
Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
FEMA: provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR]
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
———prohibit Members of Congress and candidates from soliciting campaign contributions while Congress is in session, eliminate bundling of large contributions, and reform registration process (see S. 1480), [2JN]
National Forest Foundation Act: reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]

Senate Rules: require Senate to be in session during a Government shutdown and compel presence of Senators (see S. Res. 101), [12MR]
Senior citizens: provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]
Taxation: permanently extend and increase expensing limitations (see S. 1399), [20MY]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 344), [3FE]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
———strengthen the child tax credit (see S. 2264), [10NO]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [15AP]
Medicare: repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (H.R. 2), [14AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [3DE]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (H.R. 2), [14AP]

BENNETT, HAROLD G.
Bills and resolutions
Harold George Bennett Post Office, Perryville, AR: designate (see S. 1678), [25JN]

BENSON, MELVOID J.
Bills and resolutions
Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building, North Kingstown, RI: designate (see S. 2073), [24SE]

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORP.
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: retain and provide for future use of certain land on Point Spencer, support missions and duties of the Coast Guard, and convey certain Point Spencer lands to Bering Straits Native Corp., and the State (see S. 1316), [13MY]

BETHEL, AK
Reports filed
Dept. of HHS Conveyance of Certain Property to Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp.: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 230) (S. Rept. 114–38), [11MY]

BICYCLES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [11MR]

BIDEN, JOSEPH R., III (BEAU)
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]

BIENNIAL BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATIONS ACT
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BILLY FRANK JR., TELL YOUR STORY ACT *see* **TELL YOUR STORY ACT**

BIODIESEL TAX INCENTIVE REFORM AND EXTENSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2353), [3DE]

BIOENERGY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1294), [12MY]

BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS *related term(s)* **WEAPONS**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]

BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT
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FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
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Enact (H.R. 1314), [28OC], [30OC]

BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL TRADE PRIORITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
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———motion to proceed, [12MY], [14MY]
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Enact (H.R. 1314), [6MY]
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Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995) (S. Rept. 114–42), [12MY]

BIPARTISAN SPORTSMEN'S ACT
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Appointments
Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, [7JA]
Bills and resolutions
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 90), [7JA]
———prohibit baiting exemptions on certain land (see S. 595), [26FE]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
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Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
———prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [7JA]
———recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
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BLACK, BARRY C. (CHAPLAIN OF THE SENATE)
Prayers
Senate, [6JA], [29JY], [7JA], [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [16JA], [20JA], [21JA], [22JA], [26JA], [27JA], [28JA], [29JA], [30JA], [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [2MR], [3MR], [4MR], [9MR], [11MR], [12MR], [16MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [23MR], [24MR], [25MR], [26MR], [13AP], [14AP], [15AP], [16AP], [20AP], [21AP], [22AP], [27AP], [28AP], [29AP], [4MY], [5MY], [6MY], [11MY], [12MY], [13MY], [14MY], [18MY], [19MY], [20MY], [21MY], [31MY], [1JN], [2JN], [3JN], [4JN], [8JN], [10JN], [11JN], [15JN], [16JN], [17JN], [18JN], [22JN], [23JN], [24JN], [25JN], [7JY], [8JY], [9JY], [13JY], [14JY], [15JY], [16JY], [21JY], [22JY], [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [28JY], [30JY], [3AU], [4AU], [5AU], [8SE], [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [16SE], [21SE], [22SE], [24SE], [25SE], [28SE], [29SE], [30SE], [1OC], [5OC], [6OC], [7OC], [19OC], [20OC], [21OC], [26OC], [27OC], [28OC], [29OC], [30OC], [4NO], [5NO], [9NO], [10NO], [16NO], [17NO], [18NO], [30NO], [1DE], [2DE], [3DE], [7DE], [8DE], [9DE], [10DE], [14DE], [15DE], [17DE], [18DE]

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BLACK LUNG BENEFITS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]

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BLIND *see* **DISABLED**

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BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON AMERICA'S NUCLEAR FUTURE
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Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]

BLUMENTHAL, RICHARD ***(a Senator from Connecticut)***
Appointments
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [30AP]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [22JY]

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [9SE]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2357), [3DE] (see S. 2393), [10DE]
———provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [3NO] (see S. 2403), [15DE]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [21OC]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
———require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [15JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
———increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [6OC]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Coast Guard: mint coins in commemoration (see S. 985), [16AP]
Colleges and universities: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [7MY]
Consumers: provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts (see S. 2315), [19NO]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
———prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [3NO]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [9NO]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [17SE]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
CPSC: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [25JN]
Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [20AP]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [20OC]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [24FE]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [21OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [11JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [22SE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [29SE]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [6OC]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [27JY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [28OC]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [15JY]
———continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [29SE]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [16JN]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [23FE]
———fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [26FE]
———prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [23AP]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of the Interior: permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
Dept. of Transportation: establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]

———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [9SE]
———incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [16AP]
———increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [19MY]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
———require State motor vehicle departments and registration agencies to notify motor vehicle owners of open safety recalls and require compliance with such recalls prior to registration (see S. 617), [2MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [8OC]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]
———establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [9JY]
———extend certain expiring provisions of administered law (see S. 2082), [25SE]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 1460), [8OC]
———improve accountability of employees (see S. 290), [3DE]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———increase amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients (see S. 2022), [3DE]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [8OC]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [15AP]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [14DE]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [14AP]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA]
Education: support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———prohibit employers from requiring low-wage workers to enter into non-compete covenants and require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into such covenants (see S. 1504), [8JN]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [7JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [11MY]
———protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [8SE]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [18MY]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 329), [2FE]
FCC: extend to private land use restrictions its rule relative to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications (see S. 1685), [25JN]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
FDA: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [5MY]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [15JY]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [9SE]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain non-removable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
Flowers: recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [21JY]
Health care professionals: require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [19NO]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
———treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [30NO]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]

———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [17NO]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [17MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [23JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [28AP]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [16AP]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [28OC]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [15JN]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [4NO]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [16JY]
———enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market (see S. 2392), [10DE]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [24SE]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [21OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [20AP]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [7OC]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [21OC]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [4MY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3NO]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
———make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [17SE]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [23JN]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
———protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 2322), [19NO]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [11MY]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [24SE]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [29JY]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [4AU]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
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National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [20AP]
———require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
———require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
Puerto Rico: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [5NO]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [25FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [24SE]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [9JY]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]

Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 325), [2DE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [30NO]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [9DE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
———require applicable manufacturers to include information on payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in certain transparency reports (see S. 2153), [7OC]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [17NO]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [23JY]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [18MR]
———promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Taxation: expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [29AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [20AP]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 450), [11FE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [23MR]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges (see S. 1754), [8OC]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [3FE]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
———provide for coordination between TRICARE and eligibility to make contributions to health savings accounts (see S. 448), [11FE]
———waive minimum period of continuous active duty for homeless veterans to receive benefits and furnish benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases under other than honorable conditions (see S. 1731), [30JY]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [10JN]
———constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [15JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———expand health programs (see S. 674), [17MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [12MY]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Business and industry: require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Corporations: establish criminal penalties for corporate officers failing to inform and warn of serious dangers posed by corporate actions or products (see S. 2140), [6OC]
Darwin Day: designate (see S. Res. 66), [4FE] (see S. Res. 337), [17DE]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
Dept. of Education: establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]
Dept. of HHS: establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
Dept. of Justice: establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2179), [8OC]
———carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Dept. (see S. 2210), [27OC]
———expand requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and improve oversight of fiduciaries (see S. 2316), [19NO]
———extend authorities to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases determined to be associated with exposure to herbicide agents (see S. 2081), [25SE]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [29JY]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a joint uniform formulary for systemic pain and psychotropic drugs critical to transitioning treatment of an individual between Depts. (see S. 1721), [8JY]
FDA: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
FTC: issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
———prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]

Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 156), [30AP]
Naval Submarine Base New London, CT: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Railroads: improve highway-rail grade crossing safety (see S. 532), [23FE]
Social Security: protect system and improve benefits (see S. 1904), [30JY]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts (see S. 2414), [17DE]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 1129), [29AP]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [15JN]

Motions

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [10NO]

BLUNT, ROY ***(a Senator from Missouri)***

Appointments

Acting President pro tempore, [19FE], [26MY], [28MY], [13OC]
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees, [25FE]
Senate National Security Working Group, [24FE]

Attendance

Present, [6JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [10SE] (see S. 2152), [22OC]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [7JY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [3NO]
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 594), [26FE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [4FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [22AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [29SE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [2JN]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [8OC]
———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [9MR]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [3DE]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [8SE]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [16JA]
———inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [12FE]
Dept. of Education: allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [10MR]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
Dept. of HHS: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [8DE]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
Dept. of HUD: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 2292), [8DE]
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [19MY]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Dept. of Transportation: create National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [21MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [30JY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [29JA]
———use authorities to furnish health care at nondepartmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [10MR]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [8SE]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [14JY]
Drugs: exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [3DE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Electric power: clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act to generate or transmit electricity may not be considered a violation of environmental laws or regulations (see S. 848), [24MR]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]

Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———establish a process for the review of rules and sets of rules (see S. 1683), [25JN]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———require a notice and comment process for interpretative rules if there is a change to a previously issued rule (see S. 1487), [3JN]
———require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules (see S. 1807), [21JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [23MR]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [9SE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [23FE]
———provide relief to community banks and promote their access to capital (see S. 1816), [21JY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [26FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [9FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Harry S. Truman Union Station, Washington, DC: designate (see S. 1247), [7MY]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [9JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [14MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [4JN]
IRS: improve transparency and efficiency relative to audits and communications with taxpayers (see S. 186), [16JA]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [11MY]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [19MY]
Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [5OC]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [20OC]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
———ensure Federal officers remain able to ensure their own safety and the safety of their families during a covered furlough (see S. 1162), [13MY]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [4MY]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [8JN]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29JA]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [15JY]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [19NO]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [21JY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [16JN]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [7DE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [21AP]
———strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs (see S. 2382), [9DE]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [30SE]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [22SE]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [9JY]
Motor vehicles: protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [11MY]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [8SE]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [29SE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [5AU]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [2DE]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Privacy: protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]

Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [10FE]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
SSA: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 369), [4FE]
———prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
———provide certain individuals with information on employment support services (see S. 1923), [4AU]
———provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions (see S. 1922), [4AU]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Tariff: recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [15AP]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [27JA]
———exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 322), [29JA]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [15JY]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [5FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [28AP]
———modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (see S. 1660), [24JN]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [4MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10MR]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [15AP]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1666), [24JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [21JA]
Terrorism: designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [27JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Transportation: provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [13MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 1798), [3AU]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [3NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [6OC] (see S. 2403), [15DE]
ATF: prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [19MY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for unveiling of marble bust of Vice President Richard B. Cheney (see S. Con. Res. 24), [5NO]
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 126), [26MR]
Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 54), [29JA]
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 126), [26MR]
Committees of the Senate: authorize printing of rules (see S. Res. 234), [29JY]
———authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 73), [12FE]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Corps of Engineers: undertake remediation oversight of West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, MO (see S. 2306), [19NO]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of HHS: raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
Dept. of Labor: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [10NO]
Dept. of Transportation: adequately fund bridges (see S. 1370), [19MY]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [4MR]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
FDA: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
Federal agencies and departments: include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 281), [28JA]
———require periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (see S. 1067), [23AP]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
———provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [26MR]
Iraq: require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya (see S. 1643), [23JN]
Kansas City Royals (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 305), [4NO]
Library of Congress: establish a 10-year term for the Librarian of Congress (see S. 2162), [7OC]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
Public welfare programs: ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care (see S. 2166), [8OC]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 136), [16AP]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 340), [3FE]
Taxation: extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances (see S. 364), [4FE]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [26FE]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]

Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [28OC], [30OC]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
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Activities During the 113th Congress: Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–11), [13AP]
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***BOCKSCAR* (aircraft)**
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World War II: commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]

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Bills and resolutions
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]

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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [10NO]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [19OC]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [14JY]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 1249), [7MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [20OC]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [18MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [18JN]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [22OC]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [21SE]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [17NO]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [10NO]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [28OC]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [16JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [17SE]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [16SE]
———permit renegotiation of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement with private companies that administer Federal crop insurance (see S. 1442), [21MY]
Dept. of Commerce: undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [2DE]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [19MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [16AP]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary and secondary schools (see S. 325), [30JA]
Dept. of Energy: establish comprehensive program to improve education and training to increase number of skilled workers in energy and manufacturing fields (see S. 1422), [21MY]
———require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [14AP]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of Justice: make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [9MR]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of

Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
Dept. of Transportation: establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
———require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [2DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [9NO]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [14DE]
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
———statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [21OC]
Education: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [13AP]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [7JY]
FCC: promote certain unlicensed spectrum use and maximize the use of such spectrum for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development (see S. 424), [10FE]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
FDA: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [15JY]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal agencies and departments: modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [28JY]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [16NO]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [26FE]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [25FE]
———prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 406), [5FE]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [29OC]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [27OC]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [29SE]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [21MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [21MY]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [19NO]
Information technology: develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [23JN]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [12MR]
Libraries: require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (see S. 558), [27FE]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [26OC]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [23JY]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [8OC]
Medicare/Medicaid: make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [22OC]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Entrepreneurs' Day: designate (see S. Res. 314), [17NO]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 151), [23AP]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16NO]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Pipelines: provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [12FE]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [19MY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]

Railroads: reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, and streamline rail project delivery (see S. 1626), [18JN]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Rutgers University: anniversary (see S. Res. 311), [9NO]
SBA: establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
———improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [6OC]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [6OC]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 256), [15SE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [9MR]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [11FE]
———require States to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [19MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [7JY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [23MR]
Ships and vessels: remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [26FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
Taxation: allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [25FE]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [27JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [7DE]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 946), [22JY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [12MY]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [11MY]
World War II: commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th constitutional amendment abolishing slavery (see S. Con. Res. 21), [5OC]
Children and youth: ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
Consumers: restrict debt collection practices of certain debt collectors (see S. 2255), [5NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
Dept. of Education: simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
Dept. of Transportation: increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
FAA: establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [19MR]
FEMA: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [27AP]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Health: provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [23AP]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
SBA: establish an incubator and accelerator grant program for veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 2273), [10NO]
———establish Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program (see S. 1934), [4AU]
Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building, Waldwick, NJ: designate (see S. 994), [16AP]
Taxation: extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]
———regulate tax return preparers and refund anticipation payment arrangements (see S. 935), [14AP]
Telecommunications: promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]

BOOKS *see* **LITERATURE**

BOOZMAN, JOHN ***(a Senator from Arkansas)***
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [3FE]
Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents, [21MY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [29OC]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [3FE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [27OC]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [29SE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [29SE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]

Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [7JY]
Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [24FE]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [18MY]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [21JA]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 1543), [18JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [9NO]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [10FE]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
Dept. of HHS: designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [16MR]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [4JN]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [9NO]
Dept. of Justice: establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [6OC]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [6OC]
———establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———extend authority of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans (see S. 2048), [17SE]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [28AP]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [29SE]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: conduct a pilot program to assess feasibility and advisability of expanding use of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine (see S. 714), [11MR]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [23JN]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [29SE]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [29SE]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [17NO]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [9JY]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
FEMA: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [3AU]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [13AP]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [13AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [4MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [17JN]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [27JY]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [4FE]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [8OC]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [23JN]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [17MR]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [11MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [20MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [2FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: improve transparency and efficiency relative to audits and communications with taxpayers (see S. 186), [16JA]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [12MY]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [5AU]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [1OC]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [17SE]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [10MR]

Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [16MR]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [3FE]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [13MY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [13MY]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [30SE]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [28JY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [4AU]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [7OC]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [15JY]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: prohibit baiting exemptions on certain land (see S. 595), [26FE]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [15JY]
Motor vehicles: limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [8JY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [14MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [15DE]
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [9SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [12MY]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22JN]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [28SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [10FE]
———exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [28JY]
Taxation: clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 53), [3FE]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [7JY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [5AU]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1281), [11MY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [6MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [3MR]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [15AP]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [8JY]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [7MY]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [1JN]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [5OC]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [1DE]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall after receipt of gift for renovation of such hall (see S. 143), [13JA]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [5MY]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
Dept. of Energy: require State approval before exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property for electric transmission projects in such State (see S. 485), [12FE]
Dept. of Transportation: recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16MR]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
EPA: provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 543), [24FE]
FAA: issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY]
Harold George Bennett Post Office, Perryville, AR: designate (see S. 1678), [25JN]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [8OC]
Jacob Trieber Federal Building, U.S. Post Office, and U.S. Court House, Helena, AR: designate (see S. 1707), [7JY]
Medicaid: require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [22SE]
Smithsonian Institution: provide for additional space for protection and preservation of national collections (see S. 2057), [17SE]

Veterans: extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
Water: reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]

BORDER JOBS FOR VETERANS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1603) (S. Rept. 114–116), [5AU]

BORDER PATROL AGENT PAY REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal employees: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Motions
Federal employees: clarify effective date of certain provisions (S. 1356), [10NO]

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BORDER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1873), [28JY]

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2066), [22SE]

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
Bills and resolutions
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Srebrenica: observe anniversary of genocide, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Reports filed
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA-AMERICAN ENTERPRISE FUND (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA-AMERICAN ENTERPRISE FUND ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2307), [19NO]

BOSTON, MA
Bills and resolutions
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]

BOWIE, MD
Bills and resolutions
Bowie State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 24), [8JA]

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 24), [8JA]

BOXER, BARBARA ***(a Senator from California)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
Attendance
Present, [12JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [16MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [16AP]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [20MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [7MY]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [14AP]
———clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [9MR]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 178), [10MR]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [18JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [5FE]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [9NO]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [17NO]
———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [30NO]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [9JY]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [20MY]

———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [3NO]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [6MY]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [5AU]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [12MR]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
———establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [16AP]
———increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [24JN]
———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [16DE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [27JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [7JY]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [28AP]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [4MY]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [28JY]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [9NO]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [2FE]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [30AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [5AU]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [24JN]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [28OC]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Drought: provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [17MR]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [19MY]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
———require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [14JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [13AP]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [23JY]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [21MY]
FDA: ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [27AP]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [27JY]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [16SE]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain non-removable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [3AU]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign trade: require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress (see S. 1381), [21MY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 131), [26MR]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [3JN]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [3JN]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [8DE]
———exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [16JA]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [14MY]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [16NO]

Israel: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [21AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [4NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [28AP]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [28AP]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [27AP]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [19MY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [20OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [11MY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [24JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [22OC]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [19MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [19MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [15AP]
Members of Congress: suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [7MY]
National Guard: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
———modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [18MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216), [21JA]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 186), [21MY]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [17SE]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [8SE]
———prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [13JY]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [3NO]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [30SE]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [11FE]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [19MY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [18MR]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY] (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [2MR]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
San Diego, CA: anniversary of 1915 Panama-California Exposition and establishment of Balboa Park (see S. Con. Res. 15), [4MY]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 596), [26FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [19MY]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Ships and vessels: remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [4FE]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [13JA]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [1OC]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [15JY]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [27JA]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [17NO]
———extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]

———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [27JY]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [20MY]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 450), [29AP]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 1129), [29AP]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 162), [13JA]
———require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations (see S. 367), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [12FE]
Vietnam Veterans Day: designate (see S. Res. 130), [26MR]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———expand health programs (see S. 674), [4MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [5OC]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Armed Forces: improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [29AP]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]
Coast Guard: convey certain property to Marin County, CA (see S. 1191), [5MY]
CPSC: improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]
Crime: provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
Dept. of Education: clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [25MR]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
Dept. of Justice: require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
Dept. of the Interior: acquire land in Martinez, CA, for inclusion in John Muir National Historic Site (see S. 651), [4MR]
———authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1983), [5AU]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria (see S. 1761), [14JY]
———take certain Federal lands located in Tuolumne County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (see S. 1822), [21JY]
———take certain land into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians in California (see S. 175), [13JA]
Dept. of Transportation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [21JA]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
Education: reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Golden State Warriors (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 206), [18JN]
Health: recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
Iran: require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 222), [21JA]
NRC: prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
SSA: prohibit seizing of tax refunds to repay overpayments, restore statute of limitations applicable to debt collection through administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments to children (see S. 204), [21JA]
Taxation: increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
Tule Lake National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2412), [17DE]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [21JA]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
———combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]

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Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]

BOYS TOWN (ORGANIZATION)

Bills and resolutions

Coins: mint in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]

BPA IN FOOD PACKAGING RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 821), [19MR]

BRADLEY, OMAR N.

Bills and resolutions

Omar N. Bradley Foundation: authorize the transfer of certain items to the descendants of Omar N. Bradley (see S. 267), [27JA]

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO INNOVATION ACT

Bills and resolutions

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American Craft Beer Week: support goals (see S. Res. 188), [31MY]

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Bureau of Reclamation: authorize early repayment of obligations within the Northport Irrigation District in Nebraska (see S. 1291), [12MY]

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Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Crime: prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
Dept. of Transportation: adequately fund bridges (see S. 1370), [19MY]
———assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]

Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Rio Grande City, TX: provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Co., to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande river (see S. 2143), [6OC]
Strengthening America's Bridges Fund: establish (see S. 1273), [11MY]
Taxation: incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
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Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [10SE] (see S. 2152), [19NO]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [7OC]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [9DE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 1249), [7MY]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2357), [7DE] (see S. 2393), [14DE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [23AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [19MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [2JN]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [28AP]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [15JN]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [13AP]
Daniel L. Kinnard Dept. of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Newark, OH: designate (see S. 1325), [13MY]
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [15JN]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 1050), [22AP]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
———extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———provide for State accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [6JA]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [30JY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]

Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [12MR]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [9DE]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [25MR]
———establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [3AU]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [18MY]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [17JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [3DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [19NO]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [16JN]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [11FE]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
———prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [19NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [19OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [6MY]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [10JN]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———expand requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and improve oversight of fiduciaries (see S. 2316), [19NO]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [29JY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [8JN]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [16JY]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [13AP]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [7JY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [12FE]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 892), [26MR]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [4JN]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [15JN]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
EPA: provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
———reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [5AU]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [8JA]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [29JY]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
FDA: extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [8SE]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [15JY]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [12MR]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 2035), [28OC]
———provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [8JA]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [16SE]
———protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
———provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]

———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [5NO]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [9SE]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [30NO]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [27JA]
Iran: require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [3NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [4JN]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [15JN]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
———require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance while such individual is an inmate of a public institution (see S. 1409), [21MY]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [19MY]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [18JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [1DE]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [16AP]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans relative to certain categories or classes of drugs (see S. 648), [4MR]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [4JN]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [28AP]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [13JY]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [5FE]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [7DE]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [9MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [27JY]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [29JY]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
Motor vehicles: establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, and help consumers identify recalled tires (see S. 1741), [9JY]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
NASA: report on requirements and risks in connection with use of radioisotopic power systems for space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit (see S. 1829), [22JY]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 176), [11MY]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Mentoring Month: observance (see S. Res. 58), [29JA]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [1JN]
NIH: prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [13AP]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [17SE]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [25FE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Pensions: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [19MY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [9MR]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [3NO]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [7OC]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [3FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [15JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]

———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [12FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———provide for a phased-in payment of disability insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 2010), [9SE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building, Grove City, OH: designate (see S. 1596), [17JN]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
Taxation: enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [12FE]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [5FE]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 450), [11FE]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1666), [24JN]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [26MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [15SE]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [6MY]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [8JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———expand health programs (see S. 674), [11MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Bankruptcy: require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [15JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
Civil rights: issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Colleges and universities: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
Dakar, Maha: relief (see S. 680), [9MR]
Dept. of Education: create a partnership with the Corp. for National and Community Service to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]
———establish a full-service community schools grant program (see S. 1787), [16JY]
———strengthen charter school accountability and transparency, prevent fraud, and increase community involvement (see S. 1708), [7JY]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the John P. Parker House in Ripley, OH (see S. 541), [24FE]
Dept. of Transportation: reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: develop and publish an action plan for improving vocational rehabilitation services and assistance (see S. 2106), [30SE]
———establish a continuing medical education program for non-departmental medical professionals who treat veterans and their families (see S. 2049), [17SE]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 1460), [22MY]
———improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1257), [7MY]
EPA: carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———publish a health advisory and submit reports relative to microcystins in drinking water (see S. 462), [11FE]
Financial institutions: provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Foreign trade: facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [26MR]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
IRS: issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
Medicaid: extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
Medicare: count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24MR]
———enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market (see S. 2392), [10DE]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3MR]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]
Ohio State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 50), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Ships and vessels: exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 428), [10FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Stokes, Louis: tribute (see S. Res. 265), [22SE]
Taxation: exempt aircraft management services from excise taxes imposed on transportation by air (see S. 2092), [29SE]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [16AP]
———modify and permanently extend qualified zone academy bonds to facilitate school renovation and construction and treat such bonds as specified tax credit bonds (see S. 1753), [13JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]

$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
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Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [15AP]
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Bills and resolutions
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]

BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NC
Bills and resolutions
OMB: consider Brunswick County, NC, to be part of the same statistical area as Wilmington, NC (see S. 1157), [30AP]

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Senate: appointment as Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 16), [6JA]

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Appointments
Conferees: S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 385), [5FE]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
CBO: prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside normal scoring periods (see S. 2260), [9NO]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA] (see S. 749), [17MR]
Congress: prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]
Constitutional amendments: balance (see S.J. Res. 2), [6JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE] (see S.J. Res. 9), [9FE] (see S.J. Res. 18), [9JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: permit renegotiation of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement with private companies that administer Federal crop insurance (see S. 1442), [21MY]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 300), [29JA] (see S. 327), [2FE]
———provide with authority to transfer funds in order to mitigate the effects of a sequestration of available departmental funds (see S. 813), [19MR]
Dept. of Energy: expand Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and U.S. flagged vessels and return unspent funds and loan proceeds to reduce the national debt (see S. 1181), [4MY]
Dept. of Transportation: rescind unused earmarks (see S. 1544), [10JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
Economy: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [28AP]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [22JA]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
———require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
Federal budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
———setting forth for 2016–2025 (see S. Con. Res. 11), [23MR]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 94), [7JA]
Government: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
———increase transparency in Federal budgeting (see S. 399), [5FE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Health: prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
Intelligence services: require Presidents' annual budget submissions to include the total dollar amount requested for intelligence or intelligence-related activities of the Government (see S. 1307), [12MY]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
———reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
———suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National security: exempt the Dept. of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration (see S. 2303), [18NO]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
Native Americans: exempt the Indian Health Service, BIA, and certain other programs for Indians from budget sequestration (see S. 1497), [3JN]
OMB: establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]
Power resources: appropriately determine the budgetary effects of energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 765), [17MR]
Public debt: appropriately manage debt by limiting use of extraordinary measures (see S. 19), [6JA]
———cut and cap Federal spending and enact balanced budget constitutional amendment (see S. 2182), [19OC]
———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 69), [7JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Securities: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
———clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]
Senate Rules: require Senate to be in session during a Government shutdown and compel presence of Senators (see S. Res. 101), [12MR]
Social Security: establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 20), [6JA]
Taxation: impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
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———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–78), [8JY]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–81), [15JY]
Grants Oversight and New Efficiency (GONE) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1115) (S. Rept. 114–169), [30NO]
National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]

BUILD USA ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1296), [12MY]

BUILDING AND LIFTING TRUST IN ORDER TO MULTIPLY OPPORTUNITIES AND RACIAL EQUALITY (BALTIMORE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1610), [18JN]

BUILDING AND RENEWING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT (BRIDGE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1589), [16JN]

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES
Bills and resolutions
Firearms: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
———prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [19MY]
National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record: provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their families can register certain firearms (see S. 670), [4MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Bills and resolutions
Coquille Forest: manage in accordance with laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land (see S. 816), [19MR]
Crime: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Dept. of Education: support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 383), [5FE]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [28JA]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1591), [17JN]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Native Americans: exempt the Indian Health Service, BIA, and certain other programs for Indians from budget sequestration (see S. 1497), [3JN]
———extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 35), [6JA]
———provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (see S. 2285), [17NO]
———provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Roads and highways: enhance tribal road safety (see S. 1776), [15JY]
Reports filed
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
Dept. of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 286) (S. Rept. 114–60), [22MY]
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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: reinstate certain mining claims (see S. 1395), [20MY]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]
Black Hills National Cemetery: transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [29OC]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Coal: increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 814), [19MR]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 815), [19MR]
———convey land to be held in trust for certain Indian tribes in Nevada (see S. 1436), [21MY]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
———establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by BLM (see S. 2380), [9DE]
———grant rights-of-way on Federal land under the Mineral Leasing Act (see S. 1196), [5MY]
———improve coal leasing (see S. 1340), [14MY]
———provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts (see S. 154), [13JA]
———transfer land to be held in trust for Moapa Band of Paiutes in Nevada (see S. 1986), [5AU]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1522), [8JN] (see S. 1591), [17JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Federal-State relations: establish a program to enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities (see S. 1230), [6MY]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
Glennallen, AK: convey reversionary interests of the U.S. in and to certain non-Federal land to Alaska Bible College (see S. 2018), [9SE]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]
Idaho: establish certain wilderness areas and authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System and BLM lands in central Idaho (see S. 583), [26FE]
———modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Lowery, Tim: relief (see S. 701), [10MR]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
Nettleton, Paul: relief (see S. 701), [10MR]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
———provide for withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley (see S. 196), [20JA]
———validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]
New Mexico: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
Oregon: designate certain BLM land as wilderness, authorize certain land exchanges, and convey certain BLM land to Wheeler County for economic and community development purposes (see S. 1255), [7MY]
———designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———promote geothermal energy (see S. 1057), [22AP]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Red River: provide legal certainty for property owners along the Red River in Texas (see S. 1153), [30AP]
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
Utah: provide for conveyance of certain land to Washington County and authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land (see S. 1985), [5AU]
———withdraw BLM lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
Wilderness areas: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Cerros del Norte Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1240) (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531), [4AU]
———Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531) (S. Rept. 114–123), [8SE]
Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 583) (S. Rept. 114–127), [9SE]
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Bills and resolutions
Colorado River Storage Project: authorize use of active capacity of Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [12MY]
Dams: allow proactive measures to maintain and repair dams and water infrastructure (see S. 1657), [24JN]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [11JN]
———convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 14), [6JA]
———coordinate Federal and State permitting processes relative to construction of new surface water storage projects on Federal lands and designate Bureau of Reclamation as lead agency (see S. 1533), [9JN]
———transfer land to be held in trust for Moapa Band of Paiutes in Nevada (see S. 1986), [5AU]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]

Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1591), [17JN]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
Native Americans: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]
———provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Nebraska: authorize early repayment of obligations within the Northport Irrigation District (see S. 1291), [12MY]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
Yakima River: authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project to improve water management in the Yakima River basin (see S. 1694), [25JN]
Cloture motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), [6OC], [7OC]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Authorization of Use of Active Capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1305) (S. Rept. 114–135), [9SE]
Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2028) (S. Rept. 114–54), [21MY]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Reinstatement and Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Clark Canyon Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1103) (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]
Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Phase III Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1694) (S. Rept. 114–187), [16DE]

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TRANSPARENCY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
Bills and resolutions
Census: provide for more accurate and complete enumeration of Armed Forces members in any tabulation of total population (see S. 652), [4MR]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Quarterly financial report program: extend authority to conduct (see S. 1868), [27JY]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Reports filed
Bureau of the Census Authority To Conduct the Quarterly Financial Report Program Extension: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1868) (S. Rept. 114–157), [22OC]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]

BURMA, UNION OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [26MR]
———commend free and fair elections, call for peaceful transfer of power, and support efforts to pursue national unity (see S. Res. 320), [19NO]
Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Burma: President Obama, [18MY]
Reports filed
Commend Free and Fair Elections, Call for Peaceful Transfer of Power, and Support Efforts To Pursue National Unity in Burma: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 320), [10DE]

BURR, RICHARD ***(a Senator from North Carolina)***
Appointments
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Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [24SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [3DE]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [16SE]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [9SE]
———provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [6OC] (see S. 2403), [15DE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [18MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [7JY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 757), [17MR]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [9NO]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
———establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
Dept. of Education: establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [9JN]
Dept. of Justice: establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [16SE]
Dept. of Transportation: designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: designate one U.S. city each year as an ''American World War II City'' (see S. 1401), [20MY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [5AU]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [30JY]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [22OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [22JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [9JY]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]

Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Federal employees: make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 303), [30JY]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissible, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief (see S. 1120), [28AP]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
ITC: establish a process for consideration of temporary duty suspensions (see S. 998), [20AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [5OC]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [14AP]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [7JY]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [16JN]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [11MR]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [11JN]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [8JY]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [1JN]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [29AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [8JY]
———improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [8OC]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Guard: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [3DE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [19NO]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [4MR]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14DE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [28JY]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pensions: make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [7OC]
Roads and highways: designate certain route segments of the National Highway System in North Carolina as high priority corridors (see S. 983), [16AP]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [15DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [5FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]
Taxation: extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [11MY]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [17NO]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [9FE]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 344), [3FE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Terrorism: require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [16JY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Tropical Forest Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 566), [25FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 196), [9JN]
Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 55), [29JA]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [5FE]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]

Dept. of the Interior: enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 684), [10MR]
FDA: ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [18JN]
———provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices (see S. 1077), [23AP]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
Flowers: recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 131), [26MR]
Intelligence services: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1705), [7JY]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 754), [17MR]
IRS: establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [2FE] (see S. 2101), [29SE]
Medicare: provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies (see S. 1253), [7MY]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
Native Americans: provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (see S. 2285), [17NO]
OMB: consider Brunswick County, NC, to be part of the same statistical area as Wilmington, NC (see S. 1157), [30AP]
Smith, Dean E.: tribute (see S. Res. 79), [12FE]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]
Taxation: increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 215), [21JA]
Vietnam Veterans Day: designate (see S. Res. 130), [26MR]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR]
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Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
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Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
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———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
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———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
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Arizona: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]
Armed Forces: make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements relative to controversies arising under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and preserve rights to bring class actions (see S. 2331), [19NO]
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [5AU]
Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
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Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
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Bureau of the Census: extend authority to conduct the quarterly financial report program (see S. 1868), [27JY]
Buy American Act: amend relative to certain waivers and domestic content percentage requirements and provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements (see S. 2167), [8OC]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
———specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions (see S. 876), [26MR]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]

———provide a legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education (see S. 2186), [20OC]
———require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Conservation of energy: clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program (see S. 1038), [22AP]
———promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [8JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JN]
Consumers: allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites (see S. 1359), [14MY]
———enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1234), [6MY]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
———ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 21), [6JA]
———prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [16SE]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 104), [7JA]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JA]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify application of the words people, person, or citizen in the Constitution to corporations, limited liability companies, or other corporate entities (see S.J. Res. 7), [4FE]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
———establish criminal penalties for corporate officers failing to inform and warn of serious dangers posed by corporate actions or products (see S. 2140), [6OC]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 757), [17MR]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
CPSC: improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies (see S. 2355), [3DE]
———enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 495), [12FE]
Crime: provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts (see S. 572), [25FE]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]
———authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Delta Regional Authority: add Vernon and Sabine Parishes, LA, to make such parishes eligible for Federal economic development grants (see S. 1791), [16JY]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
———authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1570), [11JN]
———enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
———establish Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund (see S. 1263), [7MY]
———undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———ensure student data handled by private companies is protected (see S. 1322), [13MY]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
———assess capability to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at departmental sites (see S. 1363), [18MY]
———assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———collect information on critical energy supplies and establish a Working Group on Energy Markets (see S. 1420), [21MY]
———conduct a study on energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities (see S. 1342), [14MY]
———develop a national smart manufacturing plan and provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs (see S. 1054), [22AP]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1275), [11MY]
———establish comprehensive program to improve education and training to increase number of skilled workers in energy and manufacturing fields (see S. 1422), [21MY]
———establish pilot competitive grant program for development of a skilled energy workforce (see S. 1304), [12MY]
———improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships (see S. 1187), [4MY]
———improve technology transfer by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses and increase public-private partnerships in research and development (see S. 2287), [17NO]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of HHS: provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
———improve and permit recovery of costs incurred for preclearance operations activities in foreign countries and at foreign airports (see S. 2430), [18DE]
———reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 1015), [20AP] (see S. 1269), [11MY]
Dept. of Justice: require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
Dept. of Labor: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [10NO]

———establish America Star program to recognize companies that make American-made products and incentivize companies to implement better workforce support, hiring practices, conditions, and compensation (see S. 938), [14AP]
———extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE] (see S. 1003), [16AP] (see S. 1268), [11MY]
———phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [5AU]
———provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———create National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [21MY]
———enhance rail safety and provide for safe transport of hazardous materials (see S. 1114), [28AP]
———establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
———establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
———improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enhance treatment of small businesses owned by veterans after the death of disabled veteran owners for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 296), [28JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Education: improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
———include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
———clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
———establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
———incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 777), [18MR]
———prohibit employers from requiring low-wage workers to enter into non-compete covenants and require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into such covenants (see S. 1504), [4JN]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 803), [19MR]
———reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP] (see S. 1124), [28AP]
———require employers to provide a certain amount of paid vacation time to eligible employees (see S. 1564), [11JN]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 88), [7JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
———promote new manufacturing by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in issuing air quality standards necessary to obtain preconstruction permits (see S. 1425), [21MY]
———require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]
———reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
FAA: establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
———protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [18JN]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
FCC: disapprove rule regulating broadband Internet access (see S.J. Res. 14), [28AP]
———exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
———limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
———prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 56), [7JA] (see S. 1621), [18JN]
———promote certain unlicensed spectrum use and maximize the use of such spectrum for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development (see S. 424), [10FE]
———promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
———ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [18JN]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
———establish a third-party quality system assessment program for medical devices (see S. 2187), [21OC]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
———extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [28JY]
———increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
Federal agencies and departments: disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1109), [28AP]
———improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
———require a notice and comment process for interpretative rules if there is a change to a previously issued rule (see S. 1487), [3JN]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and

management of certain Government agencies (see S. 1116), [28AP]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
———provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [30AP]
FEMA: provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 2324), [19NO]
FERC: modify certain requirements relative to trial-type hearings for certain license applications (see S. 1236), [6MY]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 1206), [6MY]
———advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]
———create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
———improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Firearms: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
———update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions (see S. 1351), [14MY]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [30AP]
———strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Floods: clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement (see S. 1679), [25JN]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act: repeal certain provisions relative to reporting on foreign assets and investments (see S. 663), [4MR]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
———establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
———facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [26MR]
———require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include requirements relative to paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods (see S. 735), [12MR]
———require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters or producers are involved in the investigation or review (see S. 1702), [25JN]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
———eliminate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1804), [21JY]
———increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 482), [12FE]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 96), [7JA]
———reform by amending Board of Governors staffing policies and settlement voting guidelines (see S. 1248), [7MY]
———reform by limiting emergency lending authority and closing loopholes allowing megabanks to engage in unrestricted commodities activities (see S. 1320), [13MY]
———require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
FTC: establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
———exercise authority relative to mergers under certain antitrust legislation and only in the same procedural manner as the Dept. of Justice exercises such authority (see S. 2102), [30SE]
———prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 2413), [17DE]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
GAO: develop and submit a report on the current state of the skills gap that includes an analysis of the effectiveness of efforts to close the skills gap and recommendations to improve such efforts (see S. 1920), [4AU]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
———ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]
———provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
———preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [8OC]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
Human rights: require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Immigration: establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
———extend and improve EB–5 immigrant investor visa program (see S. 1501), [3JN]
———improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and reauthorize the EB–5 regional center program (see S. 2122), [1OC]
———protect U.S. jobs by reducing number of visas available under H–1B non-immigrant worker visa program and prioritize allocation of such visas based on salary (see S. 2365), [8DE]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
———develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]
———limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Insurance: clarify definition of nonadmitted insurer (see S. 1561), [11JN]
———clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
———establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 1661), [24JN]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [25JN]
———provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [19MR]

Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE] (see S. 754), [17MR]
International trade: promote (see S. 2201), [22OC]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Investments: allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors (see S. 973), [16AP]
Iran: prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
———provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
Israel: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 260), [27JA]
———establish a process for consideration of temporary duty suspensions (see S. 998), [16AP]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———clarify the illegality of the use of violence to achieve objectives during a strike (see S. 62), [7JA]
———deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
———protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24FE]
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 332), [9DE]
Medicare: exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———facilitate increased coordination and alignment between public and private sector relative to quality and efficiency measures (see S. 1427), [21MY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [22JY]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
———modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
———transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, and help consumers identify recalled tires (see S. 1741), [9JY]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
National Entrepreneurs' Day: designate (see S. Res. 314), [17NO]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
———restore opportunity for tribal economic development by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe on terms that are equal and fair (see S. 1457), [22MY]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [28SE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
NOAA: promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]
NSF: implement Sustainable Chemistry Program (see S. 1447), [21MY]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [17MR]
OMB: consider Brunswick County, NC, to be part of the same statistical area as Wilmington, NC (see S. 1157), [30AP]
———oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 1402), [20MY]
Patents: amend laws to promote basic research, stimulate publication of scientific documents, encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, and improve transfer of technology to the private sector (see S. 926), [14AP]
———eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
———provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 560), [25FE]
———strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 97), [7JA]
———enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment (see S. 1653), [23JN]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———modify definition of applicable large employer relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1415), [21MY]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
———permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options (see S. 531), [23FE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]

———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Pensions: make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
———modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
Petroleum: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Political campaigns: clarify treatment of certain coordinated political action committee expenditures as contributions to candidates (see S. 1838), [22JY]
———provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
———improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [17SE]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
———free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
———provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers (see S. 889), [26MR]
Privacy: prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
———require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
———require notification of information security breaches and enhance penalties for cyber criminals (see S. 1027), [21AP]
———require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
Public lands: reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses (see S. 1862), [26JY] (see S. 1870), [27JY]
———direct Office of Veterans Business Development task force to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses (see S. 1400), [20MY]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
———establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———expand participation in the Microloan Program (see S. 1857), [23JY]
———expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]
———improve the Microloan Program (see S. 1445), [21MY]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [15AP]
———increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [15AP]
———treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain defense base closure areas (see S. 1292), [12MY]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
———enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 1730), [9JY]
———extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
———increase threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relative to compensatory benefit plans (see S. 576), [26FE]
———provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1010), [20AP]
———repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]
———require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Securities: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
———determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 67), [7JA]
Senior citizens: provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [16AP]
Ships and vessels: promote the recycling of vessels (see S. 1511), [4JN]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: enhance benefits and ensure long-term solvency (see S. 731), [12MR]
———require applicable manufacturers to include information on payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in certain transparency reports (see S. 2153), [7OC]
Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
Space policy: improve transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles (see S. 592), [26FE]
———promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [12MY]
———promote development of a U.S. commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space (see S. 976), [16AP]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts (see S. 2414), [17DE]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
———prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
———recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [6JA]
Surface Transportation Board: expand competition, restore balance to regulatory environment, and improve efficiency and reliability of rail shipping and transportation (see S. 853), [24MR]
———prohibit long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks without approval of the rail carrier's rail car storage plan (see S. 443), [10FE]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]
Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [12FE]
Taxation: allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors (see S. 973), [16AP]
———allow a temporary dividends received deduction from a controlled foreign corporation for certain taxable years (see S. 397), [5FE]
———allow allocation of certain renewable energy tax credits to Indian tribes (see S. 1749), [13JY]
———allow deductions and credits relative to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law (see S. 987), [16AP]
———allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [25FE]
———deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 413), [9FE]
———disallow deductions for the payment of punitive damages (see S. 169), [13JA]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 948), [15AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]

———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, and prevent U.S. tax avoidance (see S. 922), [14AP]
———establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [15AP] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
———establish tax-preferred Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts (see S. 1262), [7MY]
———exempt aircraft management services from excise taxes imposed on transportation by air (see S. 2092), [29SE]
———exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised (see S. 909), [14AP]
———exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits (see S. 1179), [4MY]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [29AP]
———expand personal and retirement savings by allowing employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic individual retirement accounts (see S. 245), [22JA]
———expand workplace health incentives by equalizing tax consequences of employee athletic facility use (see S. 2296), [18NO]
———extend and reform biodiesel tax incentives (see S. 2353), [3DE]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
———extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [12FE]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for certain small insurance companies (see S. 905), [14AP]
———increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit (see S. 537), [24FE]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 215), [21JA]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [5FE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1905), [30JY]
———modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (see S. 1660), [24JN]
———modify and permanently extend qualified zone academy bonds to facilitate school renovation and construction and treat such bonds as specified tax credit bonds (see S. 1753), [13JY]
———modify certain safe harbor requirements to encourage small business to offer retirement plans and to allow individuals to save more (see S. 266), [27JA]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 324), [30JA]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
———permanently extend and increase expensing limitations (see S. 1399), [20MY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 947), [15AP]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
———provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave (see S. 2354), [3DE]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 43), [7JA]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1281), [11MY]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities (see S. 2271), [10NO]
———provide for full expensing of tangible property (see S. 2350), [3DE]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———provide refundable credit for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (see S. 1023), [21AP]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [30AP]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1666), [24JN]
———reduce the rate of tax on certain distilled spirits (see S. 1444), [21MY]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 1129), [29AP]
———reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, reduce estate value exemption level, include a billionaire's surtax, tax dynasty trusts, and protect farmland and conservation easements (see S. 1677), [25JN]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 162), [13JA]
———require student Social Security numbers and employer identification numbers for education tax credits (see S. 75), [7JA]
———restrict the insurance business exception to passive foreign investment company rules (see S. 1687), [25JN]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 174), [13JA]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 2068), [22SE]
———treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1801), [16JY] (see S. 2202), [22OC]
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———promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
———improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
Terrorism: require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
U.S. Cotton Futures Act: modify definition of cotton futures contracts (see S. 1655), [24JN]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 89), [7JA]
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Whistleblowing: enhance protection for contractor and grantee employees (see S. 795), [18MR]
———extend protections for defense contractor employees to employees of contractors of elements of the intelligence community (see S. 794), [18MR]
———provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 1599), [17JN]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
———provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
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California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Coast Guard: convey certain property to Marin County, CA (see S. 1191), [5MY]
Dept. of the Interior: acquire land in Martinez, CA, for inclusion in John Muir National Historic Site (see S. 651), [4MR]
———authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1983), [5AU]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———take certain land into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians in California (see S. 175), [13JA]
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———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [30AP]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
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Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Public lands: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
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Dept. of Education: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
Dept. of Energy: ensure oil transported through the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline is used in domestic commerce to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil (see S. 188), [16JA]
Dept. of HHS: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]
Great Lakes: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
———foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
Immigration: provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Power resources: require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
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Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
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Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [10SE]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [10DE]
American Craft Beer Week: support goals (see S. Res. 188), [31MY]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [5NO]
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Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [28OC]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
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Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [23JY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [29OC]
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———transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 1979), [7OC]
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Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13JY]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [28OC]
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Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [24SE]
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Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [20MY]
———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [2JN]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [21MY]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [20MY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]

Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [20MY]
———establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [3NO]
Dept. of the Interior: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
Dept. of Transportation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [2FE]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [16JY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [10NO]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [6AU]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
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Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [19NO]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [7JY]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [5OC]
EPA: establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program (see S. 1394), [20OC]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [24FE]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
Fish and fishing: reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
———strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [14MY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: improve access to primary care services (see S. 1989), [1OC]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [12MY]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27AP]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 2169), [8OC]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [1JN]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [8OC]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [1DE]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [1DE]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———extend the rural add-on payment in the home health benefit (see S. 839), [23MR] (see S. 2389), [10DE]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [30SE]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [1DE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [2DE]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [2FE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [21AP]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [7DE]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [17DE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [9JA]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28SE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [25JN]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [9SE]
NOAA: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [13JY]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [22JA]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [3NO]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [3MR]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [21AP]
———improve the Microloan Program (see S. 1445), [21MY]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [15AP]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [22AP]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [23AP]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [16AP]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Ships and vessels: remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [4FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]

———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [15DE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [8OC]
Space policy: promote development of a U.S. commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space (see S. 976), [7JY]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [16AP]
Tariff: recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [15AP]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [15JY]
———exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [29AP]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [9SE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [4JN]
———extend and reform biodiesel tax incentives (see S. 2353), [3DE]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [13JY]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1429), [13JY]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [15SE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [1DE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall after receipt of gift for renovation of such hall (see S. 143), [27JA]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [6OC]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [29AP]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [6AU]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [5OC]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Coast Guard: provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard (see S. 1386), [19MY]
Dept. of Energy: collect information on critical energy supplies and establish a Working Group on Energy Markets (see S. 1420), [21MY]
———conduct study on technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber (see S. 1432), [21MY]
———establish pilot competitive grant program for development of a skilled energy workforce (see S. 1304), [12MY]
———facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [7MY]
———provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve and permit recovery of costs incurred for preclearance operations activities in foreign countries and at foreign airports (see S. 2430), [18DE]
Dept. of the Interior: designate the Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]
Dept. of Transportation: improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR]
FDA: establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [30AP]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 2165), [8OC]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
Medicare: improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists (see S. 2259), [9NO]
———improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by certain Federally qualified providers (see S. 1456), [22MY]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [8DE]
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1690), [25JN]
National Park Service: observe centennial through increased funding (see S. 2257), [5NO]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
SBA: establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program (see S. 1011), [20AP]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [1OC]
Taxation: clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [15AP] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
Yakima River: authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project to improve water management in the Yakima River basin (see S. 1694), [25JN]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
CAPE FOX NATIVE CORP.
Bills and resolutions
FERC: issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
Reports filed
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
CAPITAL PUNISHMENT *related term(s)* **COURTS**
Bills and resolutions
Public safety officers: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [15SE]
CAPITO, SHELLEY MOORE ***(a Senator from West Virginia)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [16OC]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [30JY]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [10FE]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [23FE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [7OC]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [19MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [11FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 2070), [16DE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [13AP] (see S. 2200), [17NO]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [27JA]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [18MR]
———provide removal of default information from a borrower's credit report relative to certain rehabilitated private education loans (see S. 1309), [12MY]
Crime: combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [9FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [9FE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [9FE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [26JA]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [21JA]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [2MR]
Dept. of Energy: extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [10JN]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [3AU]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [16SE]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [29JY]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [22MY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [10NO]
Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
Dept. of the Interior: grant rights-of-way on Federal land under the Mineral Leasing Act (see S. 1196), [5MY]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [24FE]
Dept. of Transportation: require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [20OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [14AP]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [29JA]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———use authorities to furnish health care at nondepartmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [10FE]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
Drugs: combat heroin and methamphetamine trafficking across the Southern border of the U.S. (see S. 392), [5FE]
———establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, and establish a grant program relative to naloxone (see S. 2256), [5NO]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Education: provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
FDA: establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [15AP]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [5MY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [19MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [25FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
FTC: exercise authority relative to mergers under certain antitrust legislation and only in the same procedural manner as the Dept. of Justice exercises such authority (see S. 2102), [8DE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [16AP]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]

Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [29JY]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [27OC]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [21OC]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Library of Congress: establish a 10-year term for the Librarian of Congress (see S. 2162), [7OC]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [14AP]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [9JN]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [29JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [24MR]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [10FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [14AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [2FE]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [28AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [29JY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [5MY]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [30JY]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [17NO]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [28JY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [3FE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [12MR]
———require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [3NO]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [7OC]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [22MY]
———transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [7MY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Mentoring Month: observance (see S. Res. 58), [29JA]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [24SE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [8JY]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [9SE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [17SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [27OC]
———authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [26JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [12JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [5AU]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [19MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [26FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Public Health Service: designate the Chief Nurse Officer as the National Nurse for Public Health (see S. 1205), [6MY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [13AP]
SBA: carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses (see S. 1870), [8OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [24FE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [4NO]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [10FE]
Taxation: exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 322), [10FE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [9JN]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [28AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [23FE]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [15JN]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [21JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Women: require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———promote new manufacturing by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in issuing air quality standards necessary to obtain preconstruction permits (see S. 1425), [21MY]
FERC: provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]

Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 992), [16AP]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
Medicare: ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]
Wheeling Jesuit University: tribute to women's volleyball team (see S. Res. 342), [18DE]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [2MR]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
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CAPITOL BUILDING AND GROUNDS
Bills and resolutions
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Emancipation Hall: authorize use for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
———authorize use for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
———authorize use for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to World War II First Special Service Force (see S. Con. Res. 2), [8JA]
———authorize use for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th constitutional amendment abolishing slavery (see S. Con. Res. 21), [5OC]
———authorize use for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 3), [5FE]
———authorize use for unveiling of marble bust of Vice President Richard B. Cheney (see S. Con. Res. 24), [5NO]
Larkin, Frank J.: election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 11), [6JA]
———notify the House of Representatives of election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 13), [6JA]
———notify the President of election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 12), [6JA]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 325), [2DE]
Reports filed
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CARBON COUNTY, MT
Bills and resolutions
East Rosebud Creek: designate segments for inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1577), [15JN]

CARBON COUNTY, UT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 14), [6JA]

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING PREVENTION ACT
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CARDIN, BENJAMIN L. ***(a Senator from Maryland)***
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [11FE]
Senate National Security Working Group, [12FE]
U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, [13MY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [17NO]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [15SE]
Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [22AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [10SE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [19MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [21OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [30JY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [20MY]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [22AP]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [17SE]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [12MR]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [23JN]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15SE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]

———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of HHS: ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [9SE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [10DE]
Dept. of HUD: renew certain Moving to Work demonstration program agreements (see S. 1530), [9JN]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [11FE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of the Interior: permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1720), [8JY]
———regulate tax return preparers (see S. 137), [8JA]
Dept. of Transportation: amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [11MR]
———provide sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (see S. 2093), [29SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [29SE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [20JA]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [6AU]
Developing countries: provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [23MR]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [19NO]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Education: express importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools (see S. Res. 150), [23AP]
———improve early education (see S. 317), [1JN]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [1JN]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [24JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25SE]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [4AU]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [10DE]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [11JN]
Federal agencies and departments: reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
Federal employees: increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [13JA]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [20OC]
———prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [16SE]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [22MY]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [26OC]
Immigration: permanently authorize the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program (see S. 1339), [14MY]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
International trade: promote (see S. 2201), [22OC]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [8OC]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [22JY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [25JN]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [8OC]
Lunar New Year: observance (see S. Res. 80), [12FE]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [10JN]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [17JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [4MY]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [21AP]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [23AP]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [11MR]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [28AP]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [19MY]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [3FE]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]

———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3MR]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 115), [25MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [9SE]
NIH: prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [29JA]
Nobel Prize: recognition of Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for peace (see S. Res. 330), [7DE]
Park Geun-hye: welcome Republic of Korea President upon U.S. visit and reaffirm importance of alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea (see S. Res. 194), [8JN] (see S. Res. 278), [6OC]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [22JN]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [8OC]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
SBA: increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [1JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [1JN]
———require States to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [2JN]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
Taiwan: develop a strategy to obtain observer status at the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (see S. 2426), [18DE]
Taxation: exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 322), [4MR]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 2059), [17SE]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [4NO]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [2JN]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1905), [30JY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [23AP]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [26FE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked (see S. 400), [5FE]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [15SE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [1DE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Transportation: ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [22OC]
———prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 946), [22OC]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 2079), [24SE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [7JY]
Water: reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [22SE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [22JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: approve (see S.J. Res. 20), [28JY]
American Craft Beer Week: support goals (see S. Res. 188), [31MY]
Armed Forces: sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Bowie State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 24), [8JA]
Carson, Rachel: tribute (see S. Res. 142), [21AP]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Dept. of Justice: make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
Dept. of State: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 610), [27FE]
———conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 521), [12FE]
Diseases: improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [23AP]
———improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [26FE]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]

Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator: establish to coordinate efforts to secure release of U.S. persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism (see S. 1652), [23JN]
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
Iran: provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
IRS: provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
Israel: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [5AU]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———encourage greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies (see S. 2168), [8OC]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
Medicare: permit occupational therapists to conduct initial assessment visits under a home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases (see S. 2364), [8DE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [24FE]
———require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals (see S. 1349), [14MY]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
———support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Roads and highways: require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [28JA]
Taxation: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 2308), [19NO]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [16AP]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
Towson University: anniversary (see S. Res. 338), [18DE]
Voting: secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
Weinstein, Warren: express condolences to family and commemorate life and work (see S. Res. 169), [5MY]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
Motions
Medicare: repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (H.R. 2), [14AP]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (H.R. 2), [14AP]

CARE AND READINESS ENHANCEMENT (CARE) FOR RESERVISTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 832), [23MR]

CARE ONE MANAGEMENT, LLC
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in Care One Management, LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al. (see S. Res. 318), [18NO]

CARE (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 321), [19NO]

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
Education: include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]

CAREER-READY STUDENT VETERANS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1938), [5AU]

CAREGIVERS EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 657), [4MR]

CARGO TRANSPORTATION *related term(s)* **AVIATION; MERCHANT MARINE INDUSTRY; RAILROADS; SHIPPING INDUSTRY; TRANSPORTATION; TRUCKING INDUSTRY**
Bills and resolutions
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 1634), [18JN]
Arizona: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]
Dept. of Energy: authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]
———enhance rail safety and provide for safe transport of hazardous materials (see S. 1114), [28AP]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]
Tariff: exempt from duty residue of bulk cargo contained in instruments of international traffic previously exported from the U.S. (see S. 989), [16AP]
Reports filed
RESPONSE Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 546) (S. Rept. 114–85), [21JY]

CARIBBEAN BASIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Haiti: extend preferential duty treatment program (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
———extend trade preferences for certain imported articles (see S. 503), [12FE]
Reports filed
Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]

CARIBBEAN NATIONS
Bills and resolutions
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]
———authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE] (see S. 1543), [10JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
———prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
———submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relative to property confiscated by Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade (see S. 1388), [19MY]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Cuba and Emergency Authority on Regulation of Anchorage and Movement of Vessels: President Obama, [25FE]
Proposed Rescission of Cuba Designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism: President Obama, [14AP]

CARNEY, KEN
Prayers
Senate, [23JY]

CARPER, THOMAS R. ***(a Senator from Delaware)***
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [8OC]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 385), [5FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [8DE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [3NO]
Colleges and universities: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [13MY]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [20OC]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [21MY]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [23FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [21JY]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [4AU]
Dept. of Homeland Security: submit a report to Congress on headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region (see S. 1638), [18JN]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [17DE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
District of Columbia: revise certain authorities of courts, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and Public Defender Service (see S. 1629), [18JN]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [11MY]
FDA: create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [21JY]
Federal agencies and departments: require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [19OC]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [1JN]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [14MY]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [5NO]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [18MY]
Iran: reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [28AP]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [9JA]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [15SE]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [5AU]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [8JN]
———recognize attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients (see S. 1354), [14MY]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [13JY]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [18MY]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [16SE]
Ohio State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 50), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [5AU]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [15DE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [20OC]
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [2FE]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [3MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [14DE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [11MR]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [15JN]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [16AP]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [15JY]

———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 2068), [22SE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [10DE]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Bureau of the Census: extend authority to conduct the quarterly financial report program (see S. 1868), [27JY]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18MY]
Dept. of Education: revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: establish Office for Community Partnerships (see S. 2369), [8DE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Federal agencies and departments: identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]
———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments (see S. 614), [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE]
Libraries: require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (see S. 558), [25FE]
Medicare: provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [17SE]
Presidents of the U.S.: improve process of presidential transition (see S. 1172), [30AP]
Privacy: protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY]
Taxation: increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit (see S. 537), [24FE]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
CARRIED INTEREST FAIRNESS ACT
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Enact (see S. 1686), [25JN]
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Tribute (see S. Res. 142), [21AP]
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Appointments
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Afghanistan: support enhanced accountability for U.S. assistance (see S. 1875), [3AU]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [15DE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [5AU]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [11MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
Carson, Rachel: tribute (see S. Res. 142), [21AP]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 51), [28JA]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [9SE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [23FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Corporations: establish criminal penalties for corporate officers failing to inform and warn of serious dangers posed by corporate actions or products (see S. 2140), [6OC]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [17NO]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [4MY]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [17JN]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [6OC]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [4NO]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [24SE]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [15JN]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [23AP]
———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [21JY]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [19OC]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [28JY]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———create a partnership with the Corp. for National and Community Service to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 2419), [17DE]
———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [7JY]

———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of HHS: coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [5NO]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MR]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 2151), [7OC]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [3DE]
———make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [7DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [1DE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [14JY]
———establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [9NO]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
Dept. of Transportation: adequately fund bridges (see S. 1370), [19MY]
———establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [4AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [28SE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [5AU]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [5AU]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [5AU]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [16DE]
Diseases: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [5AU]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [21JY]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [7DE]
———provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [28AP]
Drugs: increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [1OC]
———provide grants to improve treatment of substance use disorders (see S. 1410), [5OC]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [3MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [15JY]
Federal agencies and departments: establish entities tasked with improving program and project management (see S. 1550), [6OC]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [10MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [30AP]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [1DE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [9NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [25JN]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29JA]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [9MR]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [9JN]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [6MY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [8JY]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [29AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [8OC]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [30SE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [2MR]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
Medicare/Medicaid: implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [5FE]
———improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]

———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [13JY]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [8SE]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [1JN]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [29SE]
National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 106), [19MR]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [24SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Public welfare programs: ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care (see S. 2166), [27OC]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [5NO]
———provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts (see S. 958), [15AP]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [4MY]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [27FE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office, Knox, PA: designate (see S. 231), [22JA]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
Taxation: extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [26MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [2MR]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [11MR]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [30AP]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [13MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [3DE]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [15DE]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 219), [21JA]
Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup for status offenses which would not be judicial issues if the offender were not a juvenile (see S. 1850), [23JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [22JY]
———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]
———improve requirements for alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 528), [12FE]
———increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———strengthen connections to early childhood education programs (see S. 643), [3MR]
———support a reduction in school suspension and expulsions (see S. 672), [4MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]
———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]
Dept. of Justice: provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
Dept. of Transportation: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1581), [16JN]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
Drugs: promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
Employment: permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 777), [18MR]
EPA: authorize States to restrict interstate waste imports and impose a higher fee on out-of-State waste (see S. 1953), [5AU]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [14AP]
FDA: extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [28JY]
Health: promote awareness of organ donation and need to increase pool of available organs (see S. 1435), [21MY]
Lewisberry, PA: tribute to Red Land Little League baseball team (see S. Res. 249), [9SE] (see S. Res. 279), [6OC]
Medicaid: ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [23JY]
Medicare: provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [22OC]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 308), [5NO]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to women's soccer team (see S. Res. 334), [14DE]

Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [29JA]
———reform induction, professional development, and systems for professional growth and improvement for teachers, librarians, and principals (see S. 882), [26MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 211), [21JA]
Taxation: allow a credit for veteran first-time homebuyers and for adaptive housing and mobility improvements for disabled veterans (see S. 2277), [10NO]
———allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA]
———enhance the child and dependent care tax credit (see S. 820), [19MR]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [15AP]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
University of Pennsylvania: anniversary of Perelman School of Medicine (see S. Res. 127), [26MR]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 152), [28AP] (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
Motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [3DE]
Transcripts
National Prayer Breakfast, [29AP]
CASH, TIERIAN (RANDY)
Prayers
Senate, [24FE]
CASSIDY, BILL ***(a Senator from Louisiana)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [21OC]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [16MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [12JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [2MR]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [3AU]
Delta Regional Authority: add Vernon and Sabine Parishes, LA, to make such parishes eligible for Federal economic development grants (see S. 1791), [16JY]
Dept. of Defense: make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
Dept. of Education: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [24MR]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
Dept. of Energy: provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [13MY]
———reauthorize hydroelectric production and efficiency improvement incentives (see S. 1270), [3JN]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [27FE]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [15JN]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
Dept. of Justice: improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [22AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [7MY]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [13AP]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [16JY]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [16JY]
Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [5AU]
Drugs: promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [14DE]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [18NO]
FEMA: prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 406), [5FE]
FERC: provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 105), [20JA]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [5MY]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [23JY]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1814), [23JY]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [21OC]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [12FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [20AP]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [19OC]

Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24MR]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [9MR]
———encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [18NO]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [9SE]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
Medicare/Medicaid: implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [5FE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [7JA]
———reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Moret, Calvin G.: tribute (see S. Res. 260), [21SE]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [20JA]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [27JY] (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [30SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
SBA: establish Export Credit Insurance Program (see S. 1546), [16JN]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 67), [27FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [24FE]
———exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [9JY]
———promote the recycling of vessels (see S. 1511), [4JN]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [19OC]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [16AP]
Taxation: make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [22JY]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [21SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [8JN]
World Mental Health Day: observance (see S. Res. 284), [8OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of Energy: expand Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and U.S. flagged vessels and return unspent funds and loan proceeds to reduce the national debt (see S. 1181), [4MY]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately (see S. 205), [21JA]
———establish a program to assist in importation and care for abused, injured, or abandoned nonhuman primates (see S. 1898), [29JY]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [11FE]
———strengthen accountability and improve transparency in health information technology systems (see S. 2141), [6OC]
Dept. of the Interior: grant rights-of-way on Federal land under the Mineral Leasing Act (see S. 1196), [5MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]
———retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee in the permanent record of the employee (see S. 1496), [3JN]
EPA: repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 156), [13JA]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310), [29JA]
Firearms: modify definition of ''antique firearm'' (see S. 173), [13JA]
Health: improve access to primary care services (see S. 1989), [5AU]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [7MY]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
OMB: issue a directive on management of software licenses (see S. 2340), [2DE]
Outer Continental Shelf: increase energy exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment (see S. 1653), [23JN]
———impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
Taxation: provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 157), [13JA]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [3FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [16JY], [18NO]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [22SE], [24SE]

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Bills and resolutions
Education: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 51), [28JA]

CEDAR HILL, MO
Reports filed
Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr., Post Office, Cedar Hill, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 728), [24JN]

CELEBRATING THE FIRST WOMAN IN CONGRESS CURRENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1633), [18JN]

CEMETERIES AND FUNERALS *related term(s)* **NATIONAL CEMETERIES**
Bills and resolutions
BLM: transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [29OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: conduct a study on the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries (see S. 695), [10MR]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
New York, NY: establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center (see S. 509), [12FE]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [30SE], [5NO], [18DE]
Reports filed
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2029) (S. Rept. 114–57), [21MY]

CENSUS
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: provide for more accurate and complete enumeration of Armed Forces members in any tabulation of total population (see S. 652), [4MR]
Dept. of Education: require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
Immigration: include a question to ascertain U.S. citizenship and immigration status in each decennial census questionnaire (see S. 49), [7JA]

CENSUS BUREAU *see* **BUREAU OF THE CENSUS**

CENTENNIAL MONETARY COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]

CENTENNIAL MONETARY COMMISSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1786), [16JY]

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
Bills and resolutions
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [8OC]
Children and youth: promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
Dept. of HHS: coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [5NO]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1391), [20MY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 172), [13JA]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 1064), [23AP]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
Drugs: reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Firearms: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Health: prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216, 222), [21JA]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program: adjust in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
———encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [18NO]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———improve efficiency of appeals process (see S. 2368), [8DE]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE): clarify waiver authority (see S. 1362), [18MY]
Telecommunications: test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]
Reports filed
Audit & Appeals Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare (AFIRM) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 2368) (S. Rept. 114–177), [8DE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Waiver Authority Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1362) (S. Rept. 114–108), [30JY]
Medicare Enforcement Instruction on Supervision Requirements for Outpatient Therapeutic Services in Critical Access and Small Rural Hospitals Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1461) (S. Rept. 114–109), [30JY]
Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 114–102), [30JY]

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]

CENTRAL AMERICA
Bills and resolutions
Immigration: expedite processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the U.S. (see S. 44), [7JA]

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Bills and resolutions
Indonesia: condemn mass murders in 1965–66, form truth, justice, and reconciliation commission to address crimes and human rights violations, and urge U.S. agencies to declassify and release relevant records and documents (see S. Res. 273), [1OC]
Intelligence services: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1705), [7JY]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Reports filed
Intelligence Services Appropriations: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1705), [7JY]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1705) (S. Rept. 114–83), [16JY]

CERROS DEL NORTE CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1240), [7MY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1240) (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]

CHAD, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]

CHAFFEE COUNTY, CO
Bills and resolutions
Public lands: clarify effect of designating certain Federal land as a national monument (see S. 972), [16AP]

CHANTILLY, VA
Bills and resolutions
Smithsonian Institution: provide for additional space for protection and preservation of national collections (see S. 2057), [17SE]

CHAOWASAREE, CHAI *see* **TUNG, VICHAI SAE**

CHARITABLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 908), [14AP] (see S. 1429), [21MY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 908) (S. Rept. 114–19), [14AP]

CHARITIES *related term(s)* **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
Bills and resolutions
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]
CARE (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 321), [19NO]
Daughters of Penelope (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 214), [25JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
#GivingTuesday: designate (see S. Res. 323), [1DE]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 132), [26MR]

National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 223), [14JY]
National Florence Crittenton Mission: rename as the National Crittenton Foundation (see S. 1727), [9JY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
Nonprofit organizations: clarify that organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals (see S. 1344), [14MY] (see S. 2085), [28SE]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 325), [2DE]
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]
———allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
———allow deduction equal to fair market value for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor (see S. 931), [14AP]
———exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised (see S. 909), [14AP]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [30AP]
———facilitate program-related investments by private foundations (see S. 2313), [19NO]
———increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care by providing incentives for doctors to provide uncompensated care (see S. 1521), [4JN]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2FE]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
———prohibit modification or amendment of standards and regulations governing substantiation of charitable contributions (see S. 2370), [8DE]
———provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations (see S. 942), [15AP]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [16AP]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 908), [14AP] (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked (see S. 400), [5FE] (see S. 918), [14AP]
———require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations (see S. 367), [4FE]
Tax-exempt organizations: provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status if the IRS delays acting on applications (see S. 1728), [9JY]
Cloture motions
Taxation: improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Motions
Taxation: improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), [23JN]
Reports filed
Charitable Agricultural Research Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 908) (S. Rept. 114–19), [14AP]
IRS Processing of 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) Applications for Tax-Exempt Status Submitted by ''Political Advocacy'' Organizations From 2010–2013: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–119), [5AU]
Notice for Organizations That Include Charities Is Essential (NOTICE) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 918) (S. Rept. 114–28), [14AP]
Philanthropic Enterprise Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 909) (S. Rept. 114–20), [14AP]

CHARLESTON, SC
Bills and resolutions
Crime: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
J. Waties Waring Judicial Center: designate (see S. 1147), [30AP]

CHARLIE HEBDO (FRENCH PUBLICATION)
Bills and resolutions
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]

CHARREN, PEGGY
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 61), [2FE]

CHATTANOOGA, TN
Bills and resolutions
Crime: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]

CHAVEZ, CESAR E.
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]

CHEMICAL SAFETY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 697), [10MR]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697) (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]

CHEMICAL WEAPONS *related term(s)* **WEAPONS**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
Reports filed
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]

CHEMICALS
Bills and resolutions
CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
Dept. of HHS: require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Dept. of Justice: provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]
———extend authorities to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases determined to be associated with exposure to herbicide agents (see S. 2081), [25SE]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA] (see S. 1327), [13MY]
EPA: clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 88), [7JA]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
FDA: ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
Housing: require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
National Chemistry Week: designate (see S. Res. 289), [19OC]
NSF: implement Sustainable Chemistry Program (see S. 1447), [21MY]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Taxation: provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities (see S. 2271), [10NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Reports filed
Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697) (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]
Sensible Environmental Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]
Transnational Drug Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 32), [17SE]

CHENAULT, RICHARD C.
Reports filed
Richard (Dick) Chenault Post Office Building, Springboro, OH: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 558), [8OC]

CHENEY, RICHARD B. ***(a former Vice President of the United States)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for unveiling of marble bust of Vice President Richard B. Cheney (see S. Con. Res. 24), [5NO]

CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]

CHESTERFIELD, MO
Reports filed
Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office, Chesterfield, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 322), [8OC]

CHICAGO, IL
Bills and resolutions
Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 205), [18JN]
Roosevelt University: anniversary (see S. Res. 137), [16AP]

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS (HOCKEY TEAM)
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 205), [18JN]

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: enable State child protective services systems to improve identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking (see S. 656), [4MR] (see S. 1028), [21AP]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]

———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]

CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE FSA ENHANCEMENT ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 215), [21JA]

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 201), [21JA]

CHILD NICOTINE POISONING PREVENTION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 142), [8JA]

Reports filed

Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 142) (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]

CHILD NUTRITION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10JN]

———improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]

———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VICTIM RESTITUTION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Reports filed

Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 295), [9FE]

CHILD POVERTY REDUCTION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 2224), [29OC]

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1665), [24JN]

CHILD WELFARE PROVIDER INCLUSION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 667), [4MR]

CHILDREN AND YOUTH *related term(s)* **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; EDUCATION; FAMILIES AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS; SCHOOLS; TOYS**

Appointments

Conferees: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]

Bills and resolutions

Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]

———prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]

———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [7JA]

———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]

Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]

AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]

Alcohol Responsibility Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]

American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]

Armed Forces: provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [6OC] (see S. 2403), [15DE]

Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]

Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]

Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 51), [28JA]

Charren, Peggy: tribute (see S. Res. 61), [2FE]

Citizenship: provide for automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals (see S. 2275), [10NO]

Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]

Correctional institutions: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]

———eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup for status offenses which would not be judicial issues if the offender were not a juvenile (see S. 1850), [23JY]

———ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]

CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]

———establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]

———improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]

———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]

Crime: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]

———combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]

———enable State child protective services systems to improve identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking (see S. 656), [4MR] (see S. 1028), [21AP]

———enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]

———expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]

———identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]

———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]

———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]

———provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts (see S. 572), [25FE]

———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]

———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]

———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]

———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]

Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]

Dept. of Agriculture: improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]

———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]

———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [22JY]

———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]

———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]

———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]

———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]

Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]

———allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]

———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]

———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]

———assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]

———authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]

———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]

———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]

———clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered (see S. 1025), [21AP]

———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]

———create a partnership with the Corp. for National and Community Service to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]

———ensure student data handled by private companies is protected (see S. 1322), [13MY]

———establish a full-service community schools grant program (see S. 1787), [16JY]

———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]

———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1166), [30AP]

———establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program (see S. 1128), [29AP]

———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]

———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]

———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]

———improve privacy protections for students and their parents (see S. 1341), [14MY]

———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 2419), [17DE]

———improve requirements for alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 528), [12FE]

———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]

———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]

———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional de-

velopment, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———make grants to promote the education of expectant and parenting students (see S. 416), [9FE]
———permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 516), [12FE]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———provide certain long-term resident alien students with access to financial aid (see S. 1059), [22AP]
———provide for State accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [6JA]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
———recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools (see S. 476), [12FE]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
———strengthen and reauthorize the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (see S. 1075), [23AP]
———strengthen charter school accountability and transparency, prevent fraud, and increase community involvement (see S. 1708), [7JY]
———strengthen connections to early childhood education programs (see S. 643), [3MR]
———support a reduction in school suspension and expulsions (see S. 672), [4MR]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 418), [9FE]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
———use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary and secondary schools (see S. 325), [30JA]
Dept. of HHS: allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (see S. 1439), [21MY]
———authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
———develop and disseminate evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately (see S. 205), [21JA]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]
———establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [21MY]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [29JY]
———improve Head Start Program by authorizing block grants to States for prekindergarten education (see S. 2290), [17NO]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MR]
———prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42, 118), [7JA]
———provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
———provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
———publish physical activity recommendations (see S. 1793), [16JY]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]
———reauthorize program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns (see S. 2424), [18DE]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
———train personnel to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities (see S. 623), [3MR]
Dept. of HUD: amend definition of ''homeless person'' to include certain homeless children and youth (see S. 256), [27JA]
———modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [13JA]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
———promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
Dept. of Labor: prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
———provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
Dept. of the Interior: carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 1078), [23AP]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify which children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 1070), [23AP]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
———provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Diseases: provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
———provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [23AP]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Drugs: promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Education: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
———express importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools (see S. Res. 150), [23AP]

———improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
———improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
———support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (see S. 1177), [30AP]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———require employers to provide a certain amount of paid vacation time to eligible employees (see S. 1564), [11JN]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Families and domestic relations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
———clarify ability to use consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments (see S. 2077), [24SE]
———establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1637), [18JN]
———improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
———increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
Federal employees: ensure that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (see S. 2033), [15SE]
Firearms: protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
FTC: establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
———prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Health: promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
Human rights: treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Immigration: clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 45), [7JA]
———expedite processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the U.S. (see S. 44), [7JA]
———make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissable, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief (see S. 1120), [28AP]
———prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 130), [8JA]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [13JA]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Jones-Ayers, Georgia: tribute (see S. Res. 85), [25FE]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
Lewisberry, PA: tribute to Red Land Little League baseball team (see S. Res. 249), [9SE] (see S. Res. 279), [6OC]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [10MR]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [23JY]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 349), [3FE]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
———protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 132), [26MR]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 223), [14JY]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 1494), [3JN]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 115), [25MR]
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
National Florence Crittenton Mission: rename as the National Crittenton Foundation (see S. 1727), [9JY]
National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [22SE]
National Mentoring Month: observance (see S. Res. 58), [29JA]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 111), [25MR]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 156), [30AP]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Schizencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 181), [19MY]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: designate (see S. Res. 75), [12FE]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
———provide tribal demonstration projects for integration of early childhood development and education, including Native language and culture (see S. 2304), [18NO]
———require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings (see S. 184), [16JA]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
———eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Postage and stamps: issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1254), [7MY]
Privacy: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
———require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
Public welfare programs: ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care (see S. 2166), [8OC]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Rockingham County, VA: remove use restriction on a certain parcel of land that was to be used for a child care center (see S. 1329), [13MY]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 256), [15SE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [29JA]
———encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA] (see S. 316), [29JA]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
———reform induction, professional development, and systems for professional growth and improvement

for teachers, librarians, and principals (see S. 882), [26MR]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
———require States to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [19MR]
Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [23FE]
Social Security: enhance benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 428), [10FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
Sports: promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
SSA: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 369), [4FE]
———prohibit seizing of tax refunds to repay overpayments, restore statute of limitations applicable to debt collection through administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments to children (see S. 204), [21JA]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]
Taxation: clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 53), [7JA]
———create a credit for foster families (see S. 664), [4MR]
———enhance the child and dependent care tax credit (see S. 820), [19MR]
———enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 101), [7JA]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———increase the annual contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts and include athletic equipment in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (see S. 243), [22JA]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave (see S. 2354), [3DE]
———provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses (see S. 180), [16JA]
———provide deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 100), [7JA]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [15AP]
———provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
———recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs (see S. 835), [23MR]
———require that individual taxpayer identification number applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers (see S. 1397), [20MY]
———strengthen the child tax credit (see S. 2264), [10NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
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U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
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Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify application of the words people, person, or citizen in the Constitution to corporations, limited liability companies, or other corporate entities (see S.J. Res. 7), [4FE]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
Families and domestic relations: provide for automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals (see S. 2275), [10NO]
Immigration: clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 45), [7JA]
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———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 219), [21JA] (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [26MR]
———commend free and fair elections, call for peaceful transfer of power, and support efforts to pursue national unity (see S. Res. 320), [19NO]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR] (see S. 2070), [22SE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [26MR] (see S. 2200), [22OC]
Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking: establish (see S. 991), [16AP]
Constitution—U.S.: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
———restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [26JA]
Consumers: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1234), [6MY]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
———recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens and lawful resident aliens (see S. 2195), [22OC]
Dept. of Education: ensure student data handled by private companies is protected (see S. 1322), [13MY]
———improve privacy protections for students and their parents (see S. 1341), [14MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve operation of Unmanned Aircraft System program (see S. 159), [13JA]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Dept. of Justice: require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
Dept. of State: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
———withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Developing countries: provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
Employment: allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 777), [18MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]
———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institu-

tions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Firearms: provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution has no force or effect (see S. 2434), [18DE]
———revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes (see S. 2209), [27OC]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act: repeal certain provisions relative to reporting on foreign assets and investments (see S. 663), [4MR]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
———protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
FRS: provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 96), [7JA]
FTC: establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
———prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
———protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
———ensure that employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights (see S. 943, 951), [15AP]
———improve transparency and efficiency relative to audits and communications with taxpayers (see S. 186), [16JA]
———prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Law enforcement: limit authority to detain U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under authorizations for use of military force without charge or trial (see S. 24), [6JA]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Motor vehicles: develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
———limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Oswaldo Payá Way, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 226), [21JY]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
———require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
———require notification of information security breaches and enhance penalties for cyber criminals (see S. 1027), [21AP]
———require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
———require the Federal Government to obtain warrants when conducting aerial surveillance (see S. 1595), [17JN]
Privacy Act: extend protections relative to information shared with law enforcement to citizens of certain U.S. allies (see S. 1600), [17JN]
Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board: reform (see S. 1337), [13MY]
Senior citizens: provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]
———provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Taxation: permit the Dept. of the Treasury and the SSA to disclose certain return information relative to identity theft (see S. 1323), [13MY]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 1798), [16JY] (see S. 2078, 2079), [24SE]
Voting: establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for Federal elections (see S. 1970), [5AU]
———provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP] (see S. 1950), [5AU]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 457), [11FE] (see S. 772), [18MR]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 152), [28AP] (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]

Cloture motions

Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
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National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]

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Terminate Designation of Burundi as a Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Country Under the African

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Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [21MY], [22MY]
Reports filed
Commend Free and Fair Elections, Call for Peaceful Transfer of Power, and Support Efforts To Pursue National Unity in Burma: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 320), [10DE]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
Driver Privacy Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 766) (S. Rept. 114–147), [28SE]
Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 991) (S. Rept. 114–151), [1OC]
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]
Girls Count Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 802), [21MY]
Knife Owners' Protection Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1315) (S. Rept. 114–121), [8SE]
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]
Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 248) (S. Rept. 114–140), [10SE]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2078), [24SE]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]

CIVIL RIGHTS *related term(s)* **CIVIL LIBERTIES; COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS; DISCRIMINATION; HUMAN RIGHTS; RACIAL RELATIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [7JA]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th constitutional amendment abolishing slavery (see S. Con. Res. 21), [5OC]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Congressional Gold Medal: award to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Constitution—U.S.: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 447), [11FE]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the John P. Parker House in Ripley, OH (see S. 541), [24FE]
———conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House in Jackson, MS (see S. 2177), [8OC]
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1508), [4JN] (see S. 1720), [8JY]
Developing countries: provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
———prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
———improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR] (see S. 2070), [22SE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [26MR] (see S. 2200), [22OC]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [13JY]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
Native Americans: protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Postal Service: issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
———provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
Reports filed
Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]
Girls Count Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 802), [21MY]
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]

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Bills and resolutions
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
Women: provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]

CIVIL SERVICE *see* **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

CIVIL WARS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Nobel Prize: recognition of Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for peace (see S. Res. 330), [7DE]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
———restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]
Reports filed
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]

CIVIL WAR—U.S. *related term(s)* **WAR**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the John P. Parker House in Ripley, OH (see S. 541), [24FE]
Dept. of Transportation: reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: adjust boundary to include Wallis House and Harriston Hill (see S. 1930), [4AU]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1943), [5AU]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 718), [11MR]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]

CIVILIAN EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION ACT (CEJA)
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1377), [19MY]
CIVILIAN PROPERTY REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
CLAIMS
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: reinstate certain mining claims (see S. 1395), [20MY]
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans (see S. 1955), [5AU]
———provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims (see S. 872), [26MR]
Alexander Creek, AK: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]
Armed Forces: make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements relative to controversies arising under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and preserve rights to bring class actions (see S. 2331), [19NO]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [20JA]
———improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
———require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 357), [4FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal actions by amending prohibition on exercise of jurisdiction by U.S. Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts (see S. 1353), [14MY]
Crime: provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable relative to tort claims arising out of rape (see S. 852), [24MR]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
———submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relative to property confiscated by Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade (see S. 1388), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 350), [3FE]
Dept. of Transportation: increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim (see S. 1451), [21MY]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve treatment of medical evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals in support of disability claims compensation (see S. 666), [4MR]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———require an independent review of the process by which assessments of cognitive impairments resulting from traumatic brain injury are made relative to awarding disability compensation (see S. 244), [22JA]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
Federal agencies and departments: reestablish period of limitations for claims of the U.S. that may be collected by garnishing payments received from the Government (see S. 2233), [3NO]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
Medicare: establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———improve efficiency of appeals process (see S. 2368), [8DE]
Mining and mineral resources: modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
Native Americans: restore opportunity for tribal economic development by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe on terms that are equal and fair (see S. 1457), [22MY]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to Navajo water rights settlement (see S. 501), [12FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
Taxation: disallow deductions for the payment of punitive damages (see S. 169), [13JA]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 2059), [17SE]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges (see S. 1754), [14JY]
Volunteer workers: provide for liability protection for organizations and entities (see S. 1684), [25JN]
Reports filed
Audit & Appeals Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare (AFIRM) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 2368) (S. Rept. 114–177), [8DE]
New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 501) (S. Rept. 114–41), [11MY]
21st Century Veterans Benefits Delivery Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1203) (S. Rept. 114–153), [19OC]
CLARK, CHARLES
Bills and resolutions
Charles Clark U.S. Courthouse, Jackson, MS: designate (see S. 1034), [21AP]
CLARK COUNTY, NV
Bills and resolutions
BLM: validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION *related term(s)* **ESPIONAGE**
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
Indonesia: condemn mass murders in 1965–66, form truth, justice, and reconciliation commission to address crimes and human rights violations, and urge U.S. agencies to declassify and release relevant records and documents (see S. Res. 273), [1OC]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE] (see S. 754), [17MR]
Joint Inquiry Into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001: require declassification of certain redacted information (see S. 1471), [1JN]
National security: facilitate and enhance the declassification of information, including in the legislative branch (see S. 2121), [1OC]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Senate: review procedures ensuring an employee in the office of Senators on committees requiring access to top secret information may obtain security clearances needed to have access to such information (see S. 1569), [11JN]
Cloture motions
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
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Reports filed
Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 754), [17MR]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 754) (S. Rept. 114–32), [15AP]
CLAY HUNT SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR AMERICAN VETERANS (SAV) ACT *see* **SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR AMERICAN VETERANS (SAV) ACT**
CLEAN AIR ACT *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure

relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program (see S. 1038), [22AP]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 88), [7JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
———establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———promote new manufacturing by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in issuing air quality standards necessary to obtain preconstruction permits (see S. 1425), [21MY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
Motions
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 23), [17NO]

CLEAN WATER ACT *see* **FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

CLEAN WATER FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1552), [11JN]

CLERGY *see* **RELIGION**

CLIMATE *see* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT; WEATHER**

CLIMATE PROTECTION AND JUSTICE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2399), [10DE]

CLINICS *see* **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

CLOSE THE REVOLVING DOOR ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1959), [5AU]

CLOTHING INDUSTRY
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 892), [26MR]
Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [7JA]
Tariff: recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [15AP]

CÔTE D'IVOIRE, REPUBLIC OF
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Côte d'Ivoire: President Obama, [4FE]

COAL *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**
Bills and resolutions
BLM: increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]
Dept. of Energy: authorize entrance into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relative to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology (see S. 1285), [11MY]
———establish as lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law relative to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects (see S. 1293), [12MY]
———repeal certain programs and establish a coal technology program (see S. 1283), [11MY]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
Dept. of the Interior: improve coal leasing (see S. 1340), [14MY]
———improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
Ecology and environment: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
Electric power: require coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability (see S. 1405), [20MY]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Taxation: exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers (see S. 919), [14AP]
———extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit (see S. 1361), [18MY]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
Motions
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 23), [17NO]
Reports filed
Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1324) (S. Rept. 114–159), [29OC]
Exclude From Gross Income Certain Clean Coal Power Grants to Non-Corporate Taxpayers: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 919) (S. Rept. 114–29), [14AP]

COAL ROYALTY FAIRNESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1891), [29JY]

COAST GUARD *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**
Appointments
U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors, [13MY], [21MY]
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: retain and provide for future use of certain land on Point Spencer, support missions and duties of the Coast Guard, and convey certain Point Spencer lands to Bering Straits Native Corp., and the State (see S. 1316), [13MY]
Appropriations: authorizing (see S. 1611), [18JN]
———making continuing for pay in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 545), [24FE]
Coastal zones: improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
———strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Coins: mint coins in commemoration (see S. 985), [16AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA] (see S. 1619), [18JN] (see S. 2130, 2131), [5OC]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Marin County, CA: convey certain property (see S. 1191), [5MY]
Pipelines: ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
Ships and vessels: provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard (see S. 1386), [19MY]
———require development and posting of passenger capacity limits for recreational vessels (see S. 1464), [22MY]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Messages
Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism Funding Designation: President Obama, [4MR]
Motions
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [30JA], [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Reports filed
Coast Guard Appropriations: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1611) (S. Rept. 114–168), [30NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1619) (S. Rept. 114–68), [18JN]

COASTAL ZONES
Bills and resolutions
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]

Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Dept. of Energy: authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Ecology and environment: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
EPA: improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 105), [7JA]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
———develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
SBA: establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
States: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
Taxation: provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
Water pollution: improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]

Reports filed

National Sea Grant College Program Act Reauthorization and Amendment: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 764) (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]
Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1811), [8OC]
Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 34) (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]

COATS, DANIEL *(a Senator from Indiana)*

Attendance

Present, [6JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [3FE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Citizenship: provide for automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals (see S. 2275), [10NO]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Colleges and universities: provide a legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education (see S. 2186), [10DE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [11JN]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [11MR]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [9MR]
Dept. of HHS: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [26JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [9JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 499), [12FE]
Federal employees: provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [19MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [13AP]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services

and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Hesburgh, Theodore M.: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 9), [4MR]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [20AP]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [24SE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [5AU]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicare: remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [3DE]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [19NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [15SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [12JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [12JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [5AU]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [11MR]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SSA: prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
———provide certain individuals with information on employment support services (see S. 1923), [4AU]
———provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions (see S. 1922), [4AU]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [11MR]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [14MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [2JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Federal agencies and departments: postpone effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review (see S. 1927), [4AU]
Financial institutions: establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [22MY]
National security: enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
Social Security: prohibit an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for a felony from receiving various cash benefits (see S. 1758), [14JY]
Tariff: exempt from duty residue of bulk cargo contained in instruments of international traffic previously exported from the U.S. (see S. 989), [16AP]
Taxation: improve higher education tax benefits compliance (see S. 1413), [21MY]
———provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked (see S. 400), [5FE]
Tax-exempt organizations: provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status if the IRS delays acting on applications (see S. 1728), [9JY]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [3FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Joint Economic Report: Committee on Economics (Joint) (S. Rept. 114–5), [17MR]
COBURN, TOM ***(a former Senator from Oklahoma)***
Appointments
Commission on Care, [21MY]
COCHRAN, THAD ***(a Senator from Mississippi)***
Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [24FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22OC]

———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Armed Forces: provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [21OC] (see S. 2403), [15DE]
ATF: prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [10JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
CFTC: specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions (see S. 876), [4MY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [23AP]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [6MY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [10MR]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [4MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [24SE]
———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [10SE]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [22JY]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [21MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [4NO]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1328), [13MY]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [30JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [21JY]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [15AP]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [6MY]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [24JN]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [10JN]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [23AP]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [4MR]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [3JN]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [22JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [9JY]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [26FE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [17SE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [6AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [2DE]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [12FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [15AP]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [24SE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [4FE]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JY]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [6AU]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [10JN]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [6MY]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [16DE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [9MR]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [6MY]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [15SE]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [8SE]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [22OC]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [7JY]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [7JY]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [16DE]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: prohibit baiting exemptions on certain land (see S. 595), [4MR]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 132), [26MR]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [24JN]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]

National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Outer Continental Shelf: increase energy exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [10SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [10JN]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [17MR]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [30SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [12FE]
———exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [9JY]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [13MY]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Taxation: expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [30AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [24SE]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [11MR]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [22MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [25FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [8JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [11MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [17NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (see S. 1558), [11JN] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 2130, 2131), [5OC]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House in Jackson, MS (see S. 2177), [8OC]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Dept. of Transportation: amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [11MR]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Medicare: provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [20AP]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [3FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [28OC], [30OC]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [10NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Motions
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [2MR]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–165), [5NO]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–167), [18NO]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–197), [18DE]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–2), [5FE]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–55), [21MY]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–61), [10JN]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–72), [24JN]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–78), [8JY]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–81), [15JY]
Dept. of Defense Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1558) (S. Rept. 114–63), [11JN]

COINS
Bills and resolutions
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]
Coast Guard: mint coins in commemoration (see S. 985), [16AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: terminate the U.S. Mint Presidential $1 Coin Program (see S. 95), [7JA]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [8JY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING *related term(s)* **LABOR UNIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on

Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [7JA]
Dept. of Transportation: establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1257), [7MY]
Employment: assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
IRS: exempt from certain labor-management relations requirements (see S. 2245, 2246), [5NO]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———clarify the illegality of the use of violence to achieve objectives during a strike (see S. 62), [7JA]
———deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
———protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [28SE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Reports filed
Port Performance Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1298) (S. Rept. 114–164), [5NO]

COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 196), [9JN]

COLLEGE FOR ALL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1373), [19MY]

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY
Bills and resolutions
Virginia Institute of Marine Science: anniversary (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES *related term(s)* **EDUCATION; SCHOOLS**
Appointments
U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, [13MY], [21MY]
U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors, [13MY], [21MY]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors, [13MY]
U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors, [21MY], [23JN]
U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, [13MY], [21MY]
Bills and resolutions
Antitrust policy: extend antitrust exemption for higher education institutions relative to the award of need-based educational aid (see S. 1482), [2JN]
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 895), [26MR]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Bowie State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 24), [8JA]
Business and industry: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
Children and youth: improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Courts: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
Credit: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower (see S. 1384), [19MY]
———provide removal of default information from a borrower's credit report relative to certain rehabilitated private education loans (see S. 1309), [12MY]
Danville, IL: provide for conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Danville Area Community College (see S. 1967), [5AU]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]
———allow a choice between a fixed amount student loan repayment plan or an income-driven student loan repayment plan for all borrowers (see S. 1948), [5AU]
———allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan Program (see S. 1556), [11JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———allow the awarding of job training Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1900), [30JY]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———authorize American Dream Accounts to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 687), [10MR]
———award Early College Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1106), [28AP]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, reduce interest rates and allow for refinancing of student loans, expand work study program, and simplify student aid application process (see S. 1373), [19MY]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [19MR]
———establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative higher education providers to receive Federal education funding (see S. 2111), [30SE]
———establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program (see S. 1128), [29AP]
———establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
———establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
———extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———fund Federal Pell Grant Program through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [22AP]
———improve college affordability by increasing maximum awards, allowing year-round eligibility, and extending duration limits relative to the Federal Pell Grant Program (see S. 1998), [5AU]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 2419), [17DE]
———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]
———increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [22AP]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
———increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 2176), [8OC]
———make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system to give prospective students a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college (see S. 2150), [7OC]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving

institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———provide certain long-term resident alien students with access to financial aid (see S. 1059), [22AP]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]
———provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools (see S. 1892), [29JY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student centers (see S. 604), [26FE]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [22AP]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise counseling requirements for certain student loan borrowers (see S. 2043), [16SE]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
———use student loan repayment rates at institutions of higher education to determine institutional eligibility for Federal student aid funds and require risk sharing payments of institutions (see S. 1939), [5AU]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 218), [21JA]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]
Dept. of Justice: establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 2050), [17SE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students (see S. 2433), [18DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
District of Columbia: disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
———provide for higher education reform (see S. 1355), [14MY]
———provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [20MY]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Federal aid programs: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
Glennallen, AK: convey reversionary interests of the U.S. in and to certain non-Federal land to Alaska Bible College (see S. 2018), [9SE]
Government regulations: require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———prohibit aliens not lawfully present in the U.S. from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits not available to all citizens and U.S. nationals (see S. 60), [7JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
Investments: provide a legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education (see S. 2186), [20OC]
Minorities: strengthen minority-serving institutions (see S. 2317), [19NO]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 41), [26JA]
Nugent, Timothy: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1863), [27JY]
Ohio State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 50), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to women's soccer team (see S. Res. 334), [14DE]
Privacy: require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Providence College: tribute to men's ice hockey team (see S. Res. 138), [16AP]
Roosevelt University: anniversary (see S. Res. 137), [16AP]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]
Rutgers University: anniversary (see S. Res. 311), [9NO]
Smith, Dean E.: tribute (see S. Res. 79), [12FE]
Tarkanian, Jerry: tribute (see S. Res. 78), [12FE]
Taxation: encourage use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 306), [29JA]
———exclude from gross income any discharge of student loan indebtedness (see S. 1947), [5AU]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE] (see S. 912), [14AP]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 101), [7JA]
———expand interest deduction on education loans, extend and expand deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate contribution limit on Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 1973), [5AU]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 195), [20JA]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———improve higher education tax benefits compliance (see S. 1413), [21MY]

———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———increase the annual contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts and include athletic equipment in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (see S. 243), [22JA]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [16AP]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———require student Social Security numbers and employer identification numbers for education tax credits (see S. 75), [7JA]
Towson University: anniversary (see S. Res. 338), [18DE]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall after receipt of gift for renovation of such hall (see S. 143), [9JA]
University of Iowa: anniversary of College of Law (see S. Res. 339), [18DE]
University of Kansas: anniversary (see S. Res. 272), [30SE]
University of Pennsylvania: anniversary of Perelman School of Medicine (see S. Res. 127), [26MR]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
Wheeling Jesuit University: tribute to women's volleyball team (see S. Res. 342), [18DE]
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Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1459), [22MY]
American Craft Beer Week: support goals (see S. Res. 188), [31MY]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [20OC]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [11MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [11MR]
CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 2294), [17NO]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [14AP]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [12JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 447), [11FE]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [10DE]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [27AP]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [20OC]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [5FE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [2MR]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [4MY]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [10FE]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [7JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [17SE]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Education: establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [20MY]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [9SE]
———establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [21MY]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [28JY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [9SE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [15JY]
———conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [26OC]
———improve and permit recovery of costs incurred for preclearance operations activities in foreign countries and at foreign airports (see S. 2430), [18DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of HUD: modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [16AP]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [4MY]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [11FE]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [1JN]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [27JA]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]

———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [16AP]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [28AP]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [14MY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [5AU]
Drugs: increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [17DE]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [22SE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [17MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [18MR]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [28OC]
FDA: ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
Federal agencies and departments: reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1607), [18JN]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [21SE]
Federal employees: provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [13JA]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [20OC]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [24MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [4MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
Foreign trade: require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters or producers are involved in the investigation or review (see S. 1702), [25JN]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Immigration: establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [10NO]
Insurance: provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [28AP]
Interagency Task Force on Short-Lived Climate Pollution Mitigation: establish (see S. 2076), [24SE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [11MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [4AU]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [9MR]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
———promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [21AP]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [12FE] (see S. 2101), [29SE]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [23JY]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [24MR]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [5OC]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [18NO]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1488), [3JN]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24MR]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [29OC]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [20MY]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [7JY]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [22AP]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [24FE]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [30JY]

Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [17JN]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National security: enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [30NO]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28AP]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [5AU]
———improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [6OC]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
NSF: implement Sustainable Chemistry Program (see S. 1447), [21MY]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [28JA]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [13MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [30JY]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [21JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [23FE]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
SBA: establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program (see S. 1011), [20AP]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 2014), [9SE]
SEC: require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [23FE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [3MR]
Social Security: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [1JN]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 2308), [1DE]
———establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [15AP] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [30AP]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [27FE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [16JY]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2MR]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [9FE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [18MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [16MR]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [11MR]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [27AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20JA]
Telephones: improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [12MR]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [15JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
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AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
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Dept. of Agriculture: issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]
Dept. of Energy: coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Dept. of Justice: investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1003), [16AP]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Diseases: strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
Financial institutions: exempt certain small community banks from certain regulations (see S. 1799), [16JY]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
IRS: prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
Medicare: ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [26FE]
———extend the rural add-on payment in the home health benefit (see S. 839), [23MR] (see S. 2389), [10DE]

———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [19MR]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 264), [22SE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]
Senior citizens: provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Taxation: exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 2059), [17SE]
———modify certain safe harbor requirements to encourage small business to offer retirement plans and to allow individuals to save more (see S. 266), [27JA]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [27FE]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [30AP]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 2068), [22SE]
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Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
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IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [28OC], [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE]
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Dept. of the Interior: sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend authorization to replace existing medical center in Denver, CO, and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]
Dinosaur National Monument Day: designate (see S. Res. 271), [28SE]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
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National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
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———enhance transportation programs to connect people to jobs, schools, and other essential services through a multimodal transportation network (see S. 2008), [6AU]
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———establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
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CARE (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 321), [19NO]
Corp. for National and Community Service: establish National Service for Schools Program (see S. 2428), [18DE]
Daughters of Penelope (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 214), [25JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
Dept. of Education: create a partnership with the Corp. for National and Community Service to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Jones-Ayers, Georgia: tribute (see S. Res. 85), [25FE]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24FE]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 132), [26MR]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 223), [14JY]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
Nonprofit organizations: clarify that organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals (see S. 1344), [14MY] (see S. 2085), [28SE]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
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Fairness for Crime Victims Act: Committee on the Budget (Senate) (S. 1495) (S. Rept. 114–87), [21JY]

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Bills and resolutions
Ecology and environment: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
EPA: provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]

Taxation: extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]

COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT

Bills and resolutions

Iran: reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]

COMPREHENSIVE JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 993), [16AP]

Reports filed

Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]

COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY REVIEW ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 881), [26MR]

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Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1732), [9JY]

COMPUTER FRAUD AND ABUSE ACT

Bills and resolutions

Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1030), [21AP]

COMPUTERS *related term(s)* **ELECTRONICS; TECHNOLOGY; TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Bills and resolutions

Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [22JY]

Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]

Business and industry: allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites (see S. 1359), [14MY]

———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]

Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]

———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]

———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]

Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]

Crime: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1030), [21AP]

———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]

———provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts (see S. 572), [25FE]

Dept. of Commerce: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]

Dept. of Defense: develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers (see S. 1478), [2JN]

Dept. of Education: authorize American Dream Accounts to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 687), [10MR]

———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]

———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]

———increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]

———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 2176), [8OC]

———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]

———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]

———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]

Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 454), [11FE]

———provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]

Dept. of HHS: strengthen accountability and improve transparency in health information technology systems (see S. 2141), [6OC]

Dept. of Homeland Security: continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]

———establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]

———permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissable to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]

———reduce duplication of information technology (see S. 1620), [18JN]

———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]

———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]

Dept. of State: improve Inspector General oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]

Dept. of Transportation: require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]

Education: promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]

Electric power: protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]

Endangered Species Act: require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]

EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]

FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]

———disapprove rule regulating broadband Internet access (see S.J. Res. 14), [28AP]

———encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]

———exempt small business providers of broadband Internet access from net neutrality enhanced transparency requirements (see S. 2283), [16NO]

———limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]

———promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]

———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]

———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]

———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]

FDA: provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 1101), [27AP]

Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]

———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [18MR]

———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]

———prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]

———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1008), [20AP] (see S. 1039), [22AP]

———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]

Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]

FTC: establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]

———prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]

———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 2413), [17DE]

Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]

Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]

———develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]

———limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]

———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]

Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE] (see S. 754), [17MR]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
IRS: implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [24MR]
Law enforcement: safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Library of Congress: expand availability to exemptions to prohibition on copyrighted technological protection measures to facilitate computer security research, personal device maintenance, and technological innovation (see S. 990), [16AP]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———allow individuals to elect to receive Medicare Summary Notice electronically and increase flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors (see S. 584), [26FE]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 281), [7OC]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: permit authorization of Federal agencies to accept certain payments relative to spectrum efficiency and reallocation (see S. 2227), [3NO]
———provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
OMB: issue a directive on management of software licenses (see S. 2340), [2DE]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
———require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
———require notification of information security breaches and enhance penalties for cyber criminals (see S. 1027), [21AP]
———require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 787), [18MR] (see S. 1636), [18JN]
SEC: require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts (see S. 2414), [17DE]
SSA: make on-line tools available to allow individuals to assess the impact of earnings on eligibility for, and amount of, disability benefits received through Federal and State programs (see S. 1197), [5MY]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———provide refundable credit for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (see S. 1023), [21AP]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
———promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Terrorism: require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP] (see S. 1950), [5AU]
Weather: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]
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Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
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Constitution—U.S.: end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1575), [15JN]
———protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 109), [7JA]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency: submit a report to Congress on Inspector General mandates (see S. 2128), [5OC]
Dept. of Defense: make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: submit a report to Congress on headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region (see S. 1638), [18JN]
Dept. of State: submit to Congress a report on designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2094), [29SE]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
Dept. of the Interior: replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
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———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
FCC: consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 253), [26JA]
Federal agencies and departments: establish a process for the review of rules and sets of rules (see S. 1683), [25JN]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310, 323), [29JA]
Firearms: provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution has no force or effect (see S. 2434), [18DE]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
———require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress (see S. 1381), [19MY]
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Immigration: prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 260), [27JA]
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Legislation: preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1571), [15JN]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1572), [15JN]
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
———prohibit Members of Congress and candidates from soliciting campaign contributions while Congress is in session, eliminate bundling of large contributions, and reform registration process (see S. 1480), [2JN]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
———eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 17), [6JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
———reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
———suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 232), [22JA]
———require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
———require congressional approval, provide restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments (see S. 437), [10FE]
Myrick, Gary B.: election as Sec. for the Minority of the Senate (see S. Res. 15), [6JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
Obama, President: notification that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [6JA]
OMB: establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 87), [7JA]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Pipelines: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]

Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]
Political campaigns: reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Public debt: appropriately manage debt by limiting use of extraordinary measures (see S. 19), [6JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Puerto Rico: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
Senate: fixing the hour of daily meeting (see S. Res. 7), [6JA]
———require legislation to be confined to a single issue (see S. Res. 192), [4JN]
———review procedures ensuring an employee in the office of Senators on committees requiring access to top secret information may obtain security clearances needed to have access to such information (see S. 1569), [11JN]
Senate Legal Counsel: direct to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (see S. Res. 333), [10DE]
Senate Rules: limit debate on motions to proceed (see S. Res. 122), [26MR]
———modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 120), [26MR]
———modify process for amending or adopting Senate Rules (see S. Res. 123), [26MR]
———provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments (see S. Res. 121), [26MR]
———provide for timely establishment of conference committees (see S. Res. 119), [26MR]
———provide sufficient time for legislation to be read (see S. Res. 100), [12MR]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
———require Senate to be in session during a Government shutdown and compel presence of Senators (see S. Res. 101), [12MR]
———revise number of affirmative votes required to end debate on nominations (see S. Res. 67), [4FE]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 789), [18MR]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: require congressional notification for certain operations and determine options available for the continued operation (see S. 1231), [6MY]
Taxation: prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 252), [26JA]
———provide debt and tax transparency (see S. 745), [16MR]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Cloture motions
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
Pipelines: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [25MR], [26MR], [15AP], [5MY]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 23), [17NO]
Pipelines: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [22JA]
Reports filed
Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–165), [5NO]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–55), [21MY]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–61), [10JN]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–78), [8JY]
———Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–81), [15JY]
Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995) (S. Rept. 114–42), [12MY]
Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]
Eliminating Government-Funded Oil-Painting (EGO) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 310) (S. Rept. 114–93), [27JY]
FCC Consolidated Reporting Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 253) (S. Rept. 114–58), [22MY]
Inspector General Mandates Reporting Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2128) (S. Rept. 114–171), [30NO]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]
Legislative Activities During the 113th Congress: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–50), [21MY]
Legislative Branch of the Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2250) (S. Rept. 114–64), [11JN]
Sensible Environmental Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD BOARD
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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT
Bills and resolutions
Budget: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
CBO: prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside normal scoring periods (see S. 2260), [9NO]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA] (see S. 749), [17MR]

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
Appointments
Director, [3MR]
Bills and resolutions
Budget: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
———prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside normal scoring periods (see S. 2260), [9NO]
Government regulations: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 2294), [17NO]
———provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Reports filed
Legislative Branch of the Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2250) (S. Rept. 114–64), [11JN]

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CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEES *see* **CONGRESS**

CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS *see* **CONGRESS**

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT TO START TAXPAYER (COST) SAVINGS RESOLUTION
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. Res. 102), [17MR]

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE
Reports filed
Legislative Branch of the Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2250) (S. Rept. 114–64), [11JN]

CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON CHINA
Appointments
Members, [11FE], [25FE], [16MR], [6AU], [8SE]

CONNECTICUT
Bills and resolutions
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 329), [2FE]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
Naval Submarine Base New London, CT: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
NOAA: terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Reports filed
Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 329) (S. Rept. 114–182), [16DE]

CONROY, PATRICK J. (CHAPLAIN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES)
Prayers
Senate, [3NO]

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY *related term(s)* **RENEWABLE ENERGY**
Bills and resolutions
Budget: appropriately determine the budgetary effects of energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 765), [17MR]
Business and industry: clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program (see S. 1038), [22AP]
Dept. of Defense: improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]

Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
———advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids (see S. 1201), [6MY]
———conduct a study on energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities (see S. 1342), [14MY]
———conduct study on technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber (see S. 1432), [21MY]
———coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
———develop a national smart manufacturing plan and provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs (see S. 1054), [22AP]
———establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1063), [22AP]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1275), [11MY]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
———establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) (see S. 893), [26MR]
———establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide financial awards to entities that develop and demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in high-cost regions (see S. 1346), [14MY]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [27JA]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
———reauthorize hydroelectric production and efficiency improvement incentives (see S. 1270), [11MY]
———reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
———remove authority to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans (see S. 1048), [22AP]
———require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [14AP]
———review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for adverse effects on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards (see S. 1047), [22AP]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of the Interior: establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
Ecology and environment: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [8JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
Motor vehicles: establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, and help consumers identify recalled tires (see S. 1741), [9JY]
———promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure (see S. 1053), [22AP]
National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
Power resources: assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 869), [26MR]
———require GSA and the Dept. of Energy to set goals for deep energy retrofits in Federal buildings (see S. 1055), [22AP]
Public utilities: provide electric consumers the right to access certain electric energy information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage energy usage (see S. 1044), [22AP]
———study impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings and provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and local governments (see S. 1052), [22AP]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [21MY]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
SBA: help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [14JY]
Taxation: extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
Technology: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (H.R. 1268) (see S. 1706), [7JY]
Reports filed
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 720) (S. Rept. 114–130), [9SE]
Small Business Energy Efficiency Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1756), [15SE]

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT; NATURAL RESOURCES; RENEWABLE ENERGY**
Appointments
Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, [7JA]
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1800), [16JY] (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: implement (see S. 1251), [7MY]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Carson, Rachel: tribute (see S. Res. 142), [21AP]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
———improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Corps of Engineers: provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: prohibit from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed (see S. 1029), [21AP]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [11JN]
———develop a cadastre of Federal real property to assist with land management, conservation, and development and identify land that no longer needs to be federally owned (see S. 1225), [6MY]
———establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]

Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
Ecology and environment: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Endangered species: protect and conserve elephants and regulate ivory in the U.S. (see S. 1769), [15JY]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program (see S. 886), [26MR]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
———provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
Forests: expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives (see S. 1691), [25JN]
———improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
———provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [17MR]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
———provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [2FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2164), [7OC] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC] (see S. 2318), [19NO]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
———provide for withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley (see S. 196), [20JA]
New Mexico: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
———promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Power resources: modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Research: provide for advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities (see S. 1485), [2JN]
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2FE]
———provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology (see S. 913), [14AP]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Tropical Forest Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 566), [25FE]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: extend date after which interest earned on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund may be available for apportionment (see S. 722), [11MR]
———prohibit listing northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 655), [4MR]
———reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
Reports filed
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1800) (S. Rept. 114–82), [16JY]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1251) (S. Rept. 114–120), [8SE]
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Cerros del Norte Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1240) (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Investment Tax Credit for Waste Heat to Power Technology: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 913) (S. Rept. 114–23), [14AP]
Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 834) (S. Rept. 114–91), [23JY]

CONSERVING ECOSYSTEMS BY CEASING THE IMPORTATION OF LARGE (CECIL) ANIMAL TROPHIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1918), [3AU]

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Bills and resolutions
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 2), [6JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE] (see S.J. Res. 9), [9FE] (see S.J. Res. 18), [9JY]
———cut and cap Federal spending and enact balanced budget constitutional amendment (see S. 2182), [19OC]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th constitutional amendment abolishing slavery (see S. Con. Res. 21), [5OC]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 13), [23AP]
Constitution—U.S.: restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [26JA]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify application of the words people, person, or citizen in the Constitution to corporations, limited liability companies, or other corporate entities (see S.J. Res. 7), [4FE]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Families and domestic relations: constitutional amendment relative to definition of marriage (see S.J. Res. 12), [23AP]
Federal-State relations: constitutional amendment to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States (see S.J. Res. 17), [25JN]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
IRS: prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]

CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 498), [12FE]

CONSTITUTION—U.S.
Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th constitutional amendment abolishing slavery (see S. Con. Res. 21), [5OC]
Congress: end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1575), [15JN]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1571), [15JN]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 109), [7JA]

Courts: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
———restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [26JA]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens and lawful resident aliens (see S. 2195), [22OC]
District of Columbia: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
Education: express importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools (see S. Res. 150), [23AP]
Firearms: provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution has no force or effect (see S. 2434), [18DE]
History: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
Immigration: prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
IRS: prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Cloture motions
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Motions
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE]

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
Bills and resolutions
Contracts: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JN]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [7JA]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of Transportation: reform the surface transportation project delivery program (see S. 2258), [9NO]
———require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: transfer authority for construction of future major medical facility projects to the Corps of Engineers (see S. 997), [16AP]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 151), [23AP]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Taxation: protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
Reports filed
Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1647) (S. Rept. 114–80), [15JY]
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
FRS: establish advisory boards for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1963), [5AU]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 96), [7JA]
Taxation: regulate tax return preparers and refund anticipation payment arrangements (see S. 935), [14AP]

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT
Bills and resolutions
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Reports filed
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1250) (S. Rept. 114–179), [14DE]

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Chemicals: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Firearms: develop and use technology for personalized handguns and require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the U.S. incorporate such technology (see S. 1474), [2JN]
———improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]
Hazardous substances: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Product safety: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22AP]
Tobacco products: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Reports filed
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1250) (S. Rept. 114–179), [14DE]
Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 142) (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]

CONSUMER REVIEW FREEDOM ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 2044) (S. Rept. 114–175), [8DE]

CONSUMERS *related term(s)* **CREDIT; PRODUCT SAFETY; TOYS**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 1249), [7MY]
Bankruptcy: require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [15JY]
Business and industry: allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites (see S. 1359), [14MY]
———clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program (see S. 1038), [22AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Civil liberties: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1234), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: provide a legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education (see S. 2186), [20OC]
———require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [16SE]
Corporations: establish criminal penalties for corporate officers failing to inform and warn of serious dangers posed by corporate actions or products (see S. 2140), [6OC]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
———establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies (see S. 2355), [3DE]
———enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
———provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower (see S. 1384), [19MY]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
Cuba: authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]

Dept. of Agriculture: protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1332), [13MY]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]
———make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system to give prospective students a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college (see S. 2150), [7OC]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide financial awards to entities that develop and demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in high-cost regions (see S. 1346), [14MY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Dept. of Justice: provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
———require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
Dept. of Labor: establish America Star program to recognize companies that make American-made products and incentivize companies to implement better workforce support, hiring practices, conditions, and compensation (see S. 938), [14AP]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by BLM (see S. 2380), [9DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 2050), [17SE]
Dept. of Transportation: enhance transportation programs to connect people to jobs, schools, and other essential services through a multimodal transportation network (see S. 2008), [6AU]
———ensure motor vehicle crash avoidance information is provided alongside of crashworthiness information where such information is made available to the public (see S. 1535), [10JN]
———improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
———require State motor vehicle departments and registration agencies to notify motor vehicle owners of open safety recalls and require compliance with such recalls prior to registration (see S. 617), [2MR]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA] (see S. 1327), [13MY]
———limit application of Federal laws to distribution and consumption of marijuana (see S. 2237), [4NO]
Education: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
Electric power: provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and provide for the examination of the effects of net metering (see S. 1219), [6MY]
EPA: expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 156), [13JA]
———require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
FAA: protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [18JN]
Families and domestic relations: clarify ability to use consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments (see S. 2077), [24SE]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
———disapprove rule regulating broadband Internet access (see S.J. Res. 14), [28AP]
———establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
———limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
———prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 734), [12MR]
———provide greater transparency and efficiency in procedures (see S. 421), [10FE]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
FDA: ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
———improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
———prohibit use of Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption'' (see S. 496), [12FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
FERC: consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and consumer benefits before approving or disapproving an application for a liquefied natural gas terminal (see S. 1242), [7MY]
———improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
———improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
———provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts (see S. 2315), [19NO]
———provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions (see S. 927), [14AP]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
———restrict debt collection practices of certain debt collectors (see S. 2255), [5NO]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
———bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [19MY]
———eliminate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1804), [21JY]
———increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 482), [12FE]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 96), [7JA]
———require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]
———issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
———prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]
———prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 2413), [17DE]
GAO: conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms on electricity prices, supply, and competition in energy markets (see S. 1272), [11MY]
Health: reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
Information technology: develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]

———limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 1661), [24JN]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [25JN]
———provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
IRS: clarify use of credentials by enrolled agents (see S. 422), [10FE] (see S. 914), [14AP]
———provide printed copies of Publication 17, ''Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals),'' to all taxpayers free of charge (see S. Res. 112), [25MR]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
Medicaid: require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
Medicare: allow individuals to elect to receive Medicare Summary Notice electronically and increase flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors (see S. 584), [26FE]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
———establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, and help consumers identify recalled tires (see S. 1741), [9JY]
———limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
———protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
National Credit Union Administration: hold public hearings and receive comments from the public on its budget (see S. 924), [14AP]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 560), [25FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 121), [8JA]
———impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options (see S. 531), [23FE]
———provide a transition plan for individuals impacted by implementation (see S. 673), [4MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
———repeal certain provisions that have the effect of rationing health care (see S. 1718), [8JY]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
———improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [17SE]
Power resources: facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
———improve distribution of energy in the U.S. (see S. 1220), [6MY]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers (see S. 889), [26MR]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
———require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 787), [18MR] (see S. 1636), [18JN]
Public utilities: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
———provide electric consumers the right to access certain electric energy information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage energy usage (see S. 1044), [22AP]
———provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
SEC: repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 67), [7JA]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
———provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Solar energy: promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities (see S. 1723), [9JY]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts (see S. 2414), [17DE]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [12FE]
Taxation: make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———permit the Dept. of the Treasury and the SSA to disclose certain return information relative to identity theft (see S. 1323), [13MY]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 450), [11FE]
———regulate tax return preparers and refund anticipation payment arrangements (see S. 935), [14AP]
———repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 116), [7JA]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
———promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
———improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 1599), [17JN]
Women: ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
Motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [1DE], [3DE]

Reports filed
Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 142) (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]
Consumer Review Freedom Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 2044) (S. Rept. 114–175), [8DE]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1599), [16JY]
Driver Privacy Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 766) (S. Rept. 114–147), [28SE]
Electronic Health Fairness Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1347) (S. Rept. 114–106), [30JY]
E-Warranty Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1359) (S. Rept. 114–77), [7JY]
Financial Regulatory Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1484), [2JN]
Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 611) (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
IRS Enrolled Agents Use of Credentials Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 914) (S. Rept. 114–24), [14AP]
Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 114–13), [13AP]

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CONTRACEPTIVES
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Civil liberties: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
Federal aid programs: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [7JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Women: ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
Cloture motions
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Motions
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), [30JY]

CONTRACTS
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 103), [7JA]
Budget: appropriately determine the budgetary effects of energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 765), [17MR]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JN]
Consumers: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [16SE]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
Crime: provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable relative to tort claims arising out of rape (see S. 852), [24MR]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Defense: provide for inclusion of certain contractor personnel in matters on the defense acquisition workforce in the annual strategic workforce plan (see S. 1289), [12MY]
———require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of Energy: authorize entrance into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relative to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology (see S. 1285), [11MY]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts (see S. 154), [13JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2000), [5AU] (see S. 2179), [8OC]
———enhance treatment of small businesses owned by veterans after the death of disabled veteran owners for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 296), [28JA]
Disasters: ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 21), [6JA]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 104), [7JA]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
———reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy (see S. 1274), [11MY]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 1116), [28AP]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
Federal contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [7JA]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
IRS: issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
Labor unions: clarify the illegality of the use of violence to achieve objectives during a strike (see S. 62), [7JA]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
Medicare: allow individuals to elect to receive Medicare Summary Notice electronically and increase flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors (see S. 584), [26FE]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]
———improve review and acceptance of subcontracting plans (see S. 2138), [6OC]
———increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
———prohibit use of reverse auctions for procurements of covered contracts (see S. 2139), [6OC]
———provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts (see S. 958), [15AP]
Taxation: clarify treatment of locum tenens physicians as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages in underserved areas (see S. 2371), [8DE]
U.S. Cotton Futures Act: modify definition of cotton futures contracts (see S. 1655), [24JN]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall after receipt of gift for renovation of such hall (see S. 143), [9JA]
Whistleblowing: enhance protection for contractor and grantee employees (see S. 795), [18MR]
———extend protections for defense contractor employees to employees of contractors of elements of the intelligence community (see S. 794), [18MR]
Reports filed
Consumer Review Freedom Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 2044) (S. Rept. 114–175), [8DE]
Small Business Fairness Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 958), [10JN]
Small Business Subcontracting Transparency Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2138), [3NO]
Small Contractors Improve Competition Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2139), [2DE]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Improvements Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 143) (S. Rept. 114–51), [21MY]

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]

Dept. of Justice: improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA] (see S. 1327), [13MY]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
———reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors and eliminate increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base (see S. 1138), [29AP]
Health care professionals: require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [20MY]
Law enforcement: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JA]
Reports filed
Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 481), [1OC]

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CLINICAL STANDARDS COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]

COONS, CHRISTOPHER A. ***(a Senator from Delaware)***
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [8SE]
———develop a plan for each sub-Saharan country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements (see S. 1379), [19MY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
———reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [12FE]
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [6MY]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [5NO]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [19MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [18DE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [6MY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [8DE]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [8OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [24FE]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [12MR]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15SE]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [10MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [15AP]
———create a partnership with the Corp. for National and Community Service to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [25MR]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [14AP]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [16SE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [20AP]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [23AP]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [14DE]
———make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [9DE]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [4MY]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [17SE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [23MR]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [9JY]
———establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [3NO]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
———report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [25MR]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]

Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [8JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [14JY]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [21JY]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16AP]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [6OC]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [26JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [29SE]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [7JY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [9JY]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [30JY]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [14MY]
———provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [24MR]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [5MY]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [19NO]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 319), [19NO]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [15JN]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [14JY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [29OC]
———prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [9FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [13MY]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [5NO]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [7MY]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [23JY]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 1661), [24JN]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
International trade: promote (see S. 2201), [17DE]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [8OC]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Jacob Trieber Federal Building, U.S. Post Office, and U.S. Court House, Helena, AR: designate (see S. 1707), [30JY]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [29JY]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [16JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [6MY] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [25FE]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [13AP]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [17MR]

———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [14AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [16AP]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [9NO]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [8JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [14AP]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [2MR]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [19MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [19OC]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 176), [3AU]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [9SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [7OC]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [13MY]
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [16JN]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [16NO]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [9FE]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [19MY]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [8DE]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [22MY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [10DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
SBA: carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses (see S. 1870), [8OC]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [23AP]
———establish Regional Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program (see S. 2136), [20OC]
———establish Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program (see S. 1934), [4AU]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [23AP]
———help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [14JY]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [23AP]
———require Chief Counsel for Advocacy submittal of a report on small business innovation (see S. 963), [15AP]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [2FE]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [16JN]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [16AP]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [24FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [25FE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [30SE]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [22JA]
———allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [7DE]
———allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [11MR]
———exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 322), [29JA]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [16JN]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [27JY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [17NO]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities (see S. 2271), [10NO]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [22JY]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [7OC]

Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [15AP]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [15JN]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [6OC]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Animals: strengthen protections for wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies and curtail demand for illegal wildlife products (see S. 2385), [10DE]
Dept. of Education: authorize American Dream Accounts to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 687), [10MR]
Dept. of Energy: improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships (see S. 1187), [4MY]
———reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
Federal agencies and departments: increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
Lunar New Year: observance (see S. Res. 80), [12FE]
Medicare: encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [18NO]
National Chemistry Week: designate (see S. Res. 289), [19OC]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
Nobel Prize: recognition of Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for peace (see S. Res. 330), [7DE]
NSF: implement Sustainable Chemistry Program (see S. 1447), [21MY]
Patents: strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 270), [24SE]
Taxation: expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: extend date after which interest earned on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund may be available for apportionment (see S. 722), [11MR]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]

COPYRIGHT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [4MR]

COPYRIGHT AND MARRIAGE EQUALITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 23), [6JA]

COPYRIGHTS *related term(s)* **PATENTS**
Bills and resolutions
Arts and humanities: secure rights of artists of works of visual art to provide royalties (see S. 977), [16AP]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 757), [17MR]
Homosexuality: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Library of Congress: expand availability to exemptions to prohibition on copyrighted technological protection measures to facilitate computer security research, personal device maintenance, and technological innovation (see S. 990), [16AP]
Music and dance: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [4MR]

COQUILLE RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
BIA: manage the Coquille Forest in accordance with laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land (see S. 816), [19MR]

CORE OPPORTUNITY RESOURCES FOR EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE (CORE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 37), [6JA]

CORKER, BOB ***(a Senator from Tennessee)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Senate National Security Working Group, [24FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Afghanistan: support enhanced accountability for U.S. assistance (see S. 1875), [28JY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [4MR]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [20AP]
Crime: expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
Dept. of HHS: prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [18MY]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [27FE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Firearms: terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [23MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336), [12FE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]

Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [19NO]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [30SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal (see S. 336), [12FE]
Petroleum: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Power resources: modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [24SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [22SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
AID: reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [12FE]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 47), [28JA]
Dept. of State: authorize appropriations (see S. 1635), [18JN]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
International trade: promote (see S. 2201), [22OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 2078, 2079), [24SE]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Reports filed
Activities During the 113th Congress: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–178), [10DE]
Afghanistan Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1875), [30JY]
Commemorate Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Extermination Camp, Remember the Victims, and Honor the Legacy of the Survivors of the Holocaust: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 35), [28JA]
Commend Free and Fair Elections, Call for Peaceful Transfer of Power, and Support Efforts To Pursue National Unity in Burma: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 320), [10DE]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
Dept. of State Appropriations: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1635), [18JN]
Develop a Strategy To Protect Nigerian Civilians and Eliminate Threat Posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1632), [29JY]
Electrify Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
Expenditures: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 47), [28JA]
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]
Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2184), [18NO]
German Peaceful and Democratic Reunification Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 274), [8OC]
Girls Count Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 802), [21MY]
Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 284), [29JY]
International Megan's Law To Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (H.R. 515), [18NO]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]
Mongolia First Democratic Elections Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 189), [10DE]
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]
Require a Report on Actions To Secure the Safety and Security of Dissidents Housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1643), [25JN]
Romania Diplomatic Relations With the U.S. Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 326), [10DE]
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2078), [24SE]
U.S.-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1789), [27OC]
Welcome Republic of Korea President Park Geun-hye Upon U.S. Visit and Reaffirm Importance of Alliance Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 278), [8OC]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]
World Refugee Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 204), [25JN]

CORNYN, JOHN ***(a Senator from Texas)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
———H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, [3FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [3NO]
Armed Forces: provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
ATF: prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [10JN]
Bankruptcy: require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 357), [4FE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]

Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [23MR]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [7OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Colleges and universities: strengthen minority-serving institutions (see S. 2317), [19NO]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Courts: ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal actions by amending prohibition on exercise of jurisdiction by U.S. Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts (see S. 1353), [14MY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
Crime: combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [3FE]
———inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [9MR]
———make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of Energy: issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [21MY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [27AP]
Dept. of HHS: include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [15SE]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [27JY]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [24JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [25FE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [29JA]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [23MR]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [22JY]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [16MR]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21JY]
Families and domestic relations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [7JY]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [8OC]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [10SE]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
———provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [24MR]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [6AU]
———improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 1848), [23JY]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [25MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Immigration: establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [10NO]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator: establish to coordinate efforts to secure release of U.S. persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism (see S. 1652), [23JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [4FE]

———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [12JA]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [8JY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [17SE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Lieutenant Colonel James ''Maggie'' Megellas Post Office, Fond du Lac, WI: designate (see S. 1826), [22JY]
Lunar New Year: observance (see S. Res. 80), [12FE]
Medicare: permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 1502), [4JN]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [14DE]
———develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [19NO]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [12FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
Outer Continental Shelf: increase energy exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [4FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [3MR]
Taxation: free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [20MY]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [2JN]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [2JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Bankruptcy: provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation (see S. 1840, 1841), [22JY]
Centennial Monetary Commission: establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [11FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 1534), [9JN]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [18MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Laredo, TX: designate (see S. 612), [27FE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Law enforcement: strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Medicare: provide a technical change to long-term care hospital moratorium exception (see S. 202), [21JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Red River: provide legal certainty for property owners along the Red River in Texas (see S. 1153), [30AP]
Rio Grande City, TX: provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Co., to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande river (see S. 2143), [6OC]
Taxation: expand workplace health incentives by equalizing tax consequences of employee athletic facility use (see S. 2296), [18NO]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
———prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 252), [26JA]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 949), [15AP]
———provide debt and tax transparency (see S. 745), [16MR]
———require that individual taxpayer identification number applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers (see S. 1397), [20MY]

Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Treto Garza South Texas Dept. of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center, Harlingen, TX: designate (see S. 1534), [9JN]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE], [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [12FE], [23FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [9FE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [3DE]

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: create a partnership with the Corp. for National and Community Service to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
National Service for Schools Program: establish (see S. 2428), [18DE]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]

CORPORATIONS *related term(s)* **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of the Census: extend authority to conduct the quarterly financial report program (see S. 1868), [27JY]
Business and industry: require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Constitutional amendments: clarify application of the words people, person, or citizen in the Constitution to corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities (see S.J. Res. 7), [4FE]
———exclude corporations from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [30AP]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 1206), [6MY]
———establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Product safety: establish criminal penalties for corporate officers failing to inform and warn of serious dangers posed by corporate actions or products (see S. 2140), [6OC]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
SEC: repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]
———require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Taxation: allow a temporary dividends received deduction from a controlled foreign corporation for certain taxable years (see S. 397), [5FE]
———deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 413), [9FE]
———disallow deductions for the payment of punitive damages (see S. 169), [13JA]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, and prevent U.S. tax avoidance (see S. 922), [14AP]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [29AP]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1905), [30JY]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]

———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1666), [24JN]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 162), [13JA]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 174), [13JA]
Reports filed
Bureau of the Census Authority To Conduct the Quarterly Financial Report Program Extension: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1868) (S. Rept. 114–157), [22OC]
Ease Burden of Federal Tax Compliance on Small Businesses: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Tax Relief Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]
CORPS OF ENGINEERS *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
Bills and resolutions
Bridgeton, MO: undertake remediation oversight of West Lake Landfill (see S. 2306), [19NO]
Central Everglades Planning Project: authorize (see S. 120), [8JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend authorization for construction of medical center in Aurora, CO, and enter into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to manage such construction (see S. 285), [28JA] (see S. 997), [16AP]
———transfer authority for construction of future major medical facility projects to the Corps of Engineers (see S. 997), [16AP]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
Ecology and environment: provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
Firearms: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
Great Lakes: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Harbors: modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 837), [23MR]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project: deauthorize (see S. 124), [8JA]
Washington (State): transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see S. 1979), [5AU]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), [6OC], [7OC]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2028) (S. Rept. 114–54), [21MY]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [4FE]
———require the Director to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 1784), [16JY]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]
———eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup for status offenses which would not be judicial issues if the offender were not a juvenile (see S. 1850), [23JY]
———ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 353), [3FE]
Crime: reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 449, 467), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
Dept. of HHS: include county and municipal correctional facilities among medical facilities that qualify for designation as health professional shortage areas for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1051), [22AP]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Immigration: detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY] (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Law enforcement: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Medicaid: require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance while such individual is an inmate of a public institution (see S. 1409), [21MY]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Taxation: provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [5FE]
Voting: secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 457), [11FE] (see S. 772), [18MR]
Reports filed
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization and Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1169) (S. Rept. 114–181), [15DE]
Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 2123), [26OC]
CORRECTIONS OVERSIGHT, RECIDIVISM REDUCTION, AND ELIMINATING COSTS FOR TAXPAYERS IN OUR NATIONAL SYSTEM (CORRECTIONS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 467), [11FE]
COSMETICS
Bills and resolutions
FDA: ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
Water pollution: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
COST OF LIVING *see* **ECONOMY; INCOME**
COSTA RICA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Reports filed
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334), [28JY]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334) (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]
COTTON, TOM ***(a Senator from Arkansas)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [13JA], [9MR], [20AP], [21AP], [3NO]

Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
Congressional-Executive Commission on China, [6AU]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [24SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [30SE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [11MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———increase transparency in Federal budgeting (see S. 399), [25FE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
China: express disfavor regarding the proposed U.S.-China nuclear cooperation agreement (see S.J. Res. 19), [15JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [25FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [25FE]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [3MR]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [2DE]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [3FE]
———inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [25FE]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of Energy: require State approval before exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property for electric transmission projects in such State (see S. 485), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [18JN]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
———reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 2292), [7DE]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [15JN]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [5FE]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
———require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
Dept. of Labor: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [17NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify role of podiatrists (see S. 2175), [3NO]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [7DE]
Diseases: improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [3NO]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [17DE]
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [19NO]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [25FE]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [17DE]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [25FE]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [7DE]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 499), [27FE]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [27FE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [23MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [24FE]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [10SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [28JY]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [8OC]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [24FE]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
IRS: implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [18JN]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [24FE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [25FE]
Jacob Trieber Federal Building, U.S. Post Office, and U.S. Court House, Helena, AR: designate (see S. 1707), [7JY]

Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [3NO] (see S. 1874), [16NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [25FE]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [25MR]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [3NO]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [25MR]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [9NO]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [5MY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [29JY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Members of Congress: reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [8JY]
———transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [9JY]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [22SE]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [7MY]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [28SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [2MR]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [9SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [12MY]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [16NO]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [11MY]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13AP]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [29JY]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 1636), [18JN]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [18JN]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [15JN]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [24FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [3AU]
Ships and vessels: exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [17DE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [17DE]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [25FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [29JY]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [18MR]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [2MR]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [20AP]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [9FE] (see S. 157), [13AP]
Telephones: improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [9JY]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [24FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 1798), [15SE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [5MY]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [17DE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
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EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
Foreign aid: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: prohibit baiting exemptions on certain land (see S. 595), [26FE]
National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record: provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their families can register certain firearms (see S. 670), [4MR]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
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———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
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Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [3FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [22SE], [24SE]
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———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Armed Forces: improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [29AP]
———make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements relative to controversies arising under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and preserve rights to bring class actions (see S. 2331), [19NO]
Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
———require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 357), [4FE]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Bryan, Patricia Mack: appointment as Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 16), [6JA]
Business and industry: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 757), [17MR]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [15SE]
Charles Clark U.S. Courthouse, Jackson, MS: designate (see S. 1034), [21AP]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup for status offenses which would not be judicial issues if the offender were not a juvenile (see S. 1850), [23JY]
———ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
Civil liberties: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———require the Federal Government to obtain warrants when conducting aerial surveillance (see S. 1595), [17JN]
Claims: ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal actions by amending prohibition on exercise of jurisdiction by U.S. Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts (see S. 1353), [14MY]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1030), [21AP]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 13), [23AP]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
———restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [26JA]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [16SE]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Crime: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]
———combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]
———impose criminal penalties for unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft (see S. 2249), [5NO]
———increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [11JN]
———provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
———provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts (see S. 572), [25FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable relative to tort claims arising out of rape (see S. 852), [24MR]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 449), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
———specify state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind to strengthen criminal intent protections (see S. 2298), [18NO]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens and lawful resident aliens (see S. 2195), [22OC]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 2151), [7OC]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program (see S. 1108), [28AP]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
———promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
———provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
———require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
———strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 350), [3FE]
Dept. of Transportation: increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
———prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 447), [11FE]
———prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
District of Columbia: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
———revise certain authorities of courts, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and Public Defender Service (see S. 1629), [18JN]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———increase penalties for fentanyl trafficking (see S. 2027), [10SE]
———provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [11MR]
———reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors and eliminate increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base (see S. 1138), [29AP]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
Families and domestic relations: clarify ability to use consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments (see S. 2077), [24SE]
———prohibit Federal court jurisdiction and funding over cases related to marriage (see S. 1080), [23AP]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———postpone effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review (see S. 1927), [4AU]
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: improve attorney accountability to reduce frivolous lawsuits (see S. 401), [5FE]
Federal Water Pollution Control Act: permit removal of certain civil actions filed in State courts to U.S. district courts (see S. 106), [7JA]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]

Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
Frankel, Morgan J.: appointment as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 17), [6JA]
George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Laredo, TX: designate (see S. 612), [27FE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Health: reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [10MR]
Human rights: treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Immigration: increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 68), [7JA]
Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
IRS: provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
J. Waties Waring Judicial Center, Charleston, SC: designate (see S. 1147), [30AP]
Jacob Trieber Federal Building, U.S. Post Office, and U.S. Court House, Helena, AR: designate (see S. 1707), [7JY]
Judicial branch of the Government: provide an Inspector General (see S. 1418), [21MY]
Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation: remand certain civil actions transferred (see S. 1113), [28AP]
Judiciary: authorize additional district judgeships for the district of Colorado (see S. 1962), [5AU]
———authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho (see S. 360), [4FE]
———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Law enforcement: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 353), [3FE]
———eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———limit authority to detain U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under authorizations for use of military force without charge or trial (see S. 24), [6JA]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Lowery, Tim: relief (see S. 701), [10MR]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
Native Americans: require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings (see S. 184), [16JA]
Natural Gas Act: modify a provision relating to civil penalties (see S. 1216), [6MY]
Nettleton, Paul: relief (see S. 701), [10MR]
News media: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
———strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide a transition plan for individuals impacted by implementation (see S. 673), [4MR]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 1730), [9JY]
———extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
Securities: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in Care One Management, LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al. (see S. Res. 318), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in U.S. v. Jeffrey A. Sterling (see S. Res. 27), [16JA]
———direct to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (see S. Res. 333), [10DE]
Senior citizens: provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr., Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Gainesville, GA: designate (see S. 2396), [10DE]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [18MR]
———promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Taxation: disallow deductions for the payment of punitive damages (see S. 169), [13JA]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 2059), [17SE]
———improve access and administration of the U.S. Tax Court (see S. 903), [14AP]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 949), [15AP]
Tax-exempt organizations: provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status if the IRS delays acting on applications (see S. 1728), [9JY]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges (see S. 1754), [14JY]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Volunteer workers: provide for liability protection for organizations and entities (see S. 1684), [25JN]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Courthouse, Oklahoma City, OK: designate (see S. 261), [27JA]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
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Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
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Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 295), [9FE]
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District of Columbia Courts, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1629) (S. Rept. 114–110), [3AU]
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Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 178), [2MR]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization and Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1169) (S. Rept. 114–181), [15DE]
Native American Children's Safety Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 184) (S. Rept. 114–37), [11MY]
Protecting American Talent and Entrepreneurship (PATENT) Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1137), [8SE]
Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment (SURVIVE) Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 1704) (S. Rept. 114–172), [3DE]
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U.S. Tax Court Access and Administration Improvement: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 903) (S. Rept. 114–14), [14AP]
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———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Armed Forces: improve security at recruitment centers by allowing officers to carry weapons or improve structural security (see S. 1819), [5AU]
———provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [5AU]
———repeal bans on military personnel carrying firearms on military bases and recruitment facilities (see S. 1823), [5AU]
Bankruptcy: provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation (see S. 1840), [22JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [18MR]
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Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
CBO: prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside normal scoring periods (see S. 2260), [9NO]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
———restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [12FE]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [8OC]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [13AP]
Crime: expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [12FE]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 327), [30AP]
Dept. of Education: expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
———limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
Dept. of Energy: conduct a study on energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities (see S. 1342), [14MY]
Dept. of HHS: provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [8SE]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
Dept. of the Interior: maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch, ID (see S. 1777), [15JY]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [30JA]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 350), [3FE]
Dept. of Transportation: create National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [7JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [25JN]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [23JN]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [5MY]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [22JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Diseases: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [26FE]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 234), [22JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]

FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [14JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
FEMA: provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
FERC: reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [29AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
———terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [16MR]
Floods: clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement (see S. 1679), [21JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [12MY]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [8SE]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [8SE]
Insurance: provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
Investments: protect the investment choices of American investors (see S. 1802), [16JY]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [3DE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [19OC]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [10MR]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [12FE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [3AU]
———extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [9DE]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [23JN]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [15JN]
———promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [13MY]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
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National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
———facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1443), [16JN]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [22OC]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [11FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1771), [15JY]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [30JY]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [26JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [16JN]
Roads and highways: enhance tribal road safety (see S. 1776), [15JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [1DE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Taxation: clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———encourage use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 306), [29JA]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]

———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [12MY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [19OC]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [5MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
Courts: authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho (see S. 360), [4FE]
Dept. of Energy: assess capability to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at departmental sites (see S. 1363), [18MY]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 383), [5FE]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]
FDA: prohibit use of Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption'' (see S. 496), [12FE]
Firearms: provide that silencers would be treated the same as long guns relative to registration and transfer laws (see S. 2236), [4NO]
———revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes (see S. 2209), [27OC]
Government regulations: ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Idaho: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Lowery, Tim: relief (see S. 701), [10MR]
Medicare: improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [24SE]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
Nettleton, Paul: relief (see S. 701), [10MR]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 1644), [23JN]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
Cloture motions
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [3FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
CREATING HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION (CHOICE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 265), [27JA]
CREDIT *related term(s)* **CONSUMERS**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 1249), [7MY]
———allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 895), [26MR]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2347, 2357), [3DE] (see S. 2393), [10DE]
———make mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections permanent (see S. 1152), [30AP]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
———require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [15JY]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Consumers: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies (see S. 2355), [3DE]
———enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1234), [6MY]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
———restrict debt collection practices of certain debt collectors (see S. 2255), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]
———allow a choice between a fixed amount student loan repayment plan or an income-driven student loan repayment plan for all borrowers (see S. 1948), [5AU]
———allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan Program (see S. 1556), [11JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, reduce interest rates and allow for refinancing of student loans, expand work study program, and simplify student aid application process (see S. 1373), [19MY]
———establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]

———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]
———increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]
———make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system to give prospective students a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college (see S. 2150), [7OC]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]
———provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools (see S. 1892), [29JY]
———revise counseling requirements for certain student loan borrowers (see S. 2043), [16SE]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
———use student loan repayment rates at institutions of higher education to determine institutional eligibility for Federal student aid funds and require risk sharing payments of institutions (see S. 1939), [5AU]
Dept. of HHS: provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 2050), [17SE]
———reauthorize the State Small Business Credit Initiative (see S. 1901), [30JY]
Discrimination: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
Education: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
Employment: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Families and domestic relations: clarify ability to use consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments (see S. 2077), [24SE]
Federal agencies and departments: identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
Financial institutions: establish standards for identity verification for non-U.S. persons opening bank accounts or applying for credit cards (see S. 52), [7JA]
———establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
———exclude credit union loans secured by certain non-owner occupied family dwellings from the definition of member business loan (see S. 1440), [21MY]
———expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1367), [18MY]
———improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
———provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions (see S. 927), [14AP]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
———require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
———permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
Mortgages: establish programs to encourage use of shared equity mortgage modifications (see S. 1582), [16JN]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 495), [12FE]
Nonprofit organizations: clarify that organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals (see S. 1344), [14MY] (see S. 2085), [28SE]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Privacy: prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 956), [15AP]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
———establish Export Credit Insurance Program (see S. 1546), [10JN]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [15AP]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [15AP]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [1OC]
Student loans: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower (see S. 1384), [19MY]
———provide removal of default information from a borrower's credit report relative to certain rehabilitated private education loans (see S. 1309), [12MY]
Taxation: exclude from gross income any discharge of student loan indebtedness (see S. 1947), [5AU]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 1644), [23JN]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [3FE] (see S. 608), [27FE]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
Reports filed
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 966), [10JN]
Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the Small Business Administration (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 967), [10JN]
Financial Regulatory Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1484), [2JN]
Saving Federal Dollars Through Better Use of Government Purchase and Travel Cards Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1616) (S. Rept. 114–174), [8DE]
SBA Authorization Levels for General Business Loans Establishment: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1001), [10JN]
Small Business Investment Capital Company Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 552), [10JN]
Women's Small Business Ownership Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2126), [8OC]

CREDIT CARDS *see* **CREDIT**

CREDIT REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Budget: increase transparency in Federal budgeting (see S. 399), [5FE]

CREDIT UNION RESIDENTIAL LOAN PARITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1440), [21MY]

CREDIT UNIONS *see* **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

CRIME *related term(s)* **ESPIONAGE; SEXUAL HARASSMENT; TERRORISM**
Appointments
Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, [5FE], [11FE]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]
Advertising: provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts (see S. 572), [25FE]
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]

Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [22JY]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [11JN]
———strengthen protections for wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies and curtail demand for illegal wildlife products (see S. 2385), [10DE]
Armed Forces: improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [29AP]
———sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Aviation: impose criminal penalties for unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft (see S. 2249), [5NO]
———provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]
Bureau of Prisons: provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [4FE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [15SE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]
———eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup for status offenses which would not be judicial issues if the offender were not a juvenile (see S. 1850), [23JY]
———enable State child protective services systems to improve identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking (see S. 656), [4MR] (see S. 1028), [21AP]
———ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
———extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
———identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]
———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
Civil liberties: seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
Colombia: oppose requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal O.R. Palmera Pineda, also known as ''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the U.S. as a part of the Colombian peace process (see S. Res. 208), [23JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1030), [21AP]
Constitution—U.S.: restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [26JA]
Corporations: establish criminal penalties for corporate officers failing to inform and warn of serious dangers posed by corporate actions or products (see S. 2140), [6OC]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 353), [3FE]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———specify state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind to strengthen criminal intent protections (see S. 2298), [18NO]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [5FE]
Dept. of Education: allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
———authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately (see S. 205), [21JA]
———establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [21MY]
———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
———conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
———establish Office for Community Partnerships (see S. 2369), [8DE]
———improve operation of Unmanned Aircraft System program (see S. 159), [13JA]
———permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissable to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
———train personnel to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities (see S. 623), [3MR]
Dept. of Justice: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
———appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
———fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]

———promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
———provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
———provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
———strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
———offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
District of Columbia: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———combat heroin and methamphetamine trafficking across the Southern border of the U.S. (see S. 392), [5FE]
———combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
———enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA] (see S. 1327), [13MY]
———increase penalties for fentanyl trafficking (see S. 2027), [10SE]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]
———reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors and eliminate increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base (see S. 1138), [29AP]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Employment: provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable relative to tort claims arising out of rape (see S. 852), [24MR]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [14AP]
Families and domestic relations: expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
FBI: provide adequate whistleblower protections (see S. 2390), [10DE]
———use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
FCC: prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
Federal agencies and departments: improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
Federal employees: prevent fraud by representative payees by prosecuting those who misuse Federal retirement funds (see S. 1576), [15JN]
Financial institutions: establish standards for identity verification for non-U.S. persons opening bank accounts or applying for credit cards (see S. 52), [7JA]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
———ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [21OC]
———more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition (see S. 1308), [12MY]
———permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1520), [4JN]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
———require sellers or transferors of firearms to take reasonable steps to ensure the recipient is not prohibited from possessing a firearm (see S. 2016), [9SE]
———revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes (see S. 2209), [27OC]
———update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions (see S. 1351), [14MY]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]
———establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Health: require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
———provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]
Housing: require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
———treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [19NO]
———detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY] (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———expedite processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the U.S. (see S. 44), [7JA]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [14JY]

———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissable, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief (see S. 1120), [28AP]
———make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 68), [7JA]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
———reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
Indonesia: condemn mass murders in 1965–66, form truth, justice, and reconciliation commission to address crimes and human rights violations, and urge U.S. agencies to declassify and release relevant records and documents (see S. Res. 273), [1OC]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Infrastructure: prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE] (see S. 754), [17MR]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
———implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [24MR]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 6), [26FE]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Labor unions: clarify the illegality of the use of violence to achieve objectives during a strike (see S. 62), [7JA]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]
———clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
———combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———increase the penalty for fraudulent 9-1-1 calls that result in an emergency response from law enforcement agencies (see S. 1018), [21AP]
———limit authority to detain U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under authorizations for use of military force without charge or trial (see S. 24), [6JA]
———mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———prohibit intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs control (see S. 847), [24MR]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 449, 467), [11FE]
———require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicare: establish smart card pilot program (see S. 1871), [27JY]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record: provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their families can register certain firearms (see S. 670), [4MR]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
———enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 59), [30JA]
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: designate (see S. Res. 75), [12FE]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
Native Americans: require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings (see S. 184), [16JA]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
———commend Russian opposition efforts, express condolences for death, condemn and call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 96), [4MR]
NOAA: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Oklahoma City, OK: anniversary of attack on Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building (see S. Res. 139), [16AP]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Pharmaceuticals: ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Privacy: prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———require notification of information security breaches and enhance penalties for cyber criminals (see S. 1027), [21AP]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 64), [7JA]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [29JA]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
SEC: extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
Securities: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
———provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Social Security: prohibit an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for a felony from receiving various cash benefits (see S. 1758), [14JY]
SSA: prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
Taxation: permit the Dept. of the Treasury and the SSA to disclose certain return information relative to identity theft (see S. 1323), [13MY]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 1129), [29AP]
———require student Social Security numbers and employer identification numbers for education tax credits (see S. 75), [7JA]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]

Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
———improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [22JA]
———deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
———provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
———require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
Vice Presidents of the U.S.: prohibit threats against former Vice Presidents and members of their families (see S. 250), [26JA]
Voting: secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 457), [11FE] (see S. 772), [18MR]
Weinstein, Warren: express condolences to family and commemorate life and work (see S. Res. 169), [5MY]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 1599), [17JN]
Wildlife: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [15JN]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
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Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Law enforcement: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
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National Emergency Relative to Foreign Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process: President Obama, [21JA]
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2001: President Obama, [10SE]
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Airport Security Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 720) (S. Rept. 114–92), [23JY]
Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 295), [9FE]
Commission on Native Children Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 246) (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1599), [16JY]
Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 754), [17MR]
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Dept. of Homeland Security Border Security Metrics Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1864) (S. Rept. 114–152), [8OC]
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]
Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Fairness for Crime Victims Act: Committee on the Budget (Senate) (S. 1495) (S. Rept. 114–87), [21JY]
Human Trafficking Detection Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 460) (S. Rept. 114–46), [14MY]
International Megan's Law To Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (H.R. 515), [18NO]
Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 178), [2MR]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization and Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1169) (S. Rept. 114–181), [15DE]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 665), [26MR]
Native American Children's Safety Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 184) (S. Rept. 114–37), [11MY]
Northern Border Security Review Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]
Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1576) (S. Rept. 114–95), [27JY]
Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment (SURVIVE) Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 1704) (S. Rept. 114–172), [3DE]
Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 2123), [26OC]
Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 166), [2MR]
Transnational Drug Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 32), [17SE]
TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 719) (S. Rept. 114–111), [4AU]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
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CRIME GUN TRACING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1529), [9JN]

CRIMINAL ALIEN DEPORTATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1752), [13JY]

CRIMINAL ANTITRUST ANTI-RETALIATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1599), [16JY]

CROOK COUNTY, WY
Bills and resolutions
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]

CROSS-BORDER TRADE ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 461), [11FE]

CROWDSOURCING AND CITIZEN SCIENCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2113), [30SE]

CRUDE-BY-RAIL SAFETY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 859), [25MR]

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Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [26JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 594), [26FE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [27AP]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]

Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [22SE]
Centennial Monetary Commission: establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [21JY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———specify state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind to strengthen criminal intent protections (see S. 2298), [18NO]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [16JA]
———make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 300), [29JA] (see S. 327), [2FE]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
Dept. of HHS: improve Head Start Program by authorizing block grants to States for prekindergarten education (see S. 2290), [17NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats (see S. 1846), [23JY]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [1DE]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [20MY]
———offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [3FE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold long-standing State water laws (see S. 982), [4JN]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [26JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [21MY]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [18MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [10SE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
FEMA: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [27AP]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [20AP]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by non-residents (see S. 498), [28JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Laredo, TX: designate (see S. 612), [27FE]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [25FE]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [21JY]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [22SE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [21MY]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [7JA]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [30JY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [14JY]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [23JN]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaf-

firm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [28SE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [6MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [5MY]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Red River: provide legal certainty for property owners along the Red River in Texas (see S. 1153), [30AP]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [9DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
Taxation: encourage use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 306), [29JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [10MR]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [13MY]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 1140), [4JN]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [6MY]
World War II: commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [27JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
Courts: prohibit Federal court jurisdiction and funding over cases related to marriage (see S. 1080), [23AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: eliminate offsetting accounts available for use by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (see S. 1593), [17JN]
Dept. of State: submit to Congress a report on designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2094), [29SE]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
———withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
Families and domestic relations: constitutional amendment relative to definition of marriage (see S.J. Res. 12), [23AP]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
FRS: eliminate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1804), [21JY]
Health: provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [14JY]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
Insurance: provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
IRS: prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
Liu Xiaobo Plaza, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 224), [21JY]
Oswaldo Payá Way, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 226), [21JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Power resources: free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
Space policy: promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [12MY]
Terrorism: designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [22JA]
U.N.: limit U.S. contributions if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
Cloture motions
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [28SE]
CUBA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Claims: submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relative to property confiscated by Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade (see S. 1388), [19MY]
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
Foreign policy: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Foreign trade: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE] (see S. 1543), [10JN]
Information technology: authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
Oswaldo Payá Way, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 226), [21JY]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Travel and tourism: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Cuba and Emergency Authority on Regulation of Anchorage and Movement of Vessels: President Obama, [25FE]
Proposed Rescission of Cuba Designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism: President Obama, [14AP]
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Detaining Terrorists To Protect America Act: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. 165), [23FE]
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CUBAN MILITARY TRANSPARENCY ACT
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Enact (see S. 1489), [3JN]
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Bills and resolutions
Oregon: withdraw certain land in Curry and Josephine Counties from coverage under public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws (see S. 346), [3FE]
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CZECH REPUBLIC
Messages
Social Security Agreement With the Czech Republic: President Obama, [6OC]
DAINES, STEVE ***(a Senator from Montana)***
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Congressional-Executive Commission on China, [6AU]
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [3NO]
Armed Forces: provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge (see S. 1567), [11JN]
———provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [5AU]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [3MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center, Great Falls, MT: designate (see S. 719), [11MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 1315), [3DE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [14MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Consumers: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1234), [6MY]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [5NO]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [9MR]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [5MY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [12MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [4JN]
Dept. of Education: expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [2MR]
Dept. of Energy: provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [2MR]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [3DE]
Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of the Interior: use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Dept. of Transportation: require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [27AP]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [29JA]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
East Rosebud Creek: designate segments for inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1577), [15JN]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [26JA]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
Endangered Species Act: require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FCC: provide greater transparency and efficiency in procedures (see S. 421), [25FE]
Federal agencies and departments: increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
———review certain rules and regulations (see S. 846), [24MR]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [22MY]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310), [3FE]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [28JY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [14AP]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [14JY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [17JN]

———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [24FE] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Immigration: suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [19NO]
Insurance: provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [2JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [23AP]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [27OC]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [15SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [13JY] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2169), [8OC]
Law enforcement: safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [28AP]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [10JN]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [10FE]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [8DE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [21JY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
———extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 35), [6JA]
———provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
———provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [19OC]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [3JN]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [9SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [18MY]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Pipelines: provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [10JN]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [28AP]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [20MY]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [9JN]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [17SE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [13JY]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [30AP]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [18MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2MR]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [26FE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3NO]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [14AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [25JN]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [2JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: improve security at recruitment centers by allowing officers to carry weapons or improving structural security (see S. 1819), [21JY]
———preserve current amount of basic allowance for housing for certain married members of uniformed services (see S. 1628), [18JN]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [11JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]
Endangered species: protect and conserve elephants and regulate ivory in the U.S. (see S. 1769), [15JY]
FCC: exempt small business providers of broadband Internet access from net neutrality enhanced transparency requirements (see S. 2283), [16NO]
Federal agencies and departments: require a notice and comment process for interpretative rules if there is a change to a previously issued rule (see S. 1487), [3JN]
———require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules (see S. 1807), [21JY]
———sunset rules after a certain period unless agencies undergo notice and comment rulemaking (see S. 826), [19MR]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
Members of Congress: reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
National Guard: require report on location of C–130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units (see S. 1625), [18JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1771), [15JY]
Privacy: require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions

to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
Taxation: extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit (see S. 1361), [18MY]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE], [3NO], [5NO]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE], [22SE], [24SE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]

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Bureau of Reclamation: allow proactive measures to maintain and repair dams and water infrastructure (see S. 1657), [24JN]
———authorize use of active capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [12MY]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 14), [6JA]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
———streamline licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects on existing dams (see S. 1338), [14MY]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
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Bureau of Reclamation Authorization of Use of Active Capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1305) (S. Rept. 114–135), [9SE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
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Bills and resolutions
Public lands: provide for conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Danville Area Community College (see S. 1967), [5AU]

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Danville, IL: provide for conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Danville Area Community College (see S. 1967), [5AU]

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Darwin Day: designate (see S. Res. 66), [4FE] (see S. Res. 337), [17DE]

DARWIN DAY
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Bills and resolutions
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World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]

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DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE (ORGANIZATION)
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Bills and resolutions
Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building, Waldwick, NJ: designate (see S. 994), [16AP]
Reports filed
Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building, Waldwick, NJ: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 994), [6MY]

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DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR EBOLA ORPHANS
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Bills and resolutions
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]

DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE PRESERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]

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DEATH AND DYING
Bills and resolutions
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [15SE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Credit: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower (see S. 1384), [19MY]
Dept. of Defense: require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of HHS: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Justice: include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program (see S. 1108), [28AP]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enhance treatment of small businesses owned by veterans after the death of disabled veteran owners for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 296), [28JA]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 241), [22JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: provide behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserves based on need and expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling (see S. 832), [23MR]
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
Federal agencies and departments: modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments (see S. 614), [27FE]
Federal employees: provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [8JA]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 131), [26MR]
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.: amend charter to remove certain restrictions (see S. 1366), [18MY]
Health: promote awareness of organ donation and need to increase pool of available organs (see S. 1435), [21MY]
Law enforcement: require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
Medicare: encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [18NO]
———recognize attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients (see S. 1354), [14MY]

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
National Teachers Hall of Fame: designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators (see S. 2061), [21SE]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Social Security: enhance benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
———provide for a phased-in payment of disability insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 2010), [9SE]
Taxation: reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, reduce estate value exemption level, include a billionaire's surtax, tax dynasty trusts, and protect farmland and conservation easements (see S. 1677), [25JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
Reports filed
Commission on Native Children Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 246) (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 614) (S. Rept. 114–86), [21JY]
Gold Star Fathers Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 136) (S. Rept. 114–35), [5MY]

DEATH BENEFITS FOR COURT SECURITY OFFICERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1108), [28AP]

DEATH PENALTY *see* **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
Bills and resolutions
Education: express importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools (see S. Res. 150), [23AP]

DEFEAT ISIS AND PROTECT AND SECURE THE U.S. ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2377), [9DE]

DEFEND ISRAEL BY DEFENDING PALESTINIAN FOREIGN AID ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 34), [6JA]

DEFEND TRADE SECRETS ACT
Bills and resolutions
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DEFENDING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ACT
Cloture motions
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DEFENSE BASE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Defense: require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]
———treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain defense base closure areas (see S. 1292), [12MY]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
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Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [30SE], [5NO], [18DE]
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Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2029) (S. Rept. 114–57), [21MY]
HUBZone Revitalization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1292), [10JN]

DEFENSE OF ENVIRONMENT AND PROPERTY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 980), [16AP]

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Courts: prohibit Federal court jurisdiction and funding over cases related to marriage (see S. 1080), [23AP]
Families and domestic relations: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]

DEFENSE OF UKRAINE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 452), [11FE]

DEFICIT *see* **PUBLIC DEBT**

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Reports filed
James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building, Del City, OK: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 3059), [8OC]

DELAWARE
Bills and resolutions
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 921), [14AP]

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY
Bills and resolutions
Louisiana: add Vernon and Sabine Parishes to make such parishes eligible for Federal economic development grants (see S. 1791), [16JY]

DEMOCRACY
Bills and resolutions
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [26MR]
———commend free and fair elections, call for peaceful transfer of power, and support efforts to pursue national unity (see S. Res. 320), [19NO]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Germany: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [1OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Mongolia: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [1JN]
Nobel Prize: recognition of Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for peace (see S. Res. 330), [7DE]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [3DE]
Voting: establish election day as a legal public holiday (see S. 1969), [5AU]
———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 1139), [30AP]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 152), [28AP] (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Belarus: President Obama, [10JN]
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Commend Free and Fair Elections, Call for Peaceful Transfer of Power, and Support Efforts To Pursue National Unity in Burma: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 320), [10DE]
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Mongolia First Democratic Elections Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 189), [10DE]
Romania Diplomatic Relations With the U.S. Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 326), [10DE]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]

DEMOCRACY IS STRENGTHENED BY CASTING LIGHT ON SPENDING IN ELECTIONS (DISCLOSE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 229), [21JA]

DEMOCRACY RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 772), [18MR]

DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Bills and resolutions
Committees of the Senate: minority party appointments (see S. Res. 22), [7JA] (see S. Res. 135), [14AP]
Myrick, Gary B.: election as Sec. for the Minority of the Senate (see S. Res. 15), [6JA]
Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 120), [26MR]
———provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments (see S. Res. 121), [26MR]

DENTISTS *see* **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

DENVER, CO
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend authorization to replace existing medical center in Denver, CO, and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]

DENYING FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES TO DANGEROUS TERRORISTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 551), [24FE]

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE *related term(s)* **AGRICULTURE; FOREST SERVICE**
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1800), [16JY] (see S. 2129), [5OC]
AID: reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [12FE]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Colorado: authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties (see S. 1941), [5AU]
Crime: provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
Crop insurance: limit premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer (see S. 345), [3FE]
———permit renegotiation of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement with private companies that administer Federal crop insurance (see S. 1442), [21MY]
———prohibit paying of premium subsidies on policies based on actual market price of agricultural commodity at time of harvest (see S. 463), [11FE]
———reform program (see S. 2244), [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
Dept. of the Interior: coordinate Federal and State permitting processes relative to construction of new sur-

face water storage projects on Federal lands and designate Bureau of Reclamation as lead agency (see S. 1533), [9JN]
Depts. of Energy and Agriculture: collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems (see S. 1294), [12MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 160), [13JA]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
———reverse designation of certain communities in Alaska as nonrural (see S. 1154), [30AP]
Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Farm to School Program: reauthorize (see S. 569), [25FE]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1522), [8JN] (see S. 1591), [17JN]
Fish and fishing: disapprove rule on inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes, including catfish (see S.J. Res. 27), [7DE] (see S.J. Res. 28), [10DE]
Food: improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [22JY]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1332), [13MY]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
———establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land (see S. 1733), [9JY]
———resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program (see S. 644), [3MR]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
———provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]
Idaho: establish certain wilderness areas and authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System and BLM lands in central Idaho (see S. 583), [26FE]
Kisatchie National Forest: convey certain land (see S. 61), [7JA]
Labeling: repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 90), [7JA]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
National Forest Foundation Act: reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]
National forests: expand authority to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance management and resolve minor encroachments (see S. 1712), [7JY]
National School Lunch Program: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program (see S. 1539), [10JN]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]
Native Americans: improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]
———provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Research: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
Schools: issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC: increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits (see S. 1796), [16JY]
Summer Food Service Program: improve efficiency (see S. 613), [27FE]
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: modify exception to the work requirement for applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———require beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Taxation: provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
Trails: publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [28AP]
U.S. Grain Standards Act: reauthorize (see S. 1417), [21MY]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Water: reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]

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Forest Service Wildland Fire Management Funding Emergency Designation: President Obama, [1OC]

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Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1800) (S. Rept. 114–82), [16JY]
Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Crags, Colorado Land Exchange Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 2223) (S. Rept. 114–196), [16DE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1941) (S. Rept. 114–188), [16DE]
Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 373) (S. Rept. 114–193), [16DE]
Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531), [4AU]
———Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531) (S. Rept. 114–123), [8SE]
Mandatory Price Reporting Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (H.R. 2051), [17SE]
Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 583) (S. Rept. 114–127), [9SE]
U.S. Grain Standards Act Reauthorization: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 1417), [21MY]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE *related term(s)* **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY**

Bills and resolutions

Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Bureau of the Census: extend authority to conduct the quarterly financial report program (see S. 1868), [27JY]
Business and industry: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Census: provide for more accurate and complete enumeration of Armed Forces members in any tabulation of total population (see S. 652), [4MR]
Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund: establish (see S. 1263), [7MY]
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
Community development: undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 757), [17MR]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
Dept. of Transportation: establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
Drought: provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]

Economy: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
———jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 855), [24MR]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
Foreign currencies: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Hawaii: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
International Trade Administration: authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1570), [11JN]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
NOAA: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
———reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 1402), [20MY]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
———strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Power resources: reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate (see S. 1224), [6MY]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 787), [18MR] (see S. 1636), [18JN]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]
Telecommunications: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]

Reports filed
Bureau of the Census Authority To Conduct the Quarterly Financial Report Program Extension: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1868) (S. Rept. 114–157), [22OC]
Port Performance Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1298) (S. Rept. 114–164), [5NO]
Protecting American Talent and Entrepreneurship (PATENT) Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1137), [8SE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE *related term(s)* **CORPS OF ENGINEERS; NATIONAL GUARD; NATIONAL SECURITY**
Appointments
Commission on Care, [6AU]
Conferees: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
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Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Animals: require that military working dogs be retired in the U.S. (see S. 1498), [3JN]
Appropriations: authorizing for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1118), [28AP] (see S. 1376), [19MY]
———making (see S. 1558), [11JN] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 300), [29JA] (see S. 327), [2FE]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [17JN]
———allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 1249), [7MY]
———allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 895), [26MR]
———amend laws relative to enlistment and consequences of certain service (see S. 2160), [7OC]
———appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 103), [7JA]
———authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]
———authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16JN]
———enhance military facilities force protection (see S. 1835), [22JY]
———enhance security of military personnel at U.S. military installations and operating locations (see S. 1988), [5AU]
———ensure ability of covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program to access care under a health plan under such program in each TRICARE program region (see S. 1290), [12MY]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 594), [26FE]
———establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2347, 2357), [3DE] (see S. 2393), [10DE]
———improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [29AP]
———improve security at recruitment centers by allowing officers to carry weapons or improving structural security (see S. 1819), [21JY]
———make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements relative to controversies arising under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and preserve rights to bring class actions (see S. 2331), [19NO]
———make mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections permanent (see S. 1152), [30AP]
———permit members to possess firearms on military installations in accordance with applicable State law (see S. 1839), [22JY]
———preserve current amount of basic allowance for housing for certain married members of uniformed services (see S. 1628), [18JN]
———provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [6OC] (see S. 2403), [15DE]
———provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge (see S. 1567), [11JN]
———provide for inclusion of certain contractor personnel in matters on the defense acquisition workforce in the annual strategic workforce plan (see S. 1289), [12MY]
———provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [5AU]
———provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
———repeal bans on military personnel carrying firearms on military bases and recruitment facilities (see S. 1821, 1823), [21JY]
———require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 646), [3MR]
———require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 587), [26FE]
———review discharge characterizations of former members discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
———sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Aviation: make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
———require a report on future mix of aircraft platforms (see S. 1477), [2JN]
Budget: exempt the Dept. of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration (see S. 2303), [18NO]
———provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]

———provide with authority to transfer funds in order to mitigate the effects of a sequestration of available departmental funds (see S. 813), [19MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to World War II First Special Service Force (see S. Con. Res. 2), [8JA]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center, Great Falls, MT: designate (see S. 719), [11MR]
Census: provide for more accurate and complete enumeration of Armed Forces members in any tabulation of total population (see S. 652), [4MR]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil liberties: prohibit the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens and lawful resident aliens (see S. 2195), [22OC]
Conservation of energy: improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
Corps of Engineers: transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see S. 1979), [5AU]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 294), [22OC]
Death and dying: require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve operation of Unmanned Aircraft System program (see S. 159), [13JA]
Dept. of Justice: inform of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [5FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify which children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 1070), [23AP]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 1460), [22MY]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [16AP]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: conduct a pilot program to assess feasibility and advisability of expanding use of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine (see S. 714), [11MR]
———designate certain non-departmental mental health care providers as providers who have particular knowledge of provision of mental health care to Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 717), [11MR]
———establish a joint uniform formulary for systemic pain and psychotropic drugs critical to transitioning treatment of an individual between Depts. (see S. 1721), [8JY]
———improve provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans (see S. 715), [11MR]
———improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
———provide behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserves based on need and expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling (see S. 832), [23MR]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
Federal employees: provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [8JA]
Flowers: recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Foreign aid: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 131), [26MR]
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.: amend charter to remove certain restrictions (see S. 1366), [18MY]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE] (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE] (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Health: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1022), [21AP]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
Indonesia: condemn mass murders in 1965–66, form truth, justice, and reconciliation commission to address crimes and human rights violations, and urge U.S. agencies to declassify and release relevant records and documents (see S. Res. 273), [1OC]
Information technology: develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers (see S. 1478), [2JN]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
Jaster, Lisa: tribute (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [16JY]
Kettles, Charles S.: award Medal of Honor (see S. 2250), [5NO]
Law enforcement: limit authority to detain U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under authorizations for use of military force without charge or trial (see S. 24), [6JA]
———prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
———provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 1502), [4JN]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Guard: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
———modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
———require report on location of C–130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units (see S. 1625), [18JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216, 222), [21JA]
Naval Submarine Base New London, CT: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
New Mexico: anniversary of White Sands Missile Range (see S. Res. 107), [23MR]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
Nuclear weapons: reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
Omar N. Bradley Foundation: authorize the transfer of certain items to the descendants of Omar N. Bradley (see S. 267), [27JA]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
POW: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
SBA: establish an incubator and accelerator grant program for veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 2273), [10NO]
———establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]

———treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain defense base closure areas (see S. 1292), [12MY]
Science: prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 325), [2DE]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 136), [16AP]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA] (see S. 920), [14AP]
———extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
———prevent extension of tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries (see S. 907), [14AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Utah: withdraw BLM lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
Veterans: provide for coordination between TRICARE and eligibility to make contributions to health savings accounts (see S. 448), [11FE]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Whistleblowing: extend protections for defense contractor employees to employees of contractors of elements of the intelligence community (see S. 794), [18MR]
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———establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 151), [13JA]
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Adult education: strengthen research (see S. 277), [28JA]
American Dream Accounts: authorize to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 687), [10MR]
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Armed Forces: extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
Carol M. White Physical Education Program: strengthen and reauthorize (see S. 1075), [23AP]
Children and youth: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
———assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]
———authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]
———improve requirements for alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 528), [12FE]
———permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 516), [12FE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
———promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
———support a reduction in school suspension and expulsions (see S. 672), [4MR]
Civil liberties: ensure student data handled by private companies is protected (see S. 1322), [13MY]
———improve privacy protections for students and their parents (see S. 1341), [14MY]
Colleges and universities: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, reduce interest rates and allow for refinancing of student loans, expand work study program, and simplify student aid application process (see S. 1373), [19MY]
———establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative higher education providers to receive Federal education funding (see S. 2111), [30SE]
———establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
———establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 2176), [8OC]
———make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system to give prospective students a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college (see S. 2150), [7OC]
———prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]

———provide certain long-term resident alien students with access to financial aid (see S. 1059), [22AP]
———provide for higher education reform (see S. 1355), [14MY]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
———require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
———use student loan repayment rates at institutions of higher education to determine institutional eligibility for Federal student aid funds and require risk sharing payments of institutions (see S. 1939), [5AU]
Computers: establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
Corp. for National and Community Service: create a partnership to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]
Credit: provide removal of default information from a borrower's credit report relative to certain rehabilitated private education loans (see S. 1309), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
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Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Disabled: require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
Diseases: provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [23AP]
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Ecology and environment: promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
Education: assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered (see S. 1025), [21AP]
———encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
———establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
———improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [7JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
———strengthen connections to early childhood education programs (see S. 643), [3MR]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
Families and domestic relations: make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 416), [9FE]
Federal aid programs: allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]
Federal Direct Loan Program: allow a choice between a fixed amount student loan repayment plan or an income-driven student loan repayment plan for all borrowers (see S. 1948), [5AU]
———allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness (see S. 1556), [11JN]
———allow certain borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———allow certain borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———revise counseling requirements for certain student loan borrowers (see S. 2043), [16SE]
Federal Pell Grant Program: allow the awarding of job training Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1900), [30JY]
———award Early College Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1106), [28AP]
———clarify duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program (see S. 1128), [29AP]
———fund through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [22AP]
———improve college affordability by increasing maximum awards, allowing year-round eligibility, and extending duration limits (see S. 1998), [5AU]
———increase for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
———increase maximum grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [22AP]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [22AP]
Federal Perkins Loan Program: support continuation (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Fund for the Improvement of Education: use amounts provided to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary and secondary schools (see S. 325), [30JA]
Government regulations: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Health: support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 418), [9FE]
Impact Aid Program: reauthorize (see S. 658), [4MR]
Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program: reauthorize and strengthen (see S. 312), [29JA]
Information technology: increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
Innovation Inspiration school grant program: establish (see S. 442), [10FE]
Local government: limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
Minorities: increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
National Student Loan Data System: increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]

Population: require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
Principals: recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools (see S. 476), [12FE]
Promise Neighborhoods program: establish (see S. 514), [12FE]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Research: strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
Rural areas: establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA] (see S. 316), [29JA]
———establish a full-service community schools grant program (see S. 1787), [16JY]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1166), [30AP]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 1050), [22AP]
———provide grants to States for repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools (see S. 1505), [4JN]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
———require States to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [19MR]
———strengthen charter school accountability and transparency, prevent fraud, and increase community involvement (see S. 1708), [7JY]
Science: integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program: establish (see S. 402), [5FE]
States: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———award grants to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———provide for accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [6JA]
———provide grants to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
Student loans: extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]
Taxation: improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 195), [20JA]
Teachers: improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 2419), [17DE]
———provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools (see S. 1892), [29JY]
Technology: award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
21st Century Learning Centers: amend to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
Veterans: reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student (see S. 604), [26FE]
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Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
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Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]
Strengthening Education Through Research Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 227), [4FE]

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
Bills and resolutions
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (see S. 1449), [21MY]
———expand to include commercial trucks and U.S. flagged vessels and return unspent funds and loan proceeds to reduce the national debt (see S. 1181), [4MY]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Awards, medals, prizes: establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide financial awards to entities that develop and demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in high-cost regions (see S. 1346), [14MY]
Budget: exempt the Dept. of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration (see S. 2303), [18NO]
———provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Business and industry: develop a national smart manufacturing plan and provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs (see S. 1054), [22AP]
Coal: establish as lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law relative to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects (see S. 1293), [12MY]
———repeal certain programs and establish a coal technology program (see S. 1283), [11MY]
Computers: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 454), [11FE]
Conservation of energy: conduct a study on energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities (see S. 1342), [14MY]
———establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [27JA]
———promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
———review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for adverse effects on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards (see S. 1047), [22AP]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1118), [28AP] (see S. 1376), [19MY]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Depts. of Energy and Agriculture: collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems (see S. 1294), [12MY]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Ecology and environment: require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [14AP]
Electric power: advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids (see S. 1201), [6MY]
———authorize entrance into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relative to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology (see S. 1285), [11MY]
———clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act to generate or transmit electricity may not be considered a violation of environmental laws or regulations (see S. 848), [24MR]
———develop an implementation strategy to promote development of hybrid micro-grid systems for isolated communities (see S. 1227), [6MY]
———establish a program to make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid (see S. 1207), [6MY]
———establish competitive grant programs to promote electricity grid modernization (see S. 1232), [6MY]
———facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [7MY]
———provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]
Employment: award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
———establish comprehensive program to improve education and training to increase number of skilled workers in energy and manufacturing fields (see S. 1422), [21MY]
———establish pilot competitive grant program for development of a skilled energy workforce (see S. 1304), [12MY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC): establish (see S. 893), [26MR]
EPA: require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 156), [13JA]
Federal agencies and departments: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program: establish (see S. 1275), [11MY]
Government regulations: establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1063), [22AP]
———prohibit from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed (see S. 1029), [21AP]
———remove authority to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans (see S. 1048), [22AP]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
———reauthorize hydroelectric production and efficiency improvement incentives (see S. 1270), [11MY]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
Motor vehicles: provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
National Laboratories: establish a grant program allowing provision of vouchers to small businesses to

improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and their economic impact (see S. 1259), [7MY]
National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]
Natural gas: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———limit authority to approve certain proposals relative to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals (see S. 1237), [6MY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
Nonprofit organizations: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
Nuclear energy: assess capability to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at departmental sites (see S. 1363), [18MY]
———obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Power resources: authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———collect information on critical energy supplies and establish a Working Group on Energy Markets (see S. 1420), [21MY]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, establish a FERC Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and modify terms of Federal rights-of-way for electric transmission systems (see S. 1217), [6MY]
———establish distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1258), [7MY]
———establish energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1256), [7MY]
———extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———promote geothermal energy (see S. 1057), [22AP]
———promote mapping and development of geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk exploration wells, improve technology, and demonstrate use in large scale thermal applications (see S. 1155), [30AP]
———reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate (see S. 1224), [6MY]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
———require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [11MY]
Public buildings: require GSA and the Dept. of Energy to set goals for deep energy retrofits in Federal buildings (see S. 1055), [22AP]
Public utilities: provide electric consumers the right to access certain electric energy information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage energy usage (see S. 1044), [22AP]
Recycled materials: conduct study on technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber (see S. 1432), [21MY]
Research: increase maximum percentage of funds available for laboratory directed research and development (see S. 830), [23MR]
Schools: coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
Science: establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories (see S. 784), [18MR]
———improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships (see S. 1187), [4MY]
———prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
———submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions with National Laboratories (see S. 1229), [6MY]
Solar energy: provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
State Energy Program: reauthorize (see S. 703), [11MR]
States: require State approval before exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property for electric transmission projects in such State (see S. 485), [12FE]
Strategic materials: issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [21MY]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 82), [7JA]
Technology: improve loan guarantee program for innovative technologies (see S. 1223), [6MY]
———improve technology transfer by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses and increase public-private partnerships in research and development (see S. 2287), [17NO]
TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.: ensure oil transported through the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline is used in domestic commerce to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil (see S. 188), [16JA]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Weatherization Assistance Program: reauthorize (see S. 703), [11MR]
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Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
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Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [31MY], [10JN], [9JY], [7OC]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), [6OC], [7OC]
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Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2028) (S. Rept. 114–54), [21MY]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HIGH-END COMPUTING REVITALIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 454), [11FE]

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ORGANIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Energy: improve technology transfer by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses and increase public-private partnerships in research and development (see S. 2287), [17NO]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [7JA]
Alcoholic beverages: provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
Animals: establish a program to assist in importation and care for abused, injured, or abandoned nonhuman primates (see S. 1898), [29JY]
Border areas: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
———clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18MY]
———test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]
Children and youth: allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (see S. 1439), [21MY]
———authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———enable State child protective services systems to improve identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking (see S. 656), [4MR] (see S. 1028), [21AP]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]
———promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
———provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare pro-

grams to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
———reauthorize program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns (see S. 2424), [18DE]
———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Correctional institutions: include county and municipal facilities among medical facilities that qualify for designation as health professional shortage areas for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1051), [22AP]
Dept. of HUD: modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
Dept. of Justice: improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Diseases: coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [5NO]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [29JY]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1391), [20MY]
———improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 1064), [23AP]
———improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [23AP]
———improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [26FE]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MR]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Eating disorders: enhance and further research prevention and treatment and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Families and domestic relations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
FDA: create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
———ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [18JN]
———establish a third-party quality system assessment program for medical devices (see S. 2187), [21OC]
———establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
———increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty: establish (see S. 2224), [29OC]
Fetal alcohol syndrome: reauthorize and extend prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]
Head Start Program: improve by authorizing block grants to States for prekindergarten education (see S. 2290), [17NO]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]
———recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Health care professionals: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
———develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
———develop and disseminate evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately (see S. 205), [21JA]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [25MR]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 2151), [7OC]
———require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [20MY]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
Immigration: suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Information technology: strengthen accountability and improve transparency in health information technology systems (see S. 2141), [6OC]
Insurance: prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42, 118), [7JA]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
———require disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax (see S. 2432), [18DE]
Medicaid: require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]
———strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [29SE]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1488), [3JN]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [30AP]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [11MR]
———establish smart card pilot program (see S. 1871), [27JY]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———improve efficiency of appeals process (see S. 2368), [8DE]
———improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———increase access to data (see S. 679), [9MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Mental health: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based com-

prehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program: amend and reauthorize (see S. 480), [12FE]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 1494), [3JN]
National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission: establish (see S. 586), [26FE]
National Family Caregiving Project: establish (see S. 1719), [8JY]
National Health Service Corps: provide for the participation of optometrists in the scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216, 222), [21JA]
Native Americans: exempt the Indian Health Service, BIA, and certain other programs for Indians from budget sequestration (see S. 1497), [3JN]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NIH: improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [19MR]
———prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [29JA]
Office of Refugee Resettlement: reform and modernize (see S. 1615), [18JN]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 121), [8JA]
———impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide a transition plan for individuals impacted by implementation (see S. 673), [4MR]
———repeal certain provisions that have the effect of rationing health care (see S. 1718), [8JY]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Physical activity recommendations: publish (see S. 1793), [16JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Power resources: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Pregnancy Assistance Fund: authorize additional funding (see S. 221), [21JA]
Product safety: require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Public health: reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
Public Health Service: designate the Chief Nurse Officer as the National Nurse for Public Health (see S. 1205), [6MY]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senior citizens: include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 789), [18MR]
SSA: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 369), [4FE]
———prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
States: award grants to States for development of innovative long-term services and support programs (see S. 2338), [1DE]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]
Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program: establish to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [21MY]
Taxation: exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 1503), [4JN]
Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program: establish (see S. 1604), [18JN]
Trauma: reauthorize certain trauma care programs (see S. 763), [17MR]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: revise operations (see S. 1151), [30AP]
Veterans: allow Indian Health Service to pay for Indian or Alaska Native veterans' copayments at Dept. of Veterans Affairs facilities (see S. 2417), [17DE]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums (see S. 218), [21JA]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [11FE]
Women: ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [4AU]
———expand health programs (see S. 674), [4MR]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Waiver Authority Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1362) (S. Rept. 114–108), [30JY]
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Electronic Health Fairness Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1347) (S. Rept. 114–106), [30JY]
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Medicare Enforcement Instruction on Supervision Requirements for Outpatient Therapeutic Services in Critical Access and Small Rural Hospitals Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1461) (S. Rept. 114–109), [30JY]
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Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [1DE]
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Arizona: achieve border security on certain Federal lands (see S. 750), [17MR]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [17JN]
Aviation: improve and permit recovery of costs incurred for preclearance operations activities in foreign countries and at foreign airports (see S. 2430), [18DE]
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Budget: exempt the Dept. of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration (see S. 2303), [18NO]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [8DE]
Citizenship: provide for automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals (see S. 2275), [10NO]
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [18JN]
———making continuing appropriations for pay in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 545), [24FE]
———mint coins in commemoration (see S. 985), [16AP]
Colleges and universities: establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Crime: train personnel to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities (see S. 623), [3MR]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 892), [26MR]
Drugs: combat heroin and methamphetamine trafficking across the Southern border of the U.S. (see S. 392), [5FE]
Electric power: secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats (see S. 1846), [23JY]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]

Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
FEMA: develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs relative to certain disaster relief and emergency assistance (see S. 2109), [30SE]
———establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
Foreign countries: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 1507), [4JN]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
———facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [26MR]
———reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 1015), [20AP] (see S. 1269), [11MY]
Freedom of religion: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
———detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY] (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
———exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
———expedite processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the U.S. (see S. 44), [7JA]
———extend and improve EB–5 immigrant investor visa program (see S. 1501), [3JN]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [14JY]
———increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and reauthorize the EB–5 regional center program (see S. 2122), [1OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissable, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief (see S. 1120), [28AP]
———permanently authorize the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program (see S. 1339), [14MY]
———permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissable to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]
———prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 47), [7JA]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———protect U.S. jobs by reducing number of visas available under H–1B non-immigrant worker visa program and prioritize allocation of such visas based on salary (see S. 2365), [8DE]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
———reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
Information technology: reduce duplication (see S. 1620), [18JN]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE] (see S. 754), [17MR]
Law enforcement: provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
———provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [7OC]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 46), [7JA]
National security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
Office for Community Partnerships: establish (see S. 2369), [8DE]
Public buildings: submit a report to Congress on headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region (see S. 1638), [18JN]
Public safety officers: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Taxation: provide refundable credit for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (see S. 1023), [21AP]
Technology: strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology (see S. 1873), [28JY]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
———exempt certain flights in Hawaii and Alaska from increased aviation security service fees (see S. 712), [11MR]
———improve the Federal Flight Deck Officers program (see S. 1594), [17JN]
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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: eliminate offsetting accounts available for use (see S. 1593), [17JN]
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Unmanned Aircraft System program: improve operation (see S. 159), [13JA]
Veterans: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [15JY]
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Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
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Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (S. 1356), [10NO]
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Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Interoperable Communications Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 615) (S. Rept. 114–53), [21MY]
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ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
———prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [19MY]
Bankruptcy: require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 357), [4FE]
Bulletproof Vest Partnership: extend authorization (see S. 125), [8JA]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [4FE]
———require the Director to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 1784), [16JY]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup for status offenses which would not be judicial issues if the offender were not a juvenile (see S. 1850), [23JY]
———ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program: enhance (see S. 2401), [15DE]
———prohibit funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
Crime: combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 449, 467), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Crime Victims Fund: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [5FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 350), [3FE]
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Education: establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
Families and domestic relations: promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
FBI: provide adequate whistleblower protections (see S. 2390), [10DE]
———use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
Financial institutions: provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
Firearms: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
———develop and use technology for personalized handguns and require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the U.S. incorporate such technology (see S. 1474), [2JN]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
———terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
FTC: exercise authority relative to mergers under certain antitrust legislation and only in the same procedural manner as the Dept. of Justice exercises such authority (see S. 2102), [30SE]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Health care professionals: require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [20MY]

Immigration: detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY] (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Inspector General: provide with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE] (see S. 754), [17MR]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
———eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [13JA]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
———provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
———require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Law enforcement officers: establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR] (see S. 1897), [29JY]
———include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program (see S. 1108), [28AP]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
National security: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
Native Americans: provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———investigate whether affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
Pornography: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Radiation Exposure Compensation Program: improve claims process for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
———improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Senior citizens: strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Taxation: provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [5FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55 (see S. 969), [16AP]
Terrorism: require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [21JA]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Cloture motions
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
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Reports filed
Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 295), [9FE]
Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 754), [17MR]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 754) (S. Rept. 114–32), [15AP]
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Authorization Extension: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 125), [26MR]
Fairness for Crime Victims Act: Committee on the Budget (Senate) (S. 1495) (S. Rept. 114–87), [21JY]
FOIA Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 337), [9FE]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 337) (S. Rept. 114–114), [23FE]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization and Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1169) (S. Rept. 114–181), [15DE]
Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 114–13), [13AP]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]
Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 2123), [26OC]
Transnational Drug Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 32), [17SE]

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Bills and resolutions
America Star program: establish to recognize companies that make American-made products and incentivize companies to implement better workforce support, hiring practices, conditions, and compensation (see S. 938), [14AP]
Black Lung Benefits Act: ensure that claims for benefits are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
Children and youth: prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
———provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Colleges and universities: require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
Dept. of Defense: require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of Transportation: establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]

Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Disabled: phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [5AU]
Education: include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
Employment: allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1328), [13MY]
———establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
———incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 777), [18MR]
———reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP] (see S. 1124), [28AP]
Fair Labor Standards Act: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Immigration: improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
Investments: require 401(k) plan sponsors to inform participants of projected monthly income expected at retirement based on current account balances (see S. 1317), [13MY]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
Occupational safety and health: issue standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard (see S. 2408), [16DE]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Taxation: allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [25FE]
———establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [15AP] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
Trade Adjustment Assistance program: extend (see S. 568), [25FE] (see S. 1003), [16AP] (see S. 1268), [11MY]
Veterans: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [10NO]
———extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268) (S. Rept. 114–44), [12MY]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]
Port Performance Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1298) (S. Rept. 114–164), [5NO]
Workforce Investment System Reform and Strengthening: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1124), [28AP]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE *related term(s)* **DIPLOMATS; FOREIGN SERVICE**
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: implement (see S. 1251), [7MY]
Appropriations: authorize (see S. 1635), [18JN]
———making supplemental for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]
Budget: exempt the Dept. of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration (see S. 2303), [18NO]
Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples (S. 2472) (see S. 302), [29JA]
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [26MR]
Business and industry: require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 1507), [4JN]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
———provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [20OC]
Freedom of religion: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Immigration: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
———improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 47), [7JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Indonesia: condemn mass murders in 1965–66, form truth, justice, and reconciliation commission to address crimes and human rights violations, and urge U.S. agencies to declassify and release relevant records and documents (see S. Res. 273), [1OC]
Inspector General: improve oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2094), [29SE]
———withhold percentage of departmental operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [7JA]
Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [10JN]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 46), [7JA]
Muslim Brotherhood (organization): submit to Congress a report on designation as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
National security: enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
Nepal: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking: rename as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Power resources: require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]
Syria: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. 756), [17MR]
Taiwan: develop a strategy to obtain observer status at the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (see S. 2426), [18DE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter)

Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
———offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
———combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Messages
Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty With Algeria: President Obama, [5OC]
Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty With Jordan: President Obama, [8DE]
National Emergency Relative to Belarus: President Obama, [10JN]
National Emergency Relative to Lebanon: President Obama, [29JY]
National Emergency Relative to Ukraine: President Obama, [3MR]
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Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
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Reports filed
Adoptive Family Relief Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1300), [9JY]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1251) (S. Rept. 114–120), [8SE]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1725) (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]
Dept. of State Appropriations: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1635), [18JN]
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2184), [18NO]
Girls Count Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 802), [21MY]
Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 284), [29JY]
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR *related term(s)* **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT; BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: convey certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (see S. 2421), [17DE]
Alexander Creek, AK: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]
Animals: enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
———establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park (see S. 782), [18MR]
Atlantic Ocean: permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 1042), [22AP]
Baltimore, MD: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 610), [27FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 521), [12FE]
BIA: manage the Coquille Forest in accordance with laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land (see S. 816), [19MR]
———secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge: designate and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
———ensure timely review of notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
———establish a program to enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities (see S. 1230), [6MY]
———increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]
———validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]
Bureau of Reclamation: allow proactive measures to maintain and repair dams and water infrastructure (see S. 1657), [24JN]
———authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]
———authorize early repayment of obligations within the Northport Irrigation District in Nebraska (see S. 1291), [12MY]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
———take certain land into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians (see S. 175), [13JA]
California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Carbon County, UT: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project (see S. 14), [6JA]
Chaffee County, CO: clarify effect of designating certain Federal land as a national monument (see S. 972), [16AP]
Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail: require a study on feasibility of establishing (see S. 479), [12FE]
Coal: improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
———improve leasing (see S. 1340), [14MY]
Colorado: require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest (see S. 1942), [5AU]
Columbia, TN: study suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1483), [2JN]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
———provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
Delaware River: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 160), [13JA]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
———reverse designation of certain communities in Alaska as nonrural (see S. 1154), [30AP]
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]
Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
Drought: provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
East Rosebud Creek: designate segments for inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1577), [15JN]
Ecology and environment: carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 1078), [23AP]
———publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published (see S. 112), [7JA]
Education: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 855), [24MR]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]

Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1522), [8JN] (see S. 1591), [17JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Finger Lakes National Heritage Area: study suitability and feasibility of designating (see S. 1824), [21JY]
Florida: establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast (see S. 1171), [30AP]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
Fort Frederica National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 2024), [10SE]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]
Hawaii: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Idaho: establish certain wilderness areas and authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System and BLM lands in central Idaho (see S. 583), [26FE]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Jackson, MS: conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House (see S. 2177), [8OC]
John Muir National Historic Site: acquire land in Martinez, CA, for inclusion (see S. 651), [4MR]
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: adjust boundary to include Wallis House and Harriston Hill (see S. 1930), [4AU]
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve: designate wilderness as Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area (see S. 873), [26MR]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
———provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [2FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2164), [7OC] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC] (see S. 2318), [19NO]
Mineral Leasing Act: grant rights-of-way on Federal land (see S. 1196), [5MY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [22MY]
———modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
———promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
———provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts (see S. 154), [13JA]
Montana: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [11JN]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 232), [22JA]
———require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
———require congressional approval, provide restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments (see S. 437), [10FE]
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1690), [25JN]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
———observe centennial through increased funding (see S. 2257), [5NO]
———refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]
Native Americans: exempt the Indian Health Service, BIA, and certain other programs for Indians from budget sequestration (see S. 1497), [3JN]
———extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 35), [6JA]
———improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 383), [5FE]
———provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [28JA]
———reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
———reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for certain Indian tribes (see S. 1931), [4AU]
———take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria (see S. 1761), [14JY]
———take certain Federal lands located in Tuolumne County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (see S. 1822), [21JY]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
Nevada: convey land to be held in trust for certain Indian tribes (see S. 1436), [21MY]
———transfer land to be held in trust for Moapa Band of Paiutes (see S. 1986), [5AU]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to Navajo water rights settlement (see S. 501), [12FE]
———take parcels of Federal land into trust for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos (see S. 986), [16AP]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Oregon: convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 814), [19MR]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 815), [19MR]
———designate certain BLM land as wilderness, authorize certain land exchanges, and convey certain BLM land to Wheeler County for economic and community development purposes (see S. 1255), [7MY]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 817), [19MR]
———withdraw certain land in Curry and Josephine Counties from coverage under public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws (see S. 346), [3FE]
Outer Continental Shelf: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———reform administration (see S. 2011), [9SE]
———replace President Obama's proposed oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Parks and recreation areas: maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch, ID (see S. 1777), [15JY]
Payments in Lieu of Taxes program: restore mandatory funding status (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians: authorize water rights settlement (see S. 1983), [5AU]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 718), [11MR]
Power resources: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
———promote geothermal energy (see S. 1057), [22AP]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Processes: improve (see S. 1879), [28JY]
Public lands: develop a cadastre of Federal real property to assist with land management, conservation, and development and identify land that no longer needs to be federally owned (see S. 1225), [6MY]
———establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by BLM (see S. 2380), [9DE]
———provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
———reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
Ripley, OH: conduct a special resource study of the John P. Parker House (see S. 541), [24FE]
Roads and highways: enhance tribal road safety (see S. 1776), [15JY]
Rockingham County, VA: remove use restriction on a certain parcel of land that was to be used for a child care center (see S. 1329), [13MY]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]

Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
States: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases (see S. 937), [14AP]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 211), [21JA]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: prohibit listing northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 655), [4MR]
———reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Utah: provide for conveyance of certain land to Washington County and authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land (see S. 1985), [5AU]
———withdraw BLM lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Water: conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———coordinate Federal and State permitting processes relative to construction of new surface water storage projects on Federal lands and designate Bureau of Reclamation as lead agency (see S. 1533), [9JN]
———reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
Yakima River: authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project to improve water management in the Yakima River basin (see S. 1694), [25JN]

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Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 986) (S. Rept. 114–114), [4AU]
Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]
Cerros del Norte Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1240) (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]
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Dept. of the Interior Outer Continental Shelf Administration Reform: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2011) (S. Rept. 114–137), [9SE]
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Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 373) (S. Rept. 114–193), [16DE]
Grand Canyon Bison Management Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 782) (S. Rept. 114–184), [16DE]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 209) (S. Rept. 114–149), [30SE]
James K. Polk Presidential Home Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1483) (S. Rept. 114–136), [9SE]
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Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531), [4AU]
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bills and resolutions

Alexander Creek, AK: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]
Centennial Monetary Commission: establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]
Coast Guard: mint coins in commemoration (see S. 985), [16AP]
Credit: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 2050), [17SE]
Dept. of Energy: expand Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and U.S. flagged vessels and return unspent funds and loan proceeds to reduce the national debt (see S. 1181), [4MY]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 892), [26MR]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
Economy: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
Federal agencies and departments: modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 1206), [6MY]
———allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [16AP]
———exempt certain small community banks from certain regulations (see S. 1799), [16JY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [19MY]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 96), [7JA]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
Iran: extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
IRS: implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [24MR]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
———prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
Judgment Fund: provide for transparency of payments (see S. 350), [3FE]

Money: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the ten dollar bill (see S. 1613), [18JN]
———convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [14AP]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1508), [4JN] (see S. 1720), [8JY]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]
Native Americans: provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Nepal: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [8JY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
Public debt: appropriately manage debt by limiting use of extraordinary measures (see S. 19), [6JA]
———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
SSA: prohibit seizing of tax refunds to repay overpayments, restore statute of limitations applicable to debt collection through administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments to children (see S. 204), [21JA]
State Small Business Credit Initiative: reauthorize (see S. 1901), [30JY]
Strengthening America's Bridges Fund: establish (see S. 1273), [11MY]
Taxation: clarify that tar sands are crude oil subject to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund per-barrel excise tax (see S. 187), [16JA]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [16AP]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———permanently extend the tax treatment for certain Build America Bonds (see S. 1515), [4JN]
———permit the Dept. of the Treasury and the SSA to disclose certain return information relative to identity theft (see S. 1323), [13MY]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
———regulate tax return preparers (see S. 137), [8JA]
———study feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return (see S. 940), [15AP]
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Bridges: adequately fund (see S. 1370), [19MY]
———assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
Cargo transportation: improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
Colleges and universities: provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students (see S. 2433), [18DE]
Common carriers: establish a bus state of good repair program (see S. 1813), [21JY]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Drugs: recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
FAA: establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: reform (see S. 1669), [24JN]
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [19MR]
Flags: reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
Information technology: require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Interstate compacts: authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
———ensure crash avoidance information is provided alongside of crashworthiness information where such information is made available to the public (see S. 1535), [10JN]
———establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
———require State motor vehicle departments and registration agencies to notify motor vehicle owners of open safety recalls and require compliance with such recalls prior to registration (see S. 617), [2MR]
Motorcycles: prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
———provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]
National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers: create to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [21MY]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
———ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Port performance freight statistics program: establish (see S. 1298), [12MY]
Power resources: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1581), [16JN]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Railroads: enhance rail safety and provide for safe transport of hazardous materials (see S. 1114), [28AP]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [4MR]
———improve highway-rail grade crossing safety (see S. 532), [23FE]
———improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [16AP]
———increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
———reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, and streamline rail project delivery (see S. 1626), [18JN]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]
———designate certain route segments of the National Highway System in North Carolina as high priority corridors (see S. 983), [16AP]
———designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]

———enhance tribal road safety (see S. 1776), [15JY]
———extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY] (see S. 1647), [23JN]
———reform the surface transportation project delivery program (see S. 2258), [9NO]
———require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Safety: improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]
———waive the state of good repair certification requirement for participants in the pilot program for expedited project delivery (see S. 1734), [9JY]
Ships and vessels: amend certain maritime programs (see S. 1326), [13MY]
———improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]
State Infrastructure Bank program: reauthorize (see S. 206), [21JA]
Strengthening America's Bridges Fund: establish (see S. 1273), [11MY]
Taxation: incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———enhance transportation programs to connect people to jobs, schools, and other essential services through a multimodal transportation network (see S. 2008), [6AU]
———ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [30SE]
———establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
Transportation Alternatives Program: amend (see S. 705), [11MR]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall after receipt of gift for renovation of such hall (see S. 143), [9JA]
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Bills and resolutions
Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans: extend authority (see S. 2048), [17SE]
Armed Forces: require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 646), [3MR]
Benefits: adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim (see S. 1451), [21MY]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16MR]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———expand requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and improve oversight of fiduciaries (see S. 2316), [19NO]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [16AP]
BLM: transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [29OC]
Claims: improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
Crime: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
Daniel L. Kinnard Dept. of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Newark, OH: designate (see S. 1325), [13MY]
Danville, IL: provide for conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Danville Area Community College (see S. 1967), [5AU]
Denver, CO: extend authorization to replace existing medical center and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]
Dept. of Education: review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: conduct a pilot program to assess feasibility and advisability of expanding use of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine (see S. 714), [11MR]
———designate certain non-departmental mental health care providers as providers who have particular knowledge of provision of mental health care to Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 717), [11MR]
———establish a joint uniform formulary for systemic pain and psychotropic drugs critical to transitioning treatment of an individual between Depts. (see S. 1721), [8JY]
———improve provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans (see S. 715), [11MR]
———improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
———provide behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserves based on need and expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling (see S. 832), [23MR]
Disabled: extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
———improve treatment of medical evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals in support of disability claims compensation (see S. 666), [4MR]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [13JA]
———require an independent review of the process by which assessments of cognitive impairments resulting from traumatic brain injury are made relative to awarding disability compensation (see S. 244), [22JA]
Diseases: extend authorities to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases determined to be associated with exposure to herbicide agents (see S. 2081), [25SE]
Drugs: improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
Education: improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
Employment: develop and publish an action plan for improving vocational rehabilitation services and assistance (see S. 2106), [30SE]
Families and domestic relations: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 241), [22JA]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———improve accountability of employees (see S. 290), [28JA]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [23AP]
———provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
———retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee in the permanent record of the employee (see S. 1496), [3JN]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or

safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
———terminate any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower (see S. 788), [18MR]
GAO: conduct audits relative to timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other care from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (see S. 2229), [3NO]
Health: adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]
———allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2000), [5AU] (see S. 2179), [8OC]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———establish a continuing medical education program for non-departmental medical professionals who treat veterans and their families (see S. 2049), [17SE]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and prevent insurance companies from limiting reimbursements based on the VA not being an in-network provider (see S. 1452), [21MY]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1693), [25JN]
———extend requirement to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 374), [4FE]
———improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———modify treatment of agreements entered into to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services (see S. 739), [16MR]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 172), [13JA]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
———waive copayment requirement for medical and hospital services in the case of certain billing errors and inform veterans of payment plan and waiver rights relative to untimely billing (see S. 2052), [17SE]
Health care facilities: carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Dept. (see S. 2210), [27OC]
———carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 761), [17MR]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 1534), [9JN]
———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
———extend authorization for construction of medical center in Aurora, CO, and enter into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to manage such construction (see S. 285), [28JA] (see S. 997), [16AP]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———transfer authority for construction of future major medical facility projects to the Corps of Engineers (see S. 997), [16AP]
Health care professionals: allow the modification of hours of employment for full-time physicians and physician assistants (see S. 1450), [21MY]
———carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5OC]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [25FE]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [24JN]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
Homeless: authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1105), [28AP]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 684), [10MR]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [29JY]
Housing: establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [21JA]
Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA: designate the Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum (see S. 1468), [22MY]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [13JA]
Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program: revive and expand (see S. 297), [28JA]
Legislation: extend certain expiring provisions of administered law (see S. 2082), [25SE]
Mental health: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [23MR]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
National cemeteries: conduct a study on the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries (see S. 695), [10MR]
———inter individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
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Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
Pensions: increase amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients (see S. 2022), [10SE]
Philippines: extend authority for operation of regional office in Manila (see S. 2062), [21SE]
Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program: establish (see S. 563), [25FE]
Podiatrists: clarify role (see S. 2175), [8OC]
Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program: clarify which children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred (see S. 1070), [23AP]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Research: provide the public with access to departmental research (see S. 114), [7JA]
Small business: enhance treatment of small businesses owned by veterans after the death of disabled veteran owners for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 296), [28JA]
Taxation: allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 41), [7JA]
———prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving VA medical care for service-connected disabilities (see S. 1880), [28JY]
Treto Garza South Texas Dept. of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center, Harlingen, TX: designate (see S. 1534), [9JN]
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges (see S. 1754), [14JY]
Veterans: allow Indian Health Service to pay for Indian or Alaska Native veterans' copayments at Dept. of Veterans Affairs facilities (see S. 2417), [17DE]
———establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [27JA]
———extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
———make permanent authority to transport individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 603), [26FE]
———provide for coordination between TRICARE and eligibility to make contributions to health savings accounts (see S. 448), [11FE]
———waive minimum period of continuous active duty for homeless veterans to receive benefits and furnish benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases under other than honorable conditions (see S. 1731), [9JY]
Veterans Choice Program: eliminate sunset date and expand eligibility (see S. 1991), [5AU]
Veterans Health Administration: modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees (see S. 1257), [7MY]
Whistleblowing: establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
Women: improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
World War II: designate one U.S. city each year as an ''American World War II City'' (see S. 1401), [20MY]
Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program: extend to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 1460), [22MY]
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Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
———reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [12FE]
Air pollution: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Foreign aid: provide assistance to achieve food and nutrition security, increase sustainable and equitable agricultural development, reduce hunger, improve nutrition, and stimulate rural economies (see S. 1252), [7MY]
———provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [7JA]
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———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
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Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]
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Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building, Kingston, NY: designate (see S. 2088), [28SE]
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Library of Congress: expand availability to exemptions to prohibition on copyrighted technological protection measures to facilitate computer security research, personal device maintenance, and technological innovation (see S. 990), [16AP]
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Alaska: convey certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (see S. 2421), [17DE]
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Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: authorize appropriations (see S. 1635), [18JN]
———establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———improve Inspector General oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
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Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1725) (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]
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Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2109) (S. Rept. 114–173), [7DE]
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Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1022), [21AP]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———improve requirements for alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 528), [12FE]
———permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 516), [12FE]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
Dept. of HHS: award grants to States for development of innovative long-term services and support programs (see S. 2338), [1DE]

———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
———establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———reauthorize program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns (see S. 2424), [18DE]
Dept. of Justice: establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [13JA]
Dept. of Labor: phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [5AU]
———preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———develop and publish an action plan for improving vocational rehabilitation services and assistance (see S. 2106), [30SE]
———enhance treatment of small businesses owned by veterans after the death of disabled veteran owners for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 296), [28JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve treatment of medical evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals in support of disability claims compensation (see S. 666), [4MR]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [25FE]
———make permanent authority to transport individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 603), [26FE]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [13JA]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———require an independent review of the process by which assessments of cognitive impairments resulting from traumatic brain injury are made relative to awarding disability compensation (see S. 244), [22JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
———prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 343), [3FE] (see S. 499), [12FE] (see S. 2005), [6AU]
———prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports (see S. 2427), [18DE]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: provide leave to a new employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at a certain percentage for purposes of undergoing treatment for such disability (see S. 242), [22JA]
———provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [8JA]
Flowers: recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 130), [8JA]
———limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 415), [9FE]
Medicaid: extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 349), [3FE]
Medicare: ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [26FE]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [22OC]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [30SE]
———refine payment for orthotics and prosthetics and improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care (see S. 829), [23MR]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 106), [19MR]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 235), [29JY]
NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 276), [28JA]
———improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [19MR]
Nugent, Timothy: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1863), [27JY]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
SBA: establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 136), [16AP]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———enhance benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———exclude certain medical sources of evidence in making disability determinations (see S. 1198), [5MY]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
———provide for a phased-in payment of disability insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 2010), [9SE]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [16AP]
SSA: make on-line tools available to allow individuals to assess the impact of earnings on eligibility for, and amount of, disability benefits received through Federal and State programs (see S. 1197), [5MY]
———prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
———provide certain individuals with information on employment support services (see S. 1923), [4AU]
———provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions (see S. 1922), [4AU]
———update medical-vocational guidelines used in disability determinations (see S. 1194), [5MY]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 315), [29JA]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 41), [7JA]
———prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving VA medical care for service-connected disabilities (see S. 1880), [28JY]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs (see S. 835), [23MR]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [27JA]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and depend-

ency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Reports filed
Gold Star Fathers Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 136) (S. Rept. 114–35), [5MY]
Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [1DE]
Special Needs Trust Fairness Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 349) (S. Rept. 114–99), [30JY]
21st Century Veterans Benefits Delivery Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1203) (S. Rept. 114–153), [19OC]
Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1493) (S. Rept. 114–122), [8SE]
Veterans Small Business Ownership Improvements Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1866), [15SE]
Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 242) (S. Rept. 114–89), [23JY]

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DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT
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FEMA: develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs relative to certain disaster relief and emergency assistance (see S. 2109), [30SE]
———provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [27AP]
———provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
Reports filed
Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2109) (S. Rept. 114–173), [7DE]
Emergency Information Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1090) (S. Rept. 114–142), [15SE]

DISASTERS *related term(s)* **EARTHQUAKES; FLOODS; HUNGER; HURRICANES; TORNADOES**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 895), [26MR]
———sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Coastal zones: improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Contracts: ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 21), [6JA]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 104), [7JA]
Crime: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
———provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
Dept. of Transportation: increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 160), [13JA]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
———provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 487), [12FE]
———develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs relative to certain disaster relief and emergency assistance (see S. 2109), [30SE]
———enter into agreement with National Research Council to study urban flooding (see S. 1481), [2JN]
———establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
———establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
———prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 406), [5FE] (see S. 634), [3MR]
———provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [27AP]
———provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 2324), [19NO]
———provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
———require rulemaking to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance (see S. 870), [26MR]
Floods: clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement (see S. 1679), [25JN]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
Joint Inquiry Into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001: require declassification of certain redacted information (see S. 1471), [1JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 90), [7JA]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
———support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
———codify the Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project (see S. 1343), [14MY]
NRC: prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 956), [15AP]
———establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
———provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery (see S. 1470), [31MY]
———treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain defense base closure areas (see S. 1292), [12MY]
Taxation: provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 76), [7JA]
———temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty (see S. 2346), [2DE]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
Weather: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]
———establish regional weather forecast offices (see S. 1573), [15JN]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
Messages
Forest Service Wildland Fire Management Funding Emergency Designation: President Obama, [1OC]
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2001: President Obama, [10SE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Interoperable Communications Act: Committee on Homeland Security

and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 615) (S. Rept. 114–53), [21MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 833), [6AU]
Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2109) (S. Rept. 114–173), [7DE]
Emergency Information Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1090) (S. Rept. 114–142), [15SE]
Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 373) (S. Rept. 114–193), [16DE]
HUBZone Revitalization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1292), [10JN]
Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1180) (S. Rept. 114–73), [25JN]
National Weather Service Improvement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1573) (S. Rept. 114–154), [19OC]
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Recovery Improvements for Small Entities (RISE) After Disaster Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1470), [10JN]
RESPONSE Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 546) (S. Rept. 114–85), [21JY]
Social Media Working Group Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 623) (S. Rept. 114–145), [21SE]
Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1811), [8OC]
Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 34) (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]

DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS SECURITY POLICY AND CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS ACT

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Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]

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Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR] (see S. 2070), [22SE]
———prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [26MR] (see S. 2200), [22OC]
Constitution—U.S.: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 447), [11FE]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of HHS: provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
Dept. of Labor: phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [5AU]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Disabled: prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports (see S. 2427), [18DE]
Diseases: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
FCC: ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [19MR]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [13JY]
Firearms: terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
IRS: establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
———prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
———terminate employment of employees who take certain official actions for political purposes (see S. 941), [15AP]
Israel: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 6), [26FE]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Senior citizens: provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]
Taxation: exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 2059), [17SE]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
———provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]

Reports filed

Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]

DISEASES *related term(s)* **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; HEALTH**

Bills and resolutions

Alzheimer's disease: strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [8OC]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Armed Forces: provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to com-

bat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
Asthma: improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 1064), [23AP]
———provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [23AP]
Coins: mint in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
Colorectal cancer: improve coverage of screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [23AP]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1332), [13MY]
Dept. of HHS: coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [5NO]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [4AU]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [29JY]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1391), [20MY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of Justice: improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
———extend authorities to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases determined to be associated with exposure to herbicide agents (see S. 2081), [25SE]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 172), [13JA]
Diabetes: provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
Drugs: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
———create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
———extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [28JY]
———increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 1406), [20MY]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Health: provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]
———recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Kidney disease: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [26FE]
Medicaid: strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [29SE]
Medicare: cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal screening test (see S. 2262), [10NO]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
———improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [3MR]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [8DE]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [19MR]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [28JA]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs (see S. 2382), [9DE]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 187), [21MY]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 114), [25MR] (see S. Res. 128), [26MR]
National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 324), [2DE]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216, 222), [21JA]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [5AU]
———expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 276), [28JA]
———prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [29JA]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 145), [22AP]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]
Polio: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
Postal Service: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [30AP]
Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 270), [24SE]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Social Security: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———provide for a phased-in payment of disability insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 2010), [9SE]

———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [16AP]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty (see S. 2346), [2DE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
Women: require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
World Hepatitis Day: observance (see S. Res. 233), [28JY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
Reports filed
Postal Service Issuance of Semipostal Stamp To Support Breast Cancer Research: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1170) (S. Rept. 114–144), [17SE]
Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [1DE]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2820), [3DE]

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Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Courts: revise certain authorities of courts, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and Public Defender Service (see S. 1629), [18JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: submit a report to Congress on headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region (see S. 1638), [18JN]
Dept. of Transportation: provide sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (see S. 2093), [29SE]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Firearms: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
Harry S. Truman Union Station: designate (see S. 1247), [7MY]
Liu Xiaobo Plaza: designate (see S. Res. 224), [21JY]
Local government: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
National Museum of the American People: support formation of a bipartisan Presidential commission to study establishment (see S. Con. Res. 23), [7OC]
Oswaldo Payá Way designate (see S. Res. 226), [21JY]
Schools: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2001: President Obama, [10SE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Transportation Sole Authority To Appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2093) (S. Rept. 114–170), [30NO]
District of Columbia Courts, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1629) (S. Rept. 114–110), [3AU]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS, PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE, AND COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1629), [18JN]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1629) (S. Rept. 114–110), [3AU]

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DOCTORS *see* **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**
DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT *see* **WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

DOHERTY, GLEN
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]

DOMESTIC POLICY *related term(s)* **ECONOMY**
Bills and resolutions
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Buy American Act: amend relative to certain waivers and domestic content percentage requirements and provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements (see S. 2167), [8OC]
Dept. of Education: invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
Government regulations: provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Health: improve access to primary care services (see S. 1989), [5AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 77), [7JA] (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———improve distribution of energy in the U.S. (see S. 1220), [6MY]
———provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]
Taxation: incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
Cloture motions
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
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Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement

immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [8SE], [15SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [14JY], [22JY], [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), conference report, [3DE]
———use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [1DE], [3DE]
Reports filed
Hire More Heroes Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (H.R. 22) (S. Rept. 114–3), [12FE]
Joint Economic Report: Committee on Economics (Joint) (S. Rept. 114–5), [17MR]

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DONNELLY, JOE ***(a Senator from Indiana)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [4NO]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [29AP]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [8JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [29SE]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [3MR]
Dept. of HHS: ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [19NO]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [30JY]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [16JY]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [5AU]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [3DE]
Dept. of Justice: establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [12MR]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [13AP]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [4MR]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [19MY]
———offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
Dept. of Transportation: establish a bus state of good repair program (see S. 1813), [21JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16MR]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [17SE]
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [10FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [12FE]
EPA: establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [17NO]
Eximbank: reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [17SE]
———issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
FCC: prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [20OC]
———increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
———provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices (see S. 1077), [20OC]
Financial institutions: allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [16AP]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [23MR]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign trade: facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [24JN]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 482), [12FE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [26OC]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [7MY]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [19OC]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [26FE]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [5NO]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [28AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [19MY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [4FE]

———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [28AP]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [6AU]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [28OC]
Motor vehicles: clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination (see S. 1692), [25JN]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [16SE]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [3MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [11JN]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Power resources: require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 869), [26MR]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [5MY]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Small business: prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (see S. 1978), [5AU]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [5NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [14AP]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [24FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [28AP]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
———treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care (see S. 2218), [29OC]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [22OC]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [15JN]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 594), [26FE]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 18), [9JY]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: conduct a pilot program to assess feasibility and advisability of expanding use of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine (see S. 714), [11MR]
———designate certain non-departmental mental health care providers as providers who have particular knowledge of provision of mental health care to Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 717), [11MR]
———improve provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans (see S. 715), [11MR]
Drugs: combat heroin and methamphetamine trafficking across the Southern border of the U.S. (see S. 392), [5FE]
Education: improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
EPA: expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
FDA: establish a third-party quality system assessment program for medical devices (see S. 2187), [21OC]
Financial institutions: expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1367), [18MY]
GAO: develop and submit a report on the current state of the skills gap that includes an analysis of the effectiveness of efforts to close the skills gap and recommendations to improve such efforts (see S. 1920), [4AU]
Hesburgh, Theodore M.: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 9), [4MR]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [17MR]
Transportation: ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [30SE]

DON'T TAX OUR FALLEN PUBLIC SAFETY HEROES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 916), [14AP]
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Public lands: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]

DOVE, LAURA C.
Bills and resolutions
Senate: election as Sec. for the Majority (see S. Res. 14), [6JA]

DR. CHRIS KIRKPATRICK WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT *see* **WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT**

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DRIVE SAFER SUNDAY
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DRIVER PRIVACY ACT
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DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**
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Dept. of Justice: improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
Drugs: improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA] (see S. 1327), [13MY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
———increase penalties for fentanyl trafficking (see S. 2027), [10SE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
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Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 481), [1OC]
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Appointments
Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, [3FE], [5FE], [11FE]
Bills and resolutions
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [5AU]
Children and youth: promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
Cocaine: reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors and eliminate increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base (see S. 1138), [29AP]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JA]
Courts: provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [11MR]

Crime: enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
Death and dying: reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MR]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
———provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Dept. of Transportation: recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 172), [13JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a joint uniform formulary for systemic pain and psychotropic drugs critical to transitioning treatment of an individual between Depts. (see S. 1721), [8JY]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]
Drug abuse: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
———create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
———establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [15AP]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
———extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [28JY]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 1406), [20MY]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
FTC: issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
Government regulations: improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
Health: establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, and establish a grant program relative to naloxone (see S. 2256), [5NO]
———provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
———recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
———reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 636), [3MR]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Health care professionals: increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
———require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [20MY]
Housing: require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
Law enforcement: combat heroin and methamphetamine trafficking across the Southern border of the U.S. (see S. 392), [5FE]
———eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, re-enfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA] (see S. 1327), [13MY]
———increase penalties for fentanyl trafficking (see S. 2027), [10SE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Marijuana: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
———limit application of Federal laws to distribution and consumption (see S. 2237), [4NO]
Medicaid: encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
Medicare: apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1488), [3JN]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]
———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans relative to certain categories or classes of drugs (see S. 648), [4MR]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [28JA]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
Mental health: provide grants to improve treatment of substance use disorders (see S. 1410), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]

National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
Native Americans: prevent Indian tribes and tribal organizations that cultivate, manufacture, or distribute marijuana on Indian land from receiving Federal funds (see S. 1984), [5AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
———clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 64), [7JA]
Taxation: allow deductions and credits relative to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law (see S. 987), [16AP]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
Women: ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
World Hepatitis Day: observance (see S. Res. 233), [28JY]
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National Drug Control Strategy: President Obama, [17NO]
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Commission on Native Children Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 246) (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
Electronic Health Fairness Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1347) (S. Rept. 114–106), [30JY]
Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 481), [1OC]
Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1893), [1OC]
Northern Border Security Review Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
Protecting Our Infants Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 799), [1OC]
Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 2123), [26OC]
Transnational Drug Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 32), [17SE]

DRUNKEN DRIVING
Bills and resolutions
Alcohol Responsibility Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]
Families and domestic relations: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]

DURBIN, RICHARD J. ***(a Senator from Illinois)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
Senate National Security Working Group, [12FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [22OC]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
AID: reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [28AP]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [19OC]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [21AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Bankruptcy: require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [15JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Burma: commend free and fair elections, call for peaceful transfer of power, and support efforts to pursue national unity (see S. Res. 320), [19NO]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th constitutional amendment abolishing slavery (see S. Con. Res. 21), [5OC]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Children and youth: ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]
Colleges and universities: require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [7MY]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [7JA]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [6MY]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1520), [20OC]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [4MR]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [4AU]
———authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]

Danville, IL: provide for conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Danville Area Community College (see S. 1967), [6AU]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [24JN]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15SE]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [16MR]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———provide certain long-term resident alien students with access to financial aid (see S. 1059), [22AP]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [28SE]
Dept. of Energy: improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships (see S. 1187), [4MY]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [4MR]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [20OC]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [22MY]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [7JY]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [14MY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [25JN]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [15JY]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [21AP]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [5AU]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [3JN]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [21MY]
———promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [4MY]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [20AP]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [2JN]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [2DE]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [15JY]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [20AP]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [4NO]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]

FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Germany: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [21OC]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
———protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [12MY]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [9JY]
———impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Immigration: reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [18NO]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
———increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [18MR]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [8JY]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [24SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance while such individual is an inmate of a public institution (see S. 1409), [21MY]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [23FE]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [18JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [3MR]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [23FE]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [10JN]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [18JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [18JN]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [12FE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [15AP]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [2DE]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [3NO]
Mongolia: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [28JY]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
NASA: anniversary of Hubble Space Telescope (see S. Res. 149), [23AP]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 176), [11MY]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28AP]
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [5OC]
Nugent, Timothy: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1863), [28JY]
Patents: strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [22JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [3MR]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [3AU]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [5NO]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [14MY]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]
Roosevelt University: anniversary (see S. Res. 137), [16AP]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [18JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
———require States to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [24MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [16JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [12FE]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [5OC]

———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [23FE]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [30AP]
———establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [13AP]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Taxation: enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [6AU]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 1129), [29AP]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [18DE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 2079), [24SE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [10FE]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [24JN]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [5AU]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [29JY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
———make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 205), [18JN]
Children and youth: promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
CPSC: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
Credit: establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1022), [21AP]
Dept. of Education: allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan Program (see S. 1556), [11JN]
———establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 2176), [8OC]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
———coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [5NO]
———include county and municipal correctional facilities among medical facilities that qualify for designation as health professional shortage areas for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1051), [22AP]
Dept. of Labor: prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———clarify which children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 1070), [23AP]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
Education: require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
FEMA: enter into agreement with National Research Council to study urban flooding (see S. 1481), [2JN]
———require rulemaking to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance (see S. 870), [26MR]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Freedom of religion: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Health: prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [19NO]
Medicare: deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: designate (see S. Res. 75), [12FE]
Political campaigns: reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
SBA: direct Office of Veterans Business Development task force to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses (see S. 1400), [20MY]
Science: prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [18MR]
Taxation: modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 450), [11FE]

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Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
Transcripts
Cash Cows—Military Colleges: Sharyl Attkisson, Full Measure (television show), [4NO]
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Bills and resolutions
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Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
———support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 833), [6AU]
Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 34) (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]
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Bills and resolutions
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [28JA]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Messages
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Appointments
Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, [7JA]
Bills and resolutions
Air pollution: clarify treatment of carbon emissions from forest biomass (see S. 1284), [11MY]
———prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
Animals: provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros (see S. 1845), [23JY]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
BLM: validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Carson, Rachel: tribute (see S. Res. 142), [21AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
———improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [8JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
———provide for advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities (see S. 1485), [2JN]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
———control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
———deauthorize Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project (see S. 124), [8JA]
———provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
———undertake remediation oversight of West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, MO (see S. 2306), [19NO]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand authority to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance management and resolve minor encroachments (see S. 1712), [7JY]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
———establish Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund (see S. 1263), [7MY]
———undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of Defense: improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids (see S. 1201), [6MY]
———assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———conduct a study on energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities (see S. 1342), [14MY]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
———establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) (see S. 893), [26MR]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [27JA]
———obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
———reauthorize hydroelectric production and efficiency improvement incentives (see S. 1270), [11MY]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [11MY]
———require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [14AP]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 1078), [23AP]
———conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———develop a cadastre of Federal real property to assist with land management, conservation, and development and identify land that no longer needs to be federally owned (see S. 1225), [6MY]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
———enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]

———establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park (see S. 782), [18MR]
———establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
———establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published (see S. 112), [7JA]
———reform administration of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2011), [9SE]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area (see S. 1824), [21JY]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Dept. of Transportation: amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [11MR]
———foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1581), [16JN]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
Depts. of Energy and Agriculture: collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems (see S. 1294), [12MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
———provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
Electric power: clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act to generate or transmit electricity may not be considered a violation of environmental laws or regulations (see S. 848), [24MR]
Employment: assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]
———protect and conserve elephants and regulate ivory in the U.S. (see S. 1769), [15JY]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
———amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———authorize States to restrict interstate waste imports and impose a higher fee on out-of-State waste (see S. 1953), [5AU]
———authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (see S. 1024), [21AP]
———award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
———carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 88), [7JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
———establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program (see S. 1394), [20MY]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 225), [21JA]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
———modify provision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relative to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites (see S. 1701), [25JN]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
———promote new manufacturing by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in issuing air quality standards necessary to obtain preconstruction permits (see S. 1425), [21MY]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
———provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program (see S. 886), [26MR]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 543), [24FE]
———publish a health advisory and submit reports relative to microcystins in drinking water (see S. 462), [11FE]
———reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [8JN]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
———require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 329), [2FE]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
———provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
———establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land (see S. 1733), [9JY]

———provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
Forests: expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives (see S. 1691), [25JN]
———improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Highway Beautification Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 288), [19OC]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
Interagency Task Force on Short-Lived Climate Pollution Mitigation: establish (see S. 2076), [24SE]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [17MR]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: prohibit baiting exemptions on certain land (see S. 595), [26FE]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [22MY]
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1690), [25JN]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Forest Foundation Act: reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]
National Park Service: observe centennial through increased funding (see S. 2257), [5NO]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
New Mexico: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
NOAA: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
———promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1107), [28AP]
NRC: obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]
NSF: implement Sustainable Chemistry Program (see S. 1447), [21MY]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
———ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Pope Francis: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
Power resources: assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems (see S. 888), [26MR]
———promote geothermal energy (see S. 1057), [22AP]
———provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 869), [26MR]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Roads and highways: require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 596), [26FE]
SBA: help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [14JY]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
———promote the recycling of vessels (see S. 1511), [4JN]
———remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [4FE]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
———clarify that tar sands are crude oil subject to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund per-barrel excise tax (see S. 187), [16JA]
———exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers (see S. 919), [14AP]
———extend and reform biodiesel tax incentives (see S. 2353), [3DE]
———extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology (see S. 913), [14AP]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [7MY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Tropical Forest Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 566), [25FE]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]

U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
———reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Weather: establish regional weather forecast offices (see S. 1573), [15JN]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
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Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
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Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
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EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 23), [17NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
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Reports filed
Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1324) (S. Rept. 114–159), [29OC]
Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995), [11MY]
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Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697) (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
Dept. of the Interior Outer Continental Shelf Administration Reform: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2011) (S. Rept. 114–137), [9SE]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 720) (S. Rept. 114–130), [9SE]
EPA National Estuary Program Reauthorization: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1523) (S. Rept. 114–161), [29OC]
Exclude From Gross Income Certain Clean Coal Power Grants to Non-Corporate Taxpayers: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 919) (S. Rept. 114–29), [14AP]
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
Grand Canyon Bison Management Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 782) (S. Rept. 114–184), [16DE]
Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 611) (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
Investment Tax Credit for Waste Heat to Power Technology: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 913) (S. Rept. 114–23), [14AP]
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National Sea Grant College Program Act Reauthorization and Amendment: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 764) (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]
National Weather Service Improvement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1573) (S. Rept. 114–154), [19OC]
Secret Science Reform Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 544) (S. Rept. 114–69), [22JN]
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Small Business Energy Efficiency Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1756), [15SE]
Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 834) (S. Rept. 114–91), [23JY]
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ECONOMIC FREEDOM ZONES ACT
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Enact (see S. 790), [18MR]

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Bills and resolutions
Government regulations: ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]

ECONOMY *related term(s)* **CREDIT; DOMESTIC POLICY; HOMELESS; INCOME; POVERTY**
Bills and resolutions
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
———clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
———provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Bureau of the Census: extend authority to conduct the quarterly financial report program (see S. 1868), [27JY]
Business and industry: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Buy American Act: amend relative to certain waivers and domestic content percentage requirements and provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements (see S. 2167), [8OC]
CBO: prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside normal scoring periods (see S. 2260), [9NO]
Centennial Monetary Commission: establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA] (see S. 749), [17MR]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
———undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of Education: increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [22AP]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———conduct study on technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber (see S. 1432), [21MY]
———establish a grant program allowing National Laboratories provision of vouchers to small businesses to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and their economic impact (see S. 1259), [7MY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of HHS: establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]

Dept. of Homeland Security: implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
Dept. of Labor: establish America Star program to recognize companies that make American-made products and incentivize companies to implement better workforce support, hiring practices, conditions, and compensation (see S. 938), [14AP]
———provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
Education: improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [20MY]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
———incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
———reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP] (see S. 1124), [28AP]
EPA: require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 156), [13JA]
FCC: promote certain unlicensed spectrum use and maximize the use of such spectrum for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development (see S. 424), [10FE]
Federal agencies and departments: require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules (see S. 1807), [21JY]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 94), [7JA]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 1206), [6MY]
———advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
———improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
FRS: improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 1848), [23JY]
———increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 482), [12FE]
———reaffirm importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Board of Governors and ensure at least one member with such experience (see S. 92), [7JA]
———reform by limiting emergency lending authority and closing loopholes allowing megabanks to engage in unrestricted commodities activities (see S. 1320), [13MY]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Government regulations: provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Government Transformation Board: establish (see S. 2269), [10NO]
Immigration: extend and improve EB–5 immigrant investor visa program (see S. 1501), [3JN]
———increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and reauthorize the EB–5 regional center program (see S. 2122), [1OC]
Information technology: develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
International trade: promote (see S. 2201), [22OC]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
Medicaid: require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [22JY]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National objectives: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
Native Americans: restore opportunity for tribal economic development by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe on terms that are equal and fair (see S. 1457), [22MY]
OMB: consider Brunswick County, NC, to be part of the same statistical area as Wilmington, NC (see S. 1157), [30AP]
———establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]
———oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patents: strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Power resources: free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
———provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]
———make Community Advantage Pilot Program permanent (see S. 2125), [1OC]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: enhance benefits and ensure long-term solvency (see S. 731), [12MR]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 1940), [5AU]
Taxation: extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———provide debt and tax transparency (see S. 745), [16MR]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [30AP]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
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FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
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———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995) (S. Rept. 114–42), [12MY]
Bureau of the Census Authority To Conduct the Quarterly Financial Report Program Extension: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1868) (S. Rept. 114–157), [22OC]
Electrify Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
Financial Regulatory Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1484), [2JN]
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Appointments
Conferees: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
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Bills and resolutions
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
American Visionary Art Museum: anniversary of opening (see S. Res. 317), [18NO]
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 895), [26MR]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 587), [26FE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Bowie State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 24), [8JA]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 51), [28JA]
Charren, Peggy: tribute (see S. Res. 61), [2FE]
Children and youth: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
———improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
———improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 196), [9JN]
College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Colleges and universities: extend antitrust exemption for higher education institutions relative to the award of need-based educational aid (see S. 1482), [2JN]
———prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
———provide a legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education (see S. 2186), [20OC]
———provide for higher education reform (see S. 1355), [14MY]
———require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
———strengthen minority-serving institutions (see S. 2317), [19NO]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Corp. for National and Community Service: establish National Service for Schools Program (see S. 2428), [18DE]
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation: modify accreditation standards to prevent the standards from negatively impacting Alaska Native and American Indian teacher candidates (see S. Res. 301), [30OC]
Credit: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower (see S. 1384), [19MY]
———provide removal of default information from a borrower's credit report relative to certain rehabilitated private education loans (see S. 1309), [12MY]
Crime: reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]
———aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———allow a choice between a fixed amount student loan repayment plan or an income-driven student loan repayment plan for all borrowers (see S. 1948), [5AU]
———allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan Program (see S. 1556), [11JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———allow the awarding of job training Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1900), [30JY]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]
———authorize American Dream Accounts to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 687), [10MR]
———authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———award Early College Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1106), [28AP]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered (see S. 1025), [21AP]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———create a partnership with the Corp. for National and Community Service to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]
———eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, reduce interest rates and allow for refinancing of student loans, expand work study program, and simplify student aid application process (see S. 1373), [19MY]
———ensure student data handled by private companies is protected (see S. 1322), [13MY]
———establish a full-service community schools grant program (see S. 1787), [16JY]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1166), [30AP]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 1050), [22AP]
———establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education

to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [19MR]
———establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative higher education providers to receive Federal education funding (see S. 2111), [30SE]
———establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program (see S. 1128), [29AP]
———establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
———establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]
———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
———extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———fund Federal Pell Grant Program through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [22AP]
———improve college affordability by increasing maximum awards, allowing year-round eligibility, and extending duration limits relative to the Federal Pell Grant Program (see S. 1998), [5AU]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———improve privacy protections for students and their parents (see S. 1341), [14MY]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 2419), [17DE]
———improve requirements for alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 528), [12FE]
———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]
———increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [22AP]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
———increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]
———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 2176), [8OC]
———make grants to promote the education of expectant and parenting students (see S. 416), [9FE]
———make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system to give prospective students a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college (see S. 2150), [7OC]
———permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 516), [12FE]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———provide certain long-term resident alien students with access to financial aid (see S. 1059), [22AP]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]
———provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools (see S. 1892), [29JY]
———provide for State accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [6JA]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student centers (see S. 604), [26FE]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
———recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools (see S. 476), [12FE]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [22AP]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
———revise counseling requirements for certain student loan borrowers (see S. 2043), [16SE]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———strengthen and reauthorize the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (see S. 1075), [23AP]
———strengthen charter school accountability and transparency, prevent fraud, and increase community involvement (see S. 1708), [7JY]
———strengthen connections to early childhood education programs (see S. 643), [3MR]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
———strengthen research in adult education (see S. 277), [28JA]
———support a reduction in school suspension and expulsions (see S. 672), [4MR]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 418), [9FE]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
———use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary and secondary schools (see S. 325), [30JA]
———use student loan repayment rates at institutions of higher education to determine institutional eligibility for Federal student aid funds and require risk sharing payments of institutions (see S. 1939), [5AU]
Dept. of Energy: establish comprehensive program to improve education and training to increase number of skilled workers in energy and manufacturing fields (see S. 1422), [21MY]
———establish pilot competitive grant program for development of a skilled energy workforce (see S. 1304), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
———coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [5NO]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [29JY]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 218), [21JA]
———improve Head Start Program by authorizing block grants to States for prekindergarten education (see S. 2290), [17NO]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban pro-

duction, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [11FE]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1328), [13MY]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 1078), [23AP]
———provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 2050), [17SE]
———prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
Dept. of Transportation: provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students (see S. 2433), [18DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5OC]
———clarify which children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 1070), [23AP]
———develop and publish an action plan for improving vocational rehabilitation services and assistance (see S. 2106), [30SE]
———establish a continuing medical education program for non-departmental medical professionals who treat veterans and their families (see S. 2049), [17SE]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 1460), [22MY]
———improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 1064), [23AP]
———improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [26FE]
———provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [23AP]
District of Columbia: disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
———reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 319), [19NO]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (see S. 1177), [30AP]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
———provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
———reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP] (see S. 1124), [28AP]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
———support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
FCC: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
Federal agencies and departments: include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 281), [28JA]
———increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
Federal-State relations: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [7JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [20MY]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial literacy: improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
GAO: develop and submit a report on the current state of the skills gap that includes an analysis of the effectiveness of efforts to close the skills gap and recommendations to improve such efforts (see S. 1920), [4AU]
Health: promote awareness of organ donation and need to increase pool of available organs (see S. 1435), [21MY]
Health care professionals: require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [20MY]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———prohibit aliens not lawfully present in the U.S. from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits not available to all citizens and U.S. nationals (see S. 60), [7JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 130), [8JA]
———limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 415), [9FE]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Local government: include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Chemistry Week: designate (see S. Res. 289), [19OC]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 114), [25MR] (see S. Res. 128), [26MR]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 115), [25MR]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 308), [5NO]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Mentoring Month: observance (see S. Res. 58), [29JA]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 111), [25MR]

National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National objectives: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Teachers Hall of Fame: designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators (see S. 2061), [21SE]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Native Americans: facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1443), [21MY]
———improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
———provide tribal demonstration projects for integration of early childhood development and education, including Native language and culture (see S. 2304), [18NO]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
New York, NY: establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center (see S. 509), [12FE]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Nugent, Timothy: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1863), [27JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political science: express importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools (see S. Res. 150), [23AP]
Privacy: require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Public Health Service: designate the Chief Nurse Officer as the National Nurse for Public Health (see S. 1205), [6MY]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]
Roosevelt University: anniversary (see S. Res. 137), [16AP]
Rutgers University: anniversary (see S. Res. 311), [9NO]
SBA: establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———improve small business development centers (see S. 999), [16AP]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA] (see S. 316), [29JA]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
———promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]
———reform induction, professional development, and systems for professional growth and improvement for teachers, librarians, and principals (see S. 882), [26MR]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
———require States to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [19MR]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 2014), [9SE]
———support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [23FE]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 789), [18MR]
Student loans: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———require certain protections for borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]
Taxation: allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 809), [19MR]
———allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [25FE]
———encourage use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 306), [29JA]
———establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 2124), [1OC]
———establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [15AP] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
———exclude from gross income any discharge of student loan indebtedness (see S. 1947), [5AU]
———exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE] (see S. 912), [14AP]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 101), [7JA]
———expand interest deduction on education loans, extend and expand deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate contribution limit on Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 1973), [5AU]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 195), [20JA]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———improve higher education tax benefits compliance (see S. 1413), [21MY]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———increase the annual contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts and include athletic equipment in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (see S. 243), [22JA]
———provide deduction for itemizers and non-itemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 100), [7JA]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
———require student Social Security numbers and employer identification numbers for education tax credits (see S. 75), [7JA]
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Transportation Security Administration: improve the Federal Flight Deck Officers program (see S. 1594), [17JN]
University of Iowa: anniversary of College of Law (see S. Res. 339), [18DE]
University of Kansas: anniversary (see S. Res. 272), [30SE]
University of Pennsylvania: anniversary of Perelman School of Medicine (see S. Res. 127), [26MR]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
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National Sea Grant College Program Act Reauthorization and Amendment: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 764) (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]
Need-Based Educational Aid Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1482), [9JY]
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Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 999), [10JN]
STEM Education Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 1020) (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]
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Workforce Investment System Reform and Strengthening: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1124), [28AP]
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———commend free and fair elections, call for peaceful transfer of power, and support efforts to pursue national unity (see S. Res. 320), [19NO]
Constitutional amendments: contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
FCC: revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
Immigration: make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 68), [7JA]
Lobbyists: prohibit Members of Congress and candidates from soliciting campaign contributions while Congress is in session, eliminate bundling of large contributions, and reform registration process (see S. 1480), [2JN]
Mongolia: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [1JN]
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
Political campaigns: clarify treatment of certain coordinated political action committee expenditures as contributions to candidates (see S. 1838), [22JY]
———provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———reform system of public financing of Presidential elections (see S. 1176), [30AP]
———require all contributions over a certain amount be reported to the FEC within 48 hours (see S. 2212), [28OC]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [21JA]
———establish election day as a legal public holiday (see S. 1969), [5AU]
———establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for Federal elections (see S. 1970), [5AU]
———provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP] (see S. 1950), [5AU]
———provide that a voter who has previously registered in a State shall be allowed to update their address within the State up to Election Day (see S. 1952), [5AU]
———require availability of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting (see S. 1951), [5AU]
———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 1139), [30AP]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 457), [11FE] (see S. 772), [18MR]
Reports filed
Commend Free and Fair Elections, Call for Peaceful Transfer of Power, and Support Efforts To Pursue National Unity in Burma: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 320), [10DE]
Mongolia First Democratic Elections Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 189), [10DE]

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Bills and resolutions
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
Coal: require coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability (see S. 1405), [20MY]
Conservation of natural resources: provide for advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities (see S. 1485), [2JN]
Dept. of Energy: advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids (see S. 1201), [6MY]
———authorize entrance into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relative to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology (see S. 1285), [11MY]
———develop an implementation strategy to promote development of hybrid micro-grid systems for isolated communities (see S. 1227), [6MY]
———establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1063), [22AP]
———establish a program to make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid (see S. 1207), [6MY]
———establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) (see S. 893), [26MR]
———establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide financial awards to entities that develop and demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in high-cost regions (see S. 1346), [14MY]
———establish as lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law relative to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects (see S. 1293), [12MY]
———establish competitive grant programs to promote electricity grid modernization (see S. 1232), [6MY]
———establish distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1258), [7MY]
———establish energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1256), [7MY]
———facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [7MY]
———provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
———reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
———remove authority to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans (see S. 1048), [22AP]

———require State approval before exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property for electric transmission projects in such State (see S. 485), [12FE]
———review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for adverse effects on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards (see S. 1047), [22AP]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats (see S. 1846), [23JY]
Dept. of Transportation: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1581), [16JN]
Ecology and environment: clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act to generate or transmit electricity may not be considered a violation of environmental laws or regulations (see S. 848), [24MR]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
———reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy (see S. 1274), [11MY]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———expand provisions for termination of electric utility mandatory purchase requirements from certain facilities (see S. 1037), [22AP]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
———improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
———modify certain requirements relative to trial-type hearings for certain license applications (see S. 1236), [6MY]
———provide reports on electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address procurement of electric capacity resources (see S. 1222), [6MY]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
———require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system (see S. 1221), [6MY]
———streamline licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects on existing dams (see S. 1338), [14MY]
GAO: conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms on electricity prices, supply, and competition in energy markets (see S. 1272), [11MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 117), [26MR]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, establish a FERC Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and modify terms of Federal rights-of-way for electric transmission systems (see S. 1217), [6MY]
———facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
———improve distribution of energy in the U.S. (see S. 1220), [6MY]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems (see S. 888), [26MR]
———require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 869), [26MR]
Public utilities: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
———provide electric consumers the right to access certain electric energy information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage energy usage (see S. 1044), [22AP]
———provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
———provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and provide for the examination of the effects of net metering (see S. 1219), [6MY]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [21MY]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Solar energy: promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities (see S. 1723), [9JY]
Taxation: extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology (see S. 913), [14AP]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———repeal the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources (see S. 2158), [7OC]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [7MY]
Technology: protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]
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EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 23), [17NO]
Reports filed
Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1324) (S. Rept. 114–159), [29OC]
Electrify Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
FERC Reinstatement and Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Clark Canyon Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1103) (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]
Investment Tax Credit for Waste Heat to Power Technology: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 913) (S. Rept. 114–23), [14AP]

ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE PERMITTING IMPROVEMENT ACT
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ELECTRIFY AFRICA ACT
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Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Law enforcement: safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]

ELECTRONIC HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT
Reports filed
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Cuba: authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
Dept. of Commerce: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
FCC: require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial

information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Motor vehicles: limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
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Driver Privacy Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 766) (S. Rept. 114–147), [28SE]
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Children and youth: promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]
———authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered (see S. 1025), [21AP]
———establish a full-service community schools grant program (see S. 1787), [16JY]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 1050), [22AP]
———establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
———improve requirements for alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 528), [12FE]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 516), [12FE]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———provide for State accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [6JA]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———provide grants to States for repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools (see S. 1505), [4JN]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
———recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools (see S. 476), [12FE]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
———strengthen charter school accountability and transparency, prevent fraud, and increase community involvement (see S. 1708), [7JY]
———strengthen connections to early childhood education programs (see S. 643), [3MR]
———support a reduction in school suspension and expulsions (see S. 672), [4MR]
Diseases: provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [23AP]
Education: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
———improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
———improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [7JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
———support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]
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Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [29JA]
———encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA] (see S. 316), [29JA]
———reform induction, professional development, and systems for professional growth and improvement for teachers, librarians, and principals (see S. 882), [26MR]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
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Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
Investments: require 401(k) plan sponsors to inform participants of projected monthly income expected at retirement based on current account balances (see S. 1317), [13MY]
Pensions: make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
———modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
———provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]

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Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 594), [26FE]
Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
Business and industry: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 777), [18MR]
———prohibit employers from requiring low-wage workers to enter into non-compete covenants and require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into such covenants (see S. 1504), [4JN]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 803), [19MR]
———require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Civil liberties: allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR] (see S. 2070), [22SE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [26MR] (see S. 2200), [22OC]
Colleges and universities: provide a legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education (see S. 2186), [20OC]
———require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [7JA]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable relative to tort claims arising out of rape (see S. 852), [24MR]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
———establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Defense: provide for inclusion of certain contractor personnel in matters on the defense acquisition workforce in the annual strategic workforce plan (see S. 1289), [12MY]
Dept. of Education: allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan Program (see S. 1556), [11JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———allow the awarding of job training Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1900), [30JY]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, reduce interest rates and allow for refinancing of student loans, expand work study program, and simplify student aid application process (see S. 1373), [19MY]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1166), [30AP]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 1050), [22AP]
———improve college affordability by increasing maximum awards, allowing year-round eligibility, and extending duration limits relative to the Federal Pell Grant Program (see S. 1998), [5AU]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
Dept. of Energy: award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
———establish comprehensive program to improve education and training to increase number of skilled workers in energy and manufacturing fields (see S. 1422), [21MY]
———establish pilot competitive grant program for development of a skilled energy workforce (see S. 1304), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
———establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
Dept. of HUD: renew certain Moving to Work demonstration program agreements (see S. 1530), [9JN]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1328), [13MY]
———create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [10NO]
———establish America Star program to recognize companies that make American-made products and incentivize companies to implement better workforce support, hiring practices, conditions, and compensation (see S. 938), [14AP]
———extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE] (see S. 1003), [16AP] (see S. 1268), [11MY]
———issue occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard (see S. 2408), [16DE]
———phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [5AU]
———preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay

under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
———prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
———provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
———reauthorize the State Small Business Credit Initiative (see S. 1901), [30JY]
Dept. of Transportation: create National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [21MY]
———enhance transportation programs to connect people to jobs, schools, and other essential services through a multimodal transportation network (see S. 2008), [6AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow the modification of hours of employment for full-time physicians and physician assistants (see S. 1450), [21MY]
———develop and publish an action plan for improving vocational rehabilitation services and assistance (see S. 2106), [30SE]
———establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program (see S. 563), [25FE]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [23AP]
———retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee in the permanent record of the employee (see S. 1496), [3JN]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [28JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
Discrimination: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
———prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
———reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP] (see S. 1124), [28AP]
Education: provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
Families and domestic relations: clarify ability to use consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments (see S. 2077), [24SE]
———increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
———require employers to provide a certain amount of paid vacation time to eligible employees (see S. 1564), [11JN]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
Federal aid programs: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
Federal employees: ensure that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (see S. 2033), [15SE]
———increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [13JA]
———make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 303), [29JA]
———prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
———provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1522), [8JN] (see S. 1591), [17JN]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
———provide leave to a new employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at a certain percentage for purposes of undergoing treatment for such disability (see S. 242), [22JA]
———provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
———require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include requirements relative to paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods (see S. 735), [12MR]
GAO: develop and submit a report on the current state of the skills gap that includes an analysis of the effectiveness of efforts to close the skills gap and recommendations to improve such efforts (see S. 1920), [4AU]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Health: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
———extend and improve EB–5 immigrant investor visa program (see S. 1501), [3JN]
———improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and reauthorize the EB–5 regional center program (see S. 2122), [1OC]
———permanently authorize the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program (see S. 1339), [14MY]
———permit aliens seeking asylum to be eligible for employment in the U.S. (see S. 1899), [30JY]
———protect U.S. jobs by reducing number of visas available under H–1B non-immigrant worker visa program and prioritize allocation of such visas based on salary (see S. 2365), [8DE]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Insurance: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [25JN]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Investments: continue job creation and the promotion of investment through improvements to targeted employment areas (see S. 2115), [1OC]
———require 401(k) plan sponsors to inform participants of projected monthly income expected at retirement based on current account balances (see S. 1317), [13MY]
IRS: issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [10JN]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———clarify the illegality of the use of violence to achieve objectives during a strike (see S. 62), [7JA]
———deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
———protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
Law enforcement officers: ensure Federal officers remain able to ensure their own safety and the safety of their families during a covered furlough (see S. 1162), [30AP]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [10MR]
Medicare: apply secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified set-aside provisions (see S. 1514), [4JN]

Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 606), [26FE]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [22JY]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
———transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
———facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1443), [21MY]
Naval Submarine Base New London, CT: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [28SE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1771), [15JY]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———modify definition of applicable large employer relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1415), [21MY]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Pensions: make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
———modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
———provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]
Power resources: free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Puerto Rico: provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]
———improve small business development centers (see S. 999), [16AP]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [15AP]
———make Community Advantage Pilot Program permanent (see S. 2125), [1OC]
Schools: reform induction, professional development, and systems for professional growth and improvement for teachers, librarians, and principals (see S. 882), [26MR]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
SEC: repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Senior citizens: eliminate the payroll tax on individuals who have attained retirement age and repeal limits on outside income earned while receiving Social Security benefits (see S. 767), [17MR]
Ships and vessels: promote the recycling of vessels (see S. 1511), [4JN]
Short-time compensation programs: incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing (see S. 1902), [30JY]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 99), [7JA]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———enhance benefits and ensure long-term solvency (see S. 731), [12MR]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———protect system and improve benefits (see S. 1904), [30JY]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 789), [18MR]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
———prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
———provide certain individuals with information on employment support services (see S. 1923), [4AU]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [6JA]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA] (see S. 920), [14AP]
———allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [25FE]
———enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]

———establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 2124), [1OC]
———establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [15AP] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 2059), [17SE]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE] (see S. 912), [14AP]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [29AP]
———expand personal and retirement savings by allowing employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic individual retirement accounts (see S. 245), [22JA]
———expand workplace health incentives by equalizing tax consequences of employee athletic facility use (see S. 2296), [18NO]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [12FE]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 215), [21JA]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [5FE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———permanently extend the tax treatment for certain Build America Bonds (see S. 1515), [4JN]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave (see S. 2354), [3DE]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [27FE]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [30AP]
———require student Social Security numbers and employer identification numbers for education tax credits (see S. 75), [7JA]
———require that individual taxpayer identification number applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers (see S. 1397), [20MY]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Transportation Security Administration: improve the Federal Flight Deck Officers program (see S. 1594), [17JN]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
Veterans: extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
Whistleblowing: enhance protection for contractor and grantee employees (see S. 795), [18MR]
———extend protections for defense contractor employees to employees of contractors of elements of the intelligence community (see S. 794), [18MR]
———provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 1599), [17JN]
Women: ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
———provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
Veto of S.J. Res. 8, Disapprove NLRB Rule Relative to Representation Case Procedures: President Obama, [13AP]
Motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [22JA]
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (S.J. Res. 8), [3MR], [5MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [1DE], [3DE]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995) (S. Rept. 114–42), [12MY]
Competitive Service Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1580) (S. Rept. 114–143), [15SE]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1599), [16JY]
Dept. of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268) (S. Rept. 114–44), [12MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Accountability Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1082), [19OC]
———Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1082) (S. Rept. 114–163), [3NO]
Ease Burden of Federal Tax Compliance on Small Businesses: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Exclude Payments Received Under Work Colleges Program From Gross Income, Including Payments Made From Institutional Funds: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 912) (S. Rept. 114–22), [14AP]
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]
Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531), [4AU]
———Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531) (S. Rept. 114–123), [8SE]
Military Spouse Job Continuity Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 920) (S. Rept. 114–30), [14AP]
Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 114–13), [13AP]
Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 2123), [26OC]
Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 999), [10JN]
Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 166), [2MR]
Tax Relief Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]
Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 248) (S. Rept. 114–140), [10SE]
Veterans Entrepreneurship Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 957), [10JN]
Workforce Investment System Reform and Strengthening: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1124), [28AP]
Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 242) (S. Rept. 114–89), [23JY]

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Bills and resolutions
National Teachers Hall of Fame: designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators (see S. 2061), [21SE]

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END MODERN SLAVERY INITIATIVE ACT
Bills and resolutions
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END MODERN SLAVERY INITIATIVE FOUNDATION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 553), [24FE]

END POLLUTER WELFARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1041), [22AP]

ENDANGERED SPECIES
Bills and resolutions
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Animals: protect and conserve elephants and regulate ivory in the U.S. (see S. 1769), [15JY]
———strengthen protections for wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies and curtail demand for illegal wildlife products (see S. 2385), [10DE]
BLM: validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]

Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
Dept. of the Interior: publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published (see S. 112), [7JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
Hunting and trapping: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]
States: permit Governors to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 855), [24MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: prohibit listing northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 655), [4MR]
———reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT
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Federal-State relations: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
Hunting and trapping: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
Information technology: require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
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ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
———establish competitive grant programs to promote electricity grid modernization (see S. 1232), [6MY]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE INVESTMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1306), [12MY]

ENERGY POLICY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Energy: improve loan guarantee program for innovative technologies (see S. 1223), [6MY]
———reauthorize hydroelectric production and efficiency improvement incentives (see S. 1270), [11MY]
———repeal certain programs and establish a coal technology program (see S. 1283), [11MY]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [11MY]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
Reports filed
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 209) (S. Rept. 114–149), [30SE]

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Energy: establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———prohibit from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed (see S. 1029), [21AP]
Petroleum: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]

ENERGY POLICY MODERNIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 720) (S. Rept. 114–130), [9SE]

ENERGY SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1312), [12MY]

ENGINEERING *related term(s)* **MATHEMATICS**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 332), [9DE]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Reports filed
STEM Education Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 1020) (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]

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ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 451), [11FE]

***ENOLA GAY* (aircraft)**
Bills and resolutions
World War II: commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]

ENSURING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY HOME CARE FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2221), [29OC]

ENSURING ACCESS TO CLINICAL TRIALS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 139), [8JA]
ENSURING PATIENT ACCESS AND EFFECTIVE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 483), [12FE]
ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT
Cloture motions
Enact (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
———motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Motions
Enact (H.R. 1314), [6MY], [7MY], [28OC], [30OC]
ENSURING USEFUL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES IS KEY FOR ALZHEIMER'S (EUREKA) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2067), [22SE]
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Bills and resolutions
Air pollution: establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
Appropriations: rescind funds made available if certain deadlines are not met (see S. 110), [7JA]
Business and industry: clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program (see S. 1038), [22AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Clean Air Act: clarify definition of accidental release (see S. 88), [7JA]
Columbia River Basin Restoration Program: establish (see S. 1394), [20MY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
Corps of Engineers: provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
———undertake remediation oversight of West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, MO (see S. 2306), [19NO]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Dept. of the Interior: replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
Federal Water Pollution Control Act: carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
Government regulations: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
———promote new manufacturing by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in issuing air quality standards necessary to obtain preconstruction permits (see S. 1425), [21MY]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
Great Lakes: prohibit sewage dumping (see S. 1586), [16JN]
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: authorize (see S. 1024), [21AP]
Hazardous substances: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
Hazardous-substances: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
National Estuary Program: reauthorize (see S. 1523), [8JN]
Natural resources: provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program (see S. 886), [26MR]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Power resources: assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 156), [13JA]
Refuse disposal: authorize States to restrict interstate waste imports and impose a higher fee on out-of-State waste (see S. 1953), [5AU]
———encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Renewable energy: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Scientific Advisory Board: provide for member qualifications and public participation (see S. 543), [24FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
———remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [4FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation (see S. 225), [21JA]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Water: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
———clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
———publish a health advisory and submit reports relative to microcystins in drinking water (see S. 462), [11FE]
———reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
———reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Water pollution: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
———modify provision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relative to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites (see S. 1701), [25JN]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
———require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]

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Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Government regulations: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
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Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1324) (S. Rept. 114–159), [29OC]
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697) (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
EPA National Estuary Program Reauthorization: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1523) (S. Rept. 114–161), [29OC]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 611) (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
Secret Science Reform Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 544) (S. Rept. 114–69), [22JN]
Sensible Environmental Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]
Vessel Incidental Discharge Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 373) (S. Rept. 114–96), [29JY]

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Bills and resolutions
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]

ENZI, MICHAEL B. ***(a Senator from Wyoming)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
———S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [11FE]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [11FE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Armed Forces: provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [5AU]
ATF: prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [19MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [4FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize use of active capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [13MY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [25FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [11FE]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [27AP]
———authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [22SE]
Dept. of HHS: provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [30AP]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [25JN]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [20MY]
Dept. of the Interior: coordinate Federal and State permitting processes relative to construction of new surface water storage projects on Federal lands and designate Bureau of Reclamation as lead agency (see S. 1533), [14JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [16NO]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [30AP]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [26FE]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [2FE]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 234), [22JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal agencies and departments: provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [17JN]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and

serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [23MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [18MR]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [13AP]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forest Service: provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [10FE]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 1536), [10JN]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336), [3FE]
Immigration: limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [28JY]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Insurance: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
———provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [25FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [21AP]
IRS: establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [25FE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [29JA]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [22SE]
———require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals (see S. 1349), [14MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [16DE]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [9SE]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [18MY]
National Guard: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [16AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [16AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [10SE]
———repeal (see S. 336), [3FE]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Public lands: reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———establish Regional Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program (see S. 2136), [6OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [17MR]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [9FE]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [16AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [28SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [25JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 385), [5FE]
Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
———clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]
———setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (see S. Con. Res. 11), [23MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Committee on the Budget (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 57), [29JA]

Dept. of Agriculture: publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [28AP]
Dept. of HHS: facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 218), [21JA]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
FAA: use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
Federal agencies and departments: require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
Federal-State relations: constitutional amendment to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States (see S.J. Res. 17), [25JN]
Medicare: recognize attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients (see S. 1354), [14MY]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 114), [25MR] (see S. Res. 128), [26MR]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
SBA: provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts (see S. 958), [15AP]
Senate: require legislation to be confined to a single issue (see S. Res. 192), [4JN]
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National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [15SE], [17SE]
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Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
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———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
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Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
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Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Crime: reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [17NO]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [20JA]
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———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [2MR]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [3NO]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [1DE]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [27AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve accountability of employees (see S. 290), [10FE]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [18DE]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: designate certain non-departmental mental health care providers as providers who have particular knowledge of provision of mental health care to Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 717), [11MR]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [30AP]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates,

and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [23JY]
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———establish a process for the review of rules and sets of rules (see S. 1683), [25JN]
———improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [30NO]
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———publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules (see S. 1820), [30NO]
———reduce operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal motor vehicle fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts (see S. 565), [18MR]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [3DE]
———reform rulemaking process by only promulgating regulations that are necessary, maximize benefits, and provide the public an opportunity to participate in the process (see S. 1818), [30NO]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1607), [18DE]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [23MR]
Federal employees: provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [9DE]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [9JN]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [27AP]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 1536), [10JN]
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Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [9FE]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [17DE]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [19NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [21JY]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [4MY]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [16JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [19NO]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [30AP]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [21JY]
———permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [17NO]
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National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [7DE]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [30NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [29SE]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [9SE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [24SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [14MY]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [9JY]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [9FE]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [5NO]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Taxation: extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [21JY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [27AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [19NO]
University of Iowa: anniversary of College of Law (see S. Res. 339), [18DE]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [9JN]
Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
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Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Presidents of the U.S.: modify monetary allowance payable to a former President (see S. 1411), [21MY]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
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———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
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Dept. of Education: require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
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International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
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Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
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National Museum of the American People: support formation of a bipartisan Presidential commission to study establishment (see S. Con. Res. 23), [7OC]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
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———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
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Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
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CIA, (EC994) [19MR]
Coast Guard, (EC205, EC206, EC207, EC208, EC209, EC210, EC211, EC212, EC213) [9JA], (EC254)

[12JA], (EC487, EC488, EC489, EC490, EC491, EC492, EC493, EC494, EC495, EC496) [29JA], (EC565) [4FE], (EC752, EC753, EC754, EC755, EC756, EC757, EC758) [26FE], (EC1040, EC1041, EC1042, EC1043, EC1044, EC1045, EC1046, EC1047, EC1048, EC1049, EC1050, EC1051, EC1052, EC1053, EC1054) [13AP], (EC1419, EC1420, EC1421, EC1422, EC1423, EC1424, EC1425, EC1426, EC1427, EC1428, EC1429, EC1430, EC1431, EC1432, EC1433, EC1434, EC1435, EC1436, EC1437, EC1438, EC1439, EC1440, EC1441, EC1442) [29AP], (EC1714, EC1715, EC1716, EC1717, EC1718, EC1719, EC1720, EC1721, EC1722, EC1723, EC1724, EC1725, EC1726, EC1727, EC1728) [1JN], (EC1936, EC1937, EC1938, EC1939, EC1940, EC1941, EC1942, EC1943, EC1944, EC1945) [15JN], (EC2285, EC2286, EC2287, EC2288, EC2289, EC2290, EC2291, EC2292, EC2293, EC2294, EC2295, EC2296, EC2297, EC2298, EC2299, EC2300, EC2301, EC2302, EC2303, EC2304, EC2305, EC2306, EC2307, EC2308, EC2309, EC2310, EC2311, EC2312) [15JY], (EC2346, EC2347) [21JY], (EC2509, EC2510, EC2511, EC2512, EC2513, EC2514, EC2515, EC2516, EC2517, EC2518, EC2519, EC2520, EC2521, EC2522, EC2523, EC2524, EC2525) [4AU], (EC2871, EC2872, EC2873, EC2874, EC2875, EC2876, EC2877, EC2878, EC2879, EC2880, EC2881, EC2882, EC2883, EC2884, EC2885, EC2886, EC2887, EC2888, EC2889, EC2890, EC2891, EC2892, EC2893, EC2894, EC2895, EC2896, EC2897, EC2898) [16SE], (EC2949) [17SE], (EC3015) [24SE], (EC3872, EC3873, EC3874, EC3875, EC3876, EC3877, EC3878, EC3879, EC3880, EC3881, EC3882, EC3883, EC3884, EC3885, EC3886, EC3887, EC3888, EC3889, EC3890, EC3891, EC3892, EC3893, EC3894, EC3895, EC3896, EC3897, EC3898, EC3899, EC3900, EC3903) [14DE]

Commission on Civil Rights, (EC291) [20JA], (EC2156) [8JY], (EC3823) [9DE]

Community Preventive Services Task Force, (EC2715) [9SE]

Comptroller of the Currency, (EC108) [8JA], (EC261, EC262, EC263, EC264, EC265) [20JA], (EC1182) [15AP], (EC1957) [16JN], (EC2388) [28JY], (EC3032) [1OC], (EC3755) [9DE]

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (EC116, EC117, EC118, EC119, EC120, EC124, EC125) [8JA], (EC1365) [23AP], (EC1584) [13MY], (EC1877) [15JN], (EC1998) [22JN], (EC2036) [24JN], (EC2127) [8JY], (EC2321) [21JY], (EC2391) [28JY], (EC2441) [29JY], (EC3245) [22OC], (EC3463) [5NO], (EC3765) [9DE], (EC3932, EC3933, EC3934, EC3935, EC3937) [18DE]

Corp. for National and Community Service, (EC583) [4FE], (EC1817) [3JN], (EC3474) [5NO], (EC3649, EC3658) [3DE]

CPSC, (EC62) [7JA], (EC703) [25FE], (EC1058) [13AP], (EC1968) [16JN], (EC2370) [23JY], (EC2759, EC2760) [9SE], (EC3662) [3DE]

DEA, (EC481) [29JA], (EC581) [4FE], (EC1016) [24MR], (EC1651) [19MY], (EC3425, EC3426) [3NO], (EC3569, EC3570) [17NO]

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, (EC58) [7JA]

Dept. of Agriculture, (EC56) [7JA], (EC68, EC69, EC70, EC72, EC161) [8JA], (EC220, EC221, EC222, EC223) [12JA], (EC298, EC299, EC300) [21JA], (EC459) [29JA], (EC499) [2FE], (EC506, EC507, EC508, EC511, EC512, EC524) [4FE], (EC595) [9FE], (EC642) [10FE], (EC814) [4MR], (EC862) [10MR], (EC905) [11MR], (EC943, EC944) [18MR], (EC1019, EC1020) [13AP], (EC1157, EC1158, EC1159) [15AP], (EC1362) [23AP], (EC1386, EC1387) [29AP], (EC1521) [5MY], (EC1543, EC1544, EC1545, EC1547) [11MY], (EC1582) [13MY], (EC1632) [19MY], (EC1661) [1JN], (EC1809) [3JN], (EC1868, EC1869, EC1870, EC1871, EC1872, EC1873) [15JN], (EC1975) [22JN], (EC2029) [24JN], (EC2126) [8JY], (EC2158, EC2159, EC2160) [9JY], (EC2251) [15JY], (EC2375) [23JY], (EC2383, EC2384) [28JY], (EC2465) [4AU], (EC2614, EC2615, EC2616, EC2617, EC2656) [8SE], (EC2771) [15SE], (EC2959, EC2960, EC2961, EC2962, EC2963, EC2964, EC2965, EC2966, EC2967) [24SE], (EC3020) [1OC], (EC3089, EC3090, EC3091) [8OC], (EC3240, EC3241, EC3242, EC3243) [22OC], (EC3278) [26OC], (EC3319) [28OC], (EC3405) [3NO], (EC3442) [4NO], (EC3652) [3DE], (EC3678, EC3679, EC3680, EC3681, EC3682, EC3683, EC3684, EC3693) [8DE], (EC3752) [9DE], (EC3849, EC3850) [14DE], (EC3908, EC3909) [15DE], (EC3930) [18DE]

Dept. of Commerce, (EC53) [7JA], (EC102, EC123, EC126) [8JA], (EC172, EC178) [9JA], (EC217, EC255) [12JA], (EC260, EC290) [20JA], (EC306, EC307, EC308, EC317) [21JA], (EC464, EC465, EC483) [29JA], (EC523) [4FE], (EC596, EC597) [9FE], (EC683) [25FE], (EC793) [27FE], (EC930) [16MR], (EC1013) [24MR], (EC1184, EC1185, EC1187) [15AP], (EC1290, EC1292) [20AP], (EC1364) [23AP], (EC1397) [29AP], (EC1510) [5MY], (EC1585) [13MY], (EC1637, EC1652) [19MY], (EC1668, EC1669) [1JN], (EC1781, EC1784) [3JN], (EC1879, EC1918) [15JN], (EC1970) [16JN], (EC1999) [22JN], (EC2039, EC2085) [24JN], (EC2318) [21JY], (EC2471, EC2473, EC2477) [4AU], (EC2632, EC2644, EC2649, EC2650) [8SE], (EC2756, EC2763) [9SE], (EC2784, EC2789, EC2790, EC2791) [15SE], (EC3027, EC3033) [1OC], (EC3140) [8OC], (EC3204, EC3205) [21OC], (EC3246) [22OC], (EC3321, EC3360) [28OC], (EC3444) [4NO], (EC3521) [17NO], (EC3691, EC3692) [8DE], (EC3764) [9DE], (EC3856, EC3857) [14DE]

Dept. of Defense, (EC90, EC92, EC93, EC148) [8JA], (EC256) [20JA], (EC301, EC303, EC304) [21JA], (EC460, EC461, EC462, EC463) [29JA], (EC514, EC515) [4FE], (EC601) [9FE], (EC646, EC647, EC648, EC649, EC650) [24FE], (EC679, EC680, EC681) [25FE], (EC764, EC765, EC766, EC767, EC768) [26FE], (EC791, EC792) [27FE], (EC856, EC857) [10MR], (EC906, EC922) [11MR], (EC926, EC927) [16MR], (EC945, EC946, EC947, EC948, EC949) [18MR], (EC997, EC998) [24MR], (EC1021, EC1022, EC1023, EC1024, EC1025, EC1061) [13AP], (EC1073, EC1074) [14AP], (EC1168, EC1169, EC1170, EC1171, EC1172, EC1174, EC1175, EC1283) [15AP], (EC1286, EC1287, EC1288, EC1289, EC1302) [20AP], (EC1328, EC1329) [21AP], (EC1363) [23AP], (EC1388, EC1389, EC1390, EC1391, EC1392) [29AP], (EC1498) [30AP], (EC1559) [11MY], (EC1583, EC1599) [13MY], (EC1607, EC1625, EC1626, EC1627, EC1628) [19MY], (EC1662, EC1663, EC1664, EC1665) [1JN], (EC1752, EC1753, EC1754, EC1755) [2JN], (EC1777, EC1778, EC1779, EC1798) [3JN], (EC1838) [8JN], (EC1874, EC1875, EC1876) [15JN], (EC1954, EC1955, EC1969) [16JN], (EC1976, EC1977, EC1978, EC1979, EC1996, EC1997, EC2017) [22JN], (EC2030, EC2031, EC2032, EC2033, EC2034) [24JN], (EC2161, EC2162, EC2163, EC2164, EC2165, EC2166, EC2167) [9JY], (EC2210) [13JY], (EC2252, EC2253, EC2254) [15JY], (EC2317) [21JY], (EC2350) [22JY], (EC2352, EC2353, EC2376) [23JY], (EC2386, EC2387, EC2393) [28JY], (EC2439, EC2440) [29JY], (EC2467, EC2468, EC2469, EC2470, EC2508) [4AU], (EC2618, EC2619, EC2620, EC2621, EC2622, EC2623, EC2624, EC2625, EC2626, EC2627, EC2628) [8SE], (EC2772, EC2773, EC2774, EC2775, EC2776, EC2777, EC2779) [15SE], (EC2915, EC2916, EC2917, EC2918, EC2919) [17SE], (EC2970, EC2971, EC2972, EC2973, EC2974, EC2975) [24SE], (EC3022, EC3023, EC3024, EC3025, EC3026) [1OC], (EC3199, EC3200) [21OC], (EC3280, EC3281) [26OC], (EC3320) [28OC], (EC3406, EC3407, EC3408, EC3409) [3NO], (EC3514, EC3515, EC3562) [17NO], (EC3614, EC3615, EC3616) [19NO], (EC3685, EC3686) [8DE], (EC3753, EC3754) [9DE], (EC3851, EC3852, EC3853, EC3854, EC3855, EC3866) [14DE], (EC3910) [15DE], (EC3931) [18DE]

Dept. of Education, (EC651) [24FE], (EC771, EC772) [26FE], (EC1478) [29AP], (EC1686) [1JN], (EC1851) [8JN], (EC1901, EC1910) [15JN], (EC2466) [4AU], (EC3004, EC3005, EC3006, EC3007, EC3008, EC3011) [24SE], (EC3701, EC3702) [8DE], (EC3817, EC3829) [9DE], (EC3951) [18DE]

Dept. of Energy, (EC97, EC98) [8JA], (EC224, EC226, EC240, EC241, EC242) [12JA], (EC525, EC526, EC527) [4FE], (EC603) [9FE], (EC701) [25FE], (EC811) [27FE], (EC821) [4MR], (EC863) [10MR], (EC911) [11MR], (EC1204, EC1205, EC1206, EC1207, EC1208, EC1209, EC1210, EC1211, EC1212, EC1213, EC1214, EC1215, EC1216, EC1268, EC1275) [15AP], (EC1499) [30AP], (EC1522, EC1523) [5MY], (EC1581, EC1589) [13MY], (EC1674) [1JN], (EC1799) [3JN], (EC1840) [8JN], (EC1880, EC1881, EC1882) [15JN], (EC2118) [7JY], (EC2172, EC2173, EC2174) [9JY], (EC2359, EC2377) [23JY], (EC2479, EC2480) [4AU], (EC2651, EC2652, EC2653, EC2657) [8SE], (EC2811, EC2814, EC2815) [15SE], (EC3045, EC3046, EC3048, EC3049) [1OC], (EC3098) [8OC], (EC3322) [28OC], (EC3482, EC3483) [10NO], (EC3525) [17NO], (EC3618) [19NO], (EC3714) [8DE], (EC3858, EC3859, EC3860, EC3863) [14DE]

Dept. of HHS, (EC129, EC130, EC153, EC159) [8JA], (EC229, EC245) [12JA], (EC312, EC328) [21JA], (EC372) [26JA], (EC569) [4FE], (EC606) [9FE], (EC671) [24FE], (EC690, EC691, EC692, EC693, EC694, EC697) [25FE], (EC812, EC813) [27FE], (EC936, EC938) [16MR], (EC984) [18MR], (EC1007, EC1008) [24MR], (EC1079, EC1080, EC1081, EC1096) [14AP], (EC1199, EC1201, EC1202, EC1265) [15AP], (EC1285) [20AP], (EC1333, EC1335) [21AP], (EC1377, EC1378) [23AP], (EC1473, EC1474, EC1480) [29AP], (EC1529, EC1530, EC1531, EC1532, EC1541) [5MY], (EC1577, EC1578, EC1580) [11MY], (EC1600) [13MY], (EC1656) [19MY], (EC1683, EC1684) [1JN], (EC1792, EC1800, EC1801, EC1803, EC1804, EC1805, EC1807, EC1824) [3JN], (EC1889) [15JN], (EC1966) [16JN], (EC2003, EC2007, EC2008, EC2014) [22JN], (EC2043, EC2045, EC2052, EC2057, EC2058, EC2059) [24JN], (EC2119, EC2121) [7JY], (EC2132, EC2147, EC2150) [8JY], (EC2175, EC2176, EC2180, EC2181, EC2183) [9JY], (EC2233) [13JY], (EC2262, EC2263, EC2266, EC2267) [15JY], (EC2364) [23JY], (EC2400, EC2406, EC2407, EC2408, EC2409, EC2410, EC2411, EC2412) [28JY], (EC2486, EC2503, EC2504) [4AU], (EC2716, EC2717, EC2723, EC2724) [9SE], (EC2816, EC2831, EC2832, EC2833) [16SE], (EC3010) [24SE], (EC3060) [1OC], (EC3066, EC3068) [5OC], (EC3133, EC3135) [8OC], (EC3214, EC3216) [21OC], (EC3301, EC3303, EC3308, EC3309, EC3310) [26OC], (EC3359) [28OC], (EC3421) [3NO], (EC3450) [4NO], (EC3540, EC3557) [17NO], (EC3659) [3DE], (EC3788, EC3798, EC3799, EC3843) [9DE]

Dept. of Homeland Security, (EC132, EC133, EC140, EC145, EC147, EC152) [8JA], (EC173, EC175, EC181, EC182) [9JA], (EC480) [29JA], (EC501, EC503, EC504) [2FE], (EC545, EC559, EC579) [4FE], (EC653) [24FE], (EC696) [25FE], (EC773) [26FE], (EC861) [10MR], (EC1161, EC1250, EC1251, EC1252, EC1253, EC1254, EC1255, EC1256) [15AP], (EC1558) [11MY], (EC1591, EC1604) [13MY], (EC1653) [19MY], (EC1702) [1JN], (EC1833) [3JN], (EC1890, EC1911) [15JN], (EC2022) [22JN], (EC2123) [7JY], (EC2345) [21JY], (EC2380) [23JY], (EC2686) [9SE], (EC3061, EC3062) [1OC], (EC3128, EC3138) [8OC], (EC3545, EC3560, EC3561, EC3566) [17NO], (EC3631) [19NO], (EC3654, EC3677) [3DE]

Dept. of HUD, (EC100, EC101, EC103, EC114, EC122) [8JA], (EC600) [9FE], (EC952) [18MR], (EC1177) [15AP], (EC1666) [1JN], (EC2044)

[24JN], (EC2355) [23JY], (EC2389) [28JY], (EC2642, EC2646) [8SE], (EC2787) [15SE], (EC2976, EC2977) [24SE], (EC3283) [26OC], (EC3517) [17NO], (EC3689) [8DE], (EC3911) [15DE], (EC3936) [18DE]
Dept. of Justice, (EC67) [7JA], (EC482) [29JA], (EC610, EC613) [9FE], (EC775) [26FE], (EC855) [9MR], (EC864) [10MR], (EC920) [11MR], (EC992, EC993) [19MR], (EC1167, EC1249) [15AP], (EC1303, EC1305) [20AP], (EC1381, EC1382) [23AP], (EC1486) [29AP], (EC1537) [5MY], (EC1579) [11MY], (EC1650, EC1654) [19MY], (EC1681) [1JN], (EC1775, EC1776) [2JN], (EC1826) [3JN], (EC2155) [8JY], (EC2272, EC2273) [15JY], (EC2340, EC2341) [21JY], (EC2417, EC2430) [28JY], (EC2727, EC2728) [9SE], (EC3315, EC3316) [26OC], (EC3417) [3NO], (EC3452) [4NO], (EC3571) [17NO], (EC3665) [3DE], (EC3844) [9DE]
Dept. of Labor, (EC160) [8JA], (EC311, EC313) [21JA], (EC605) [9FE], (EC840) [4MR], (EC982) [18MR], (EC1030, EC1031) [13AP], (EC1533, EC1538) [5MY], (EC1682) [1JN], (EC1905, EC1909) [15JN], (EC2005) [22JN], (EC2264) [15JY], (EC2714) [9SE], (EC3067) [5OC], (EC3314) [26OC], (EC3422) [3NO], (EC3558) [17NO], (EC3803, EC3804, EC3819, EC3821) [9DE]
Dept. of State, (EC66) [7JA], (EC107, EC144, EC162, EC163, EC164, EC166, EC167, EC168, EC169, EC170, EC171) [8JA], (EC236, EC237) [12JA], (EC309) [21JA], (EC468, EC476, EC477, EC478) [29JA], (EC576, EC577, EC578, EC585, EC586, EC587, EC588, EC589, EC590) [4FE], (EC604) [9FE], (EC672, EC673, EC674) [24FE], (EC675, EC676, EC677, EC678) [25FE], (EC769) [26FE], (EC842, EC843, EC844, EC845, EC846) [4MR], (EC852, EC853) [9MR], (EC919) [11MR], (EC975, EC976, EC977, EC978, EC979, EC980) [18MR], (EC1010, EC1011, EC1014) [24MR], (EC1028, EC1029) [13AP], (EC1162, EC1163, EC1164, EC1165, EC1166) [15AP], (EC1374, EC1375, EC1376) [23AP], (EC1399, EC1400, EC1401, EC1402, EC1403, EC1404, EC1405, EC1406, EC1407, EC1408) [29AP], (EC1500, EC1501, EC1502) [30AP], (EC1513, EC1514, EC1515, EC1516) [5MY], (EC1576) [11MY], (EC1592, EC1593, EC1594, EC1595, EC1596, EC1597, EC1598, EC1603) [13MY], (EC1614, EC1615, EC1616, EC1617, EC1618, EC1639, EC1640, EC1641, EC1642, EC1643, EC1644) [19MY], (EC1769, EC1770) [2JN], (EC1793, EC1794, EC1795, EC1796, EC1797) [3JN], (EC1892, EC1893, EC1894, EC1895, EC1896, EC1897) [15JN], (EC1952, EC1956) [16JN], (EC1980, EC1985, EC1986, EC1987, EC1988, EC1989, EC1990, EC1991, EC1992, EC1993, EC1994, EC1995) [22JN], (EC2053, EC2054) [24JN], (EC2131) [8JY], (EC2179) [9JY], (EC2212) [13JY], (EC2336, EC2337) [21JY], (EC2351) [22JY], (EC2379) [23JY], (EC2405) [28JY], (EC2443, EC2444, EC2445, EC2446) [29JY], (EC2463) [30JY], (EC2494, EC2495, EC2496, EC2497, EC2498, EC2499, EC2500, EC2501, EC2502) [4AU], (EC2533, EC2534, EC2535, EC2536, EC2537) [8SE], (EC2695, EC2696, EC2697, EC2698, EC2699, EC2700, EC2701, EC2702, EC2703, EC2704, EC2705, EC2706, EC2707, EC2708, EC2709, EC2711) [9SE], (EC2823, EC2824, EC2825, EC2826, EC2827, EC2828, EC2829, EC2830, EC2850) [16SE], (EC2939, EC2940, EC2941, EC2942, EC2943) [17SE], (EC2999, EC3000, EC3001, EC3002, EC3003) [24SE], (EC3063, EC3064, EC3065) [1OC], (EC3130) [8OC], (EC3218, EC3219, EC3220) [21OC], (EC3267, EC3268, EC3269) [22OC], (EC3304, EC3305) [26OC], (EC3332, EC3333, EC3334, EC3335, EC3336, EC3337, EC3338, EC3339, EC3340, EC3341, EC3342, EC3343) [28OC], (EC3418, EC3419, EC3420) [3NO], (EC3470, EC3471, EC3472) [5NO], (EC3546, EC3547, EC3548, EC3549, EC3550, EC3551, EC3552, EC3553, EC3554, EC3555, EC3556) [17NO], (EC3628) [19NO], (EC3648, EC3650, EC3651, EC3666, EC3667) [3DE], (EC3793, EC3794, EC3795, EC3796, EC3797) [9DE], (EC3921) [15DE], (EC3938, EC3939) [18DE]
Dept. of the Army, (EC91) [8JA], (EC532) [4FE], (EC1297) [20AP], (EC1307) [21AP], (EC2001) [22JN], (EC2255) [15JY], (EC2672) [9SE], (EC2810) [15SE], (EC3300) [26OC], (EC3787) [9DE]
Dept. of the Interior, (EC238) [12JA], (EC257, EC258) [20JA], (EC580) [4FE], (EC687, EC688, EC689) [25FE], (EC1056) [13AP], (EC1854) [8JN], (EC2026) [23JN], (EC2040) [24JN], (EC2655) [8SE], (EC2813) [15SE], (EC2923) [17SE], (EC3013) [24SE], (EC3043, EC3044) [1OC], (EC3247, EC3248, EC3249, EC3251) [22OC], (EC3286, EC3287) [26OC], (EC3720) [8DE], (EC3766) [9DE]
Dept. of the Navy, (EC94) [8JA], (EC602) [9FE], (EC1173) [15AP], (EC3696) [8DE]
Dept. of the State, (EC1321, EC1322, EC1323, EC1324, EC1325, EC1326) [21AP]
Dept. of the Treasury, (EC109, EC110, EC111, EC112, EC149) [8JA], (EC267, EC268) [20JA], (EC305, EC336) [21JA], (EC516, EC519, EC520, EC521) [4FE], (EC638, EC639) [10FE], (EC709, EC783, EC786) [26FE], (EC837) [4MR], (EC859, EC868) [10MR], (EC932, EC937) [16MR], (EC950) [18MR], (EC991) [19MR], (EC1026) [13AP], (EC1066, EC1067, EC1068) [14AP], (EC1181) [15AP], (EC1291) [20AP], (EC1367, EC1368, EC1369) [23AP], (EC1395, EC1396) [29AP], (EC1562) [11MY], (EC1608, EC1612, EC1635, EC1636, EC1638) [19MY], (EC1760, EC1761) [2JN], (EC1782) [3JN], (EC1958) [16JN], (EC2009) [22JN], (EC2116) [7JY], (EC2128) [8JY], (EC2169, EC2170) [9JY], (EC2319) [21JY], (EC2392) [28JY], (EC2442) [29JY], (EC2478) [4AU], (EC2634, EC2637, EC2647, EC2648) [8SE], (EC2752) [9SE], (EC2782, EC2783, EC2785) [15SE], (EC2920, EC2931) [17SE], (EC2979, EC2998) [24SE], (EC3028, EC3031) [1OC], (EC3092, EC3095, EC3096, EC3097) [8OC], (EC3202, EC3203) [21OC], (EC3518, EC3519) [17NO], (EC3637) [19NO], (EC3687, EC3688) [8DE], (EC3901) [14DE], (EC3924) [15DE]
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Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 13), [23AP]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JN]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
———ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 21), [6JA]
Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency: submit a report to Congress on Inspector General mandates (see S. 2128), [5OC]
Dept. of Energy: establish as lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law relative to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects (see S. 1293), [12MY]
———review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for adverse effects on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards (see S. 1047), [22AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA] (see S. 1619), [18JN] (see S. 2130, 2131), [5OC]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
———submit a report to Congress on headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region (see S. 1638), [18JN]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
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Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [28AP]
———codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [22JA]
———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [18MR]
———disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1109), [28AP]
———establish a process for the review of rules and sets of rules (see S. 1683), [25JN]
———establish entities tasked with improving program and project management (see S. 1550), [10JN]
———identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [21JY]
———improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
———include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 281), [28JA]
———increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
———limit authority to award bonuses to employees (see S. 742), [16MR]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———postpone effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review (see S. 1927), [4AU]
———prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 111), [7JA]
———prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]
———provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments (see S. 614), [27FE]
———provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis (see S. 1199), [5MY]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules (see S. 1820), [21JY]
———reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy (see S. 1274), [11MY]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———reduce operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal motor vehicle fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts (see S. 565), [25FE]

———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
———reestablish period of limitations for claims of the U.S. that may be collected by garnishing payments received from the Government (see S. 2233), [3NO]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———reform rulemaking process by only promulgating regulations that are necessary, maximize benefits, and provide the public an opportunity to participate in the process (see S. 1818), [21JY]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [5AU]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
———require a notice and comment process for interpretative rules if there is a change to a previously issued rule (see S. 1487), [3JN]
———require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
———require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules (see S. 1807), [21JY]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1008), [20AP] (see S. 1039), [22AP]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1607), [18JN]
———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
———require periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (see S. 1067), [23AP]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 1116), [28AP]
———review certain rules and regulations (see S. 846), [24MR]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [26FE]
———sunset rules after a certain period unless agencies undergo notice and comment rulemaking (see S. 826), [19MR]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310, 323), [29JA]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 2035), [15SE]
———provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
———provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
Firearms: provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution has no force or effect (see S. 2434), [18DE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 426), [10FE] (see S. 1536), [10JN]
———provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Government Transformation Board: establish (see S. 2269), [10NO]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: permit authorization of Federal agencies to accept certain payments relative to spectrum efficiency and reallocation (see S. 2227), [3NO]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
OMB: establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]
———issue a directive on management of software licenses (see S. 2340), [2DE]
———oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
Power resources: establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, establish a FERC Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and modify terms of Federal rights-of-way for electric transmission systems (see S. 1217), [6MY]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [25MR], [26MR], [15AP], [5MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [30JA], [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Reports filed
Competitive Service Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1580) (S. Rept. 114–143), [15SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1619) (S. Rept. 114–68), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Accountability Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1082), [19OC]
———Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1082) (S. Rept. 114–163), [3NO]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]
Eliminating Government-Funded Oil-Painting (EGO) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 310) (S. Rept. 114–93), [27JY]
Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 991) (S. Rept. 114–151), [1OC]
Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 614) (S. Rept. 114–86), [21JY]
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
Federal Vehicle Repair Cost Savings Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 565) (S. Rept. 114–59), [22MY]
Grants Oversight and New Efficiency (GONE) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1115) (S. Rept. 114–169), [30NO]
Inspector General Empowerment Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 114–36), [5MY]
Inspector General Mandates Reporting Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2128) (S. Rept. 114–171), [30NO]
Program Management Improvement Accountability Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1550) (S. Rept. 114–162), [3NO]
Saving Federal Dollars Through Better Use of Government Purchase and Travel Cards Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1616) (S. Rept. 114–174), [8DE]
Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 282) (S. Rept. 114–71), [24JN]
Truth in Settlements Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1109) (S. Rept. 114–76), [7JY]

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS *see* **PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT *related term(s)* **WHITE HOUSE**
Bills and resolutions
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Federal agencies and departments: improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [21JY]
———publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules (see S. 1820), [21JY]
———reform rulemaking process by only promulgating regulations that are necessary, maximize benefits, and provide the public an opportunity to participate in the process (see S. 1818), [21JY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Firearms: provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution has no force or effect (see S. 2434), [18DE]
Immigration: prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]

National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
Presidents of the U.S.: improve process of Presidential transition (see S. 1172), [30AP]
Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board: reform (see S. 1337), [13MY]
White House Fellows Program: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 22), [6OC]
Cloture motions
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Motions
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Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Presidential Transitions Improvements Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1172) (S. Rept. 114–94), [27JY]

EXPEDITED DISABILITY INSURANCE PAYMENTS FOR TERMINALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2010), [9SE]

EXPLOSIVES *related term(s)* **FIREARMS**
Bills and resolutions
Cluster munitions: limit use (see S. 28), [6JA]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U.S.
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Reauthorize (see S. 819, 824), [19MR]
Reauthorize and reform (see S. 2183), [19OC]
SBA: establish Export Credit Insurance Program (see S. 1546), [10JN]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]
Reports filed
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1725) (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]

EXPORTS *see* **FOREIGN TRADE**

FAA MODERNIZATION AND REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Bankruptcy: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]

FAIR ACCESS TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 779), [18MR]

FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 1249), [7MY]
Consumers: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1234), [6MY]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies (see S. 2355), [3DE]
———enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Families and domestic relations: clarify ability to use consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments (see S. 2077), [24SE]

FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Consumers: restrict debt collection practices of certain debt collectors (see S. 2255), [5NO]

FAIR ELECTIONS NOW ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1538), [10JN]

FAIR HOUSING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR] (see S. 2070), [22SE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [26MR] (see S. 2200), [22OC]
Dept. of Labor: phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [5AU]
———preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
———prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 777), [18MR]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 803), [19MR]
———require employers to provide a certain amount of paid vacation time to eligible employees (see S. 1564), [11JN]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [10MR]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [22JY]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 2322), [19NO]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
Women: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]

FAIR SENTENCING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]

FAIR TRADE LAWS *see* **FOREIGN TRADE**

FAIRNESS FOR CRIME VICTIMS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Budget (Senate) (S. 1495) (S. Rept. 114–87), [21JY]

FAIRNESS FOR STRUGGLING STUDENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 729), [12MR]

FAIRNESS IN FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 870), [26MR]

FALLS FREE COALITION
Bills and resolutions
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 264), [22SE]

FAMILIES AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS *related term(s)* **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
Appointments
Conferees: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 219), [21JA] (see S. 582), [26FE]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
Alcohol Responsibility Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———preserve current amount of basic allowance for housing for certain married members of uniformed services (see S. 1628), [18JN]
———provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [6OC] (see S. 2403), [15DE]
———provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [5AU]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [20JA]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]

Children and youth: clarify ability to use consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments (see S. 2077), [24SE]
———establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1637), [18JN]
———improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
———increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1254), [7MY]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
Citizenship: provide for automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals (see S. 2275), [10NO]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Constitutional amendments: definition of marriage (see S.J. Res. 12), [23AP]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [7JA]
———recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Courts: prohibit Federal court jurisdiction and funding over cases related to marriage (see S. 1080), [23AP]
Credit: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower (see S. 1384), [19MY]
Crime: expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]
Daughters of Penelope (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 214), [25JN]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Defense: require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of Education: assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———improve privacy protections for students and their parents (see S. 1341), [14MY]
———make grants to promote the education of expectant and parenting students (see S. 416), [9FE]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
Dept. of HHS: allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (see S. 1439), [21MY]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
Dept. of HUD: modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
Dept. of Justice: establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
Dept. of the Interior: carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 1078), [23AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim (see S. 1451), [21MY]
———authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1105), [28AP]
———clarify which children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 1070), [23AP]
———enhance treatment of small businesses owned by veterans after the death of disabled veteran owners for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 296), [28JA]
———establish a continuing medical education program for non-departmental medical professionals who treat veterans and their families (see S. 2049), [17SE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
———improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 241), [22JA]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [16AP]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Discrimination: prohibit in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Education: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 777), [18MR]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 803), [19MR]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
———require employers to provide a certain amount of paid vacation time to eligible employees (see S. 1564), [11JN]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
Federal employees: ensure that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (see S. 2033), [15SE]
———provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [8JA]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]

Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
———recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 131), [26MR]
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.: amend charter to remove certain restrictions (see S. 1366), [18MY]
Government regulations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———promote awareness of organ donation and need to increase pool of available organs (see S. 1435), [21MY]
Immigration: clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 45), [7JA]
———expedite processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the U.S. (see S. 44), [7JA]
———impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 79), [7JA]
———prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
———increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [13JA]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Korean Peninsula: resume family reunions between North and South Korea, allow Korean Americans to reunite with divided families in North Korea, and encourage peace (see S. Res. 190), [3JN]
Law enforcement officers: ensure Federal officers remain able to ensure their own safety and the safety of their families during a covered furlough (see S. 1162), [30AP]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [10MR]
Marriage: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Medicaid: ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [23JY]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 349), [3FE]
Medicare: cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [22JY]
———encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [18NO]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 1494), [3JN]
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record: provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their families can register certain firearms (see S. 670), [4MR]
National Florence Crittenton Mission: rename as the National Crittenton Foundation (see S. 1727), [9JY]
National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [22SE]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: designate (see S. Res. 75), [12FE]
Native Americans: require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings (see S. 184), [16JA]
Omar N. Bradley Foundation: authorize the transfer of certain items to the descendants of Omar N. Bradley (see S. 267), [27JA]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Public welfare programs: ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care (see S. 2166), [8OC]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 64), [7JA]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Senior citizens: provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———enhance benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
———enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 369), [4FE]
———establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
———prohibit seizing of tax refunds to repay overpayments, restore statute of limitations applicable to debt collection through administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments to children (see S. 204), [21JA]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]
———allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA] (see S. 920), [14AP]
———clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 53), [7JA]
———create a credit for foster families (see S. 664), [4MR]
———enhance the child and dependent care tax credit (see S. 820), [19MR]
———enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 279), [28JA] (see S. 322), [29JA] (see S. 916), [14AP]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 101), [7JA]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 215), [21JA]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving VA medical care for service-connected disabilities (see S. 1880), [28JY]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 879), [26MR]

———provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave (see S. 2354), [3DE]
———provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses (see S. 180), [16JA]
———provide deduction for itemizers and non-itemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 100), [7JA]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [15AP]
———provide for dependent care savings accounts (see S. 74), [7JA]
———recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs (see S. 835), [23MR]
———reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, reduce estate value exemption level, include a billionaire's surtax, tax dynasty trusts, and protect farmland and conservation easements (see S. 1677), [25JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
———repeal Internal Revenue Code and replace with a flat tax (see S. 929), [14AP]
———require that individual taxpayer identification number applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers (see S. 1397), [20MY]
———strengthen the child tax credit (see S. 2264), [10NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
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Women: ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
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———suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 2036), [15SE]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]

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Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Armed Forces: extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———preserve current amount of basic allowance for housing for certain married members of uniformed services (see S. 1628), [18JN]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Benefits: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
———clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18MY]
———test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Children and youth: improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
———issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1254), [7MY]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Colleges and universities: extend antitrust exemption for higher education institutions relative to the award of need-based educational aid (see S. 1482), [2JN]
———prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
———require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking: establish (see S. 991), [16AP]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [7JA]

———recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Corps of Engineers: provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
Crime: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]
———expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Delta Regional Authority: add Vernon and Sabine Parishes, LA, to make such parishes eligible for Federal economic development grants (see S. 1791), [16JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10JN]
———improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [22JY]
———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]
———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]
———limit crop insurance premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer (see S. 345), [3FE]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———prohibit paying of premium subsidies on crop insurance policies based on actual market price of agricultural commodity at time of harvest (see S. 463), [11FE]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
———reform crop insurance program (see S. 2244), [5NO]
———require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1022), [21AP]
———establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 151), [13JA]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]
———allow a choice between a fixed amount student loan repayment plan or an income-driven student loan repayment plan for all borrowers (see S. 1948), [5AU]
———allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan Program (see S. 1556), [11JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———allow the awarding of job training Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1900), [30JY]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———authorize American Dream Accounts to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 687), [10MR]
———authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———award Early College Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1106), [28AP]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, reduce interest rates and allow for refinancing of student loans, expand work study program, and simplify student aid application process (see S. 1373), [19MY]
———establish a full-service community schools grant program (see S. 1787), [16JY]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 1050), [22AP]
———establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [19MR]
———establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative higher education providers to receive Federal education funding (see S. 2111), [30SE]
———establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program (see S. 1128), [29AP]
———establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
———extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———fund Federal Pell Grant Program through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [22AP]
———improve college affordability by increasing maximum awards, allowing year-round eligibility, and extending duration limits relative to the Federal Pell Grant Program (see S. 1998), [5AU]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]
———increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [22AP]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
———increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
———make grants to promote the education of expectant and parenting students (see S. 416), [9FE]
———make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system to give prospective students a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college (see S. 2150), [7OC]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———provide certain long-term resident alien students with access to financial aid (see S. 1059), [22AP]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]
———provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools (see S. 1892), [29JY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———provide grants to States for repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools (see S. 1505), [4JN]

———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student centers (see S. 604), [26FE]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [22AP]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———strengthen and reauthorize the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (see S. 1075), [23AP]
———strengthen connections to early childhood education programs (see S. 643), [3MR]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
———use student loan repayment rates at institutions of higher education to determine institutional eligibility for Federal student aid funds and require risk sharing payments of institutions (see S. 1939), [5AU]
Dept. of Energy: award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1275), [11MY]
———establish a grant program allowing National Laboratories provision of vouchers to small businesses to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and their economic impact (see S. 1259), [7MY]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
———establish a program to make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid (see S. 1207), [6MY]
———establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———establish comprehensive program to improve education and training to increase number of skilled workers in energy and manufacturing fields (see S. 1422), [21MY]
———establish pilot competitive grant program for development of a skilled energy workforce (see S. 1304), [12MY]
———expand Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and U.S. flagged vessels and return unspent funds and loan proceeds to reduce the national debt (see S. 1181), [4MY]
———improve loan guarantee program for innovative technologies (see S. 1223), [6MY]
———promote mapping and development of geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk exploration wells, improve technology, and demonstrate use in large scale thermal applications (see S. 1155), [30AP]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
———reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
———require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [14AP]
Dept. of HHS: allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (see S. 1439), [21MY]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———award grants to States for development of innovative long-term services and support programs (see S. 2338), [1DE]
———build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
———establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]
———establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
———improve Head Start Program by authorizing block grants to States for prekindergarten education (see S. 2290), [17NO]
———prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42, 118), [7JA]
———provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]
———provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
———reauthorize program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns (see S. 2424), [18DE]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
———reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 1615), [18JN]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of HUD: amend definition of ''homeless person'' to include certain homeless children and youth (see S. 256), [27JA]
———authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 65), [7JA]
———modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
———prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
———renew certain Moving to Work demonstration program agreements (see S. 1530), [9JN]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
———enhance the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program (see S. 2401), [15DE]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program (see S. 1108), [28AP]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
———provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
———strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1328), [13MY]
———ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
———extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE] (see S. 1003), [16AP] (see S. 1268), [11MY]
———provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Dept. of Transportation: assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———enhance transportation programs to connect people to jobs, schools, and other essential services

through a multimodal transportation network (see S. 2008), [6AU]
———provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students (see S. 2433), [18DE]
———reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
———rescind unused earmarks (see S. 1544), [10JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim (see S. 1451), [21MY]
———authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1105), [28AP]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5OC]
———clarify which children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 1070), [23AP]
———eliminate sunset date and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program (see S. 1991), [5AU]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 1534), [9JN]
———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
———establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [21JA]
———establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———expand requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and improve oversight of fiduciaries (see S. 2316), [19NO]
———extend authority of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans (see S. 2048), [17SE]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 1460), [22MY]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
———improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 684), [10MR]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [29JY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
———improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Disabled: prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports (see S. 2427), [18DE]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [23AP]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
———provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
Drugs: combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Education: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
———establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
Employment: assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
———establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
———incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
———reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP] (see S. 1124), [28AP]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
———prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 56), [7JA] (see S. 1621), [18JN]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———require a quarterly report on the Lifeline program funded by the Universal Service Fund (see S. 1545), [10JN]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [28AP]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [22JA]
———identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments (see S. 614), [27FE]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [19MR]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 94), [7JA]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 487), [12FE]
———develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs relative to certain disaster relief and emergency assistance (see S. 2109), [30SE]
———prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 406), [5FE] (see S. 634), [3MR]
———provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [27AP]
———provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 2324), [19NO]
———provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
———require rulemaking to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance (see S. 870), [26MR]
Financial institutions: provide relief to community banks and promote their access to capital (see S. 1816), [21JY]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]

Forest Service: resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program (see S. 644), [3MR]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
Government: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
Government Transformation Board: establish (see S. 2269), [10NO]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Immigration: limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———prohibit aliens not lawfully present in the U.S. from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits not available to all citizens and U.S. nationals (see S. 60), [7JA]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
Income: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 343), [3FE] (see S. 499), [12FE] (see S. 2005), [6AU]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 130), [8JA]
IRS: provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Law enforcement: provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [3MR]
———encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
———ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [23JY]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 349), [3FE]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
———restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
———strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [29SE]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [12FE]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico (see S. 1453), [21MY]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JN]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [11MR]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———improve efficiency of appeals process (see S. 2368), [8DE]
———improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [3MR]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies (see S. 1253), [7MY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [29AP]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [30SE]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
———implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [5FE]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
———improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [16DE]
———make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
———require use of electronic visit verification systems for home health and personal care services (see S. 2416), [17DE]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
Mortgages: establish programs to encourage use of shared equity mortgage modifications (see S. 1582), [16JN]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 1494), [3JN]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 710), [11MR]
Native Americans: facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1443), [21MY]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
———provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
———provide tribal demonstration projects for integration of early childhood development and education, including Native language and culture (see S. 2304), [18NO]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Pharmaceuticals: ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 69), [7JA]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement a cash withdrawal daily limit for recipients of cash assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 1288), [12MY]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 64), [7JA]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are

constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY] (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
SBA: carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses (see S. 1862), [26JY] (see S. 1870), [27JY]
———clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 956), [15AP]
———direct Office of Veterans Business Development task force to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses (see S. 1400), [20MY]
———establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
———establish an incubator and accelerator grant program for veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 2273), [10NO]
———establish Regional Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program (see S. 2136), [6OC]
———establish Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program (see S. 1934), [4AU]
———establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———expand participation in the Microloan Program (see S. 1857), [23JY]
———expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [15AP]
———help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [14JY]
———improve small business development centers (see S. 999), [16AP]
———improve the Microloan Program (see S. 1445), [21MY]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [15AP]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
———increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 115), [7JA]
———increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
———provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery (see S. 1470), [31MY]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [1OC]
———treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain defense base closure areas (see S. 1292), [12MY]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA] (see S. 316), [29JA]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
———provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———enhance benefits and ensure long-term solvency (see S. 731), [12MR]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———exclude certain medical sources of evidence in making disability determinations (see S. 1198), [5MY]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———prohibit an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for a felony from receiving various cash benefits (see S. 1758), [14JY]
———protect system and improve benefits (see S. 1904), [30JY]
———provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 428), [10FE]
———provide for a phased-in payment of disability insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 2010), [9SE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
———require applicable manufacturers to include information on payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in certain transparency reports (see S. 2153), [7OC]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [16AP]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 1940), [5AU]
SSA: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 369), [4FE]
———make on-line tools available to allow individuals to assess the impact of earnings on eligibility for, and amount of, disability benefits received through Federal and State programs (see S. 1197), [5MY]
———prohibit seizing of tax refunds to repay overpayments, restore statute of limitations applicable to debt collection through administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments to children (see S. 204), [21JA]
———provide certain individuals with information on employment support services (see S. 1923), [4AU]
———provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions (see S. 1922), [4AU]
———update medical-vocational guidelines used in disability determinations (see S. 1194), [5MY]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
States: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Taxation: establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [15AP] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
———exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers (see S. 919), [14AP]
———exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [16AP]
———increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit (see S. 537), [24FE]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———require that individual taxpayer identification number applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers (see S. 1397), [20MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Transportation: ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [30SE]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
Veterans: extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
———waive minimum period of continuous active duty for homeless veterans to receive benefits and furnish benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases under other than honorable conditions (see S. 1731), [9JY]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
Whistleblowing: enhance protection for contractor and grantee employees (see S. 795), [18MR]
Women: expand health programs (see S. 674), [4MR]
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Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
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———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
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Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [18MR]
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Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (S. 599), [19NO]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), [30JY]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (H.R. 2), [14AP]
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Audit & Appeals Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare (AFIRM) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 2368) (S. Rept. 114–177), [8DE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Waiver Authority Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1362) (S. Rept. 114–108), [30JY]
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 966), [10JN]
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Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Authorization Extension: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 125), [26MR]
Dept. of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268) (S. Rept. 114–44), [12MY]
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Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2109) (S. Rept. 114–173), [7DE]
Emergency Information Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1090) (S. Rept. 114–142), [15SE]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 991) (S. Rept. 114–151), [1OC]
Exclude From Gross Income Certain Clean Coal Power Grants to Non-Corporate Taxpayers: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 919) (S. Rept. 114–29), [14AP]
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Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 614) (S. Rept. 114–86), [21JY]
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Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 178), [2MR]
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Microloan Modernization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1857), [15SE]
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Older Americans Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 192), [3FE]
Patient Access to Disposable Medical Technology Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1253) (S. Rept. 114–105), [30JY]
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Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 466) (S. Rept. 114–100), [30JY]
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Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment (SURVIVE) Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 1704) (S. Rept. 114–172), [3DE]
Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 999), [10JN]
Small Business Energy Efficiency Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1756), [15SE]
Small Business Investment Capital Company Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 552), [10JN]
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STEM Education Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 1020) (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]
Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 166), [2MR]
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Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 282) (S. Rept. 114–71), [24JN]
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Veterans Entrepreneurship Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 957), [10JN]
Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1400), [15SE]
Veterans Small Business Ownership Improvements Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1866), [15SE]
Water Resources Research Act Grants Reauthorization and Applied Water Supply Research Regarding Water Resources Research and Technology Institutes: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 653) (S. Rept. 114–48), [18MY]
Women's Small Business Ownership Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2126), [8OC]
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FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT
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Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
Bills and resolutions
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Airport Improvement Program: use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
Aviation: clarify whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status (see S. 387), [5FE]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]
———require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [5AU]
Crime: provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
Noise pollution: address increase of aircraft noise due to implementation of new flight paths under Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) (see S. 2406), [16DE]
Pilots: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
———issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
Safety: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [14AP]
———protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [18JN]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
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Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN]
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]
Federal employees: provide adequate whistleblower protections (see S. 2390), [10DE]

Firearms: ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [21OC]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
Immigration: prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
Law enforcement: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 99), [10MR]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
Schools: require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT ACT
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Enact (see S. 2390), [10DE]

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Advertising: revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
Consumers: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
Dept. of Commerce: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Government regulations: authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 760), [17MR]
———consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 253), [26JA]
———exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
———extend to private land use restrictions its rule relative to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications (see S. 1685), [25JN]
———promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
———provide greater transparency and efficiency in procedures (see S. 421), [10FE]
Information technology: disapprove rule regulating broadband Internet access (see S.J. Res. 14), [28AP]
Internet: limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
Lifeline program: prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service (see S. 56), [7JA] (see S. 1621), [18JN]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
OMB: authorize additional uses of the Spectrum Relocation Fund (see S. 2211), [27OC]
Rural areas: provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 734), [12MR]
Small business: exempt providers of broadband Internet access from net neutrality enhanced transparency requirements (see S. 2283), [16NO]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts (see S. 2414), [17DE]
Telecommunications: encourage licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
———promote certain unlicensed spectrum use and maximize the use of such spectrum for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development (see S. 424), [10FE]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
———ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [19MR]
———improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
———require a quarterly report on the Lifeline program funded by the Universal Service Fund (see S. 1545), [10JN]
Television: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program: reform and modernize (see S. 1472), [1JN]
Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support (see S. 1916), [3AU]
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FEDERAL COMPUTER SECURITY ACT
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FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT
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Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]
———exclude credit union loans secured by certain non-owner occupied family dwellings from the definition of member business loan (see S. 1440), [21MY]

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: prohibit paying of premium subsidies on crop insurance policies based on actual market price of agricultural commodity at time of harvest (see S. 463), [11FE]
———reform crop insurance program (see S. 2244), [5NO]

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [16AP]
Insurance: provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [19MR]

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP. *related term(s)* **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Financial institutions: allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [16AP]
———exempt certain small community banks from certain regulations (see S. 1799), [16JY]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Firearms: terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
Government regulations: ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]
Insurance: provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [19MR]
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Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]

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Political campaigns: clarify treatment of certain coordinated political action committee expenditures as contributions to candidates (see S. 1838), [22JY]
———provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———require all contributions over a certain amount be reported to the FEC within 48 hours (see S. 2212), [28OC]

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]

———require all contributions over a certain amount be reported to the FEC within 48 hours (see S. 2212), [28OC]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**
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Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA] (see S. 1619), [18JN] (see S. 2130, 2131), [5OC]
Disasters: develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs relative to certain disaster relief and emergency assistance (see S. 2109), [30SE]
———prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 406), [5FE] (see S. 634), [3MR]
———require rulemaking to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance (see S. 870), [26MR]
Immigration: prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY]
Law enforcement: provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
National Advisory Council: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee (see S. 546), [24FE]
National Flood Insurance Program: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 487), [12FE]
———provide for transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 2324), [19NO]
National Research Council: enter into agreement to study urban flooding (see S. 1481), [2JN]
Public broadcasting: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [27AP]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Telecommunications: establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
Wildfires: provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
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Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
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Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [30JA], [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
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Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1619) (S. Rept. 114–68), [18JN]
Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2109) (S. Rept. 114–173), [7DE]
Emergency Information Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1090) (S. Rept. 114–142), [15SE]
Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1180) (S. Rept. 114–73), [25JN]
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
RESPONSE Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 546) (S. Rept. 114–85), [21JY]

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE FAIR TREATMENT ACT
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Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 103), [7JA]
———ensure ability of covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program to access care under a health plan under such program in each TRICARE program region (see S. 1290), [12MY]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 594), [26FE]
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [8DE]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [4FE]
Civil liberties: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
Coast Guard: making continuing appropriations for pay in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 545), [24FE]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 13), [23AP]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [7JA]
Dept. of Defense: require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
———train personnel to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities (see S. 623), [3MR]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]
Dept. of State: authorize appropriations (see S. 1635), [18JN]
———improve Inspector General oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5OC]
———establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———improve accountability of employees (see S. 290), [28JA]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [25FE]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [24JN]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1257), [7MY]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [23AP]
———retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee in the permanent record of the employee (see S. 1496), [3JN]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
———terminate any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower (see S. 788), [18MR]
Employment: permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 777), [18MR]
Families and domestic relations: ensure that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (see S. 2033), [15SE]
FBI: provide adequate whistleblower protections (see S. 2390), [10DE]
Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]
———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
———limit authority to award bonuses to employees (see S. 742), [16MR]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 111), [7JA]
———provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis (see S. 1199), [5MY]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security

clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [26FE]
FRS: prohibit members and staff from lobbying for or against legislation (see S. 2288), [17NO]
———reform by amending Board of Governors staffing policies and settlement voting guidelines (see S. 1248), [7MY]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Income: increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [13JA]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
———ensure that employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights (see S. 943, 951), [15AP]
———establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———exempt from certain labor-management relations requirements (see S. 2245, 2246), [5NO]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
———prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
———terminate employment of employees who take certain official actions for political purposes (see S. 941), [15AP]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
Law enforcement officers: ensure Federal officers remain able to ensure their own safety and the safety of their families during a covered furlough (see S. 1162), [30AP]
Library of Congress: establish a 10-year term for the Librarian of Congress (see S. 2162), [7OC]
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 606), [26FE]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
NLRB: reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
NOAA: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Official portraits: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310, 323), [29JA]
Oklahoma City, OK: anniversary of attack on Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building (see S. Res. 139), [16AP]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 87), [7JA]
Pensions: prevent fraud by representative payees by prosecuting those who misuse Federal retirement funds (see S. 1576), [15JN]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]
Political ethics: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [17SE]
Public lands: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1522), [8JN] (see S. 1591), [17JN]
———provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Ritchie, Donald A.: designate as Historian Emeritus of the Senate (see S. Res. 147), [22AP]
Senate: review procedures ensuring an employee in the office of Senators on committees requiring access to top secret information may obtain security clearances needed to have access to such information (see S. 1569), [11JN]
Senate Rules: revise number of affirmative votes required to end debate on nominations (see S. Res. 67), [4FE]
Senior Executive Service: provide for investigative leave requirements for members (see S. 362), [4FE]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Taxation: make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 303), [29JA]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [5FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55 (see S. 969), [16AP]
Thrift Savings Plan: provide a corporate responsibility investment option (see S. 1144), [30AP]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges (see S. 1754), [14JY]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Veterans: provide leave to a new employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at a certain percentage for purposes of undergoing treatment for such disability (see S. 242), [22JA]
———provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [8JA]
Whistleblowing: provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
Cloture motions
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
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Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission Recommendations: President Obama, [30AP]
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Competitive Service Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1580) (S. Rept. 114–143), [15SE]
Dept. of State Appropriations: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1635), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Accountability Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1082), [19OC]
———Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1082) (S. Rept. 114–163), [3NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Revoking of Bonuses Paid to Employees Involved in Electronic Medical Appointment Wait List Manipulations: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 627) (S. Rept. 114–148), [28SE]
Eliminating Government-Funded Oil-Painting (EGO) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 310) (S. Rept. 114–93), [27JY]
Gold Star Fathers Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 136) (S. Rept. 114–35), [5MY]
Human Trafficking Detection Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 460) (S. Rept. 114–46), [14MY]
Inspector General Empowerment Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 114–36), [5MY]
Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531), [4AU]
———Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531) (S. Rept. 114–123), [8SE]
Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1576) (S. Rept. 114–95), [27JY]
Saving Federal Dollars Through Better Use of Government Purchase and Travel Cards Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1616) (S. Rept. 114–174), [8DE]
Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr., Post Office, Cedar Hill, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 728), [24JN]
TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 719) (S. Rept. 114–111), [4AU]
Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 242) (S. Rept. 114–89), [23JY]

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project (see S. 1583), [16JN]

———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
Electric power: improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
———provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and provide for the examination of the effects of net metering (see S. 1219), [6MY]
———provide reports on electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address procurement of electric capacity resources (see S. 1222), [6MY]
———require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system (see S. 1221), [6MY]
Government regulations: modify certain requirements relative to trial-type hearings for certain license applications (see S. 1236), [6MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
———streamline licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects on existing dams (see S. 1338), [14MY]
Montana: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
Natural gas: consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and consumer benefits before approving or disapproving an application for a liquefied natural gas terminal (see S. 1242), [7MY]
North Carolina: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
Power resources: assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
———establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, establish a FERC Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and modify terms of Federal rights-of-way for electric transmission systems (see S. 1217), [6MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
———require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
Public utilities: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
———expand provisions for termination of electric utility mandatory purchase requirements from certain facilities (see S. 1037), [22AP]
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Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
FERC Reinstatement and Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Clark Canyon Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1103) (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]

FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]

FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]

FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Drugs: improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
———create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
———ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [18JN]
———ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
———ensure the safety of imported seafood (see S. 190), [20JA]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
———establish a third-party quality system assessment program for medical devices (see S. 2187), [21OC]
———establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
———establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
———improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
———increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
———provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 1101), [27AP]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 1406), [20MY]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
———provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
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Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 481), [1OC]

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FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1367), [18MY]

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Mortgages: establish programs to encourage use of shared equity mortgage modifications (see S. 1582), [16JN]

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
Bills and resolutions
FRS: require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
Mortgages: establish programs to encourage use of shared equity mortgage modifications (see S. 1582), [16JN]

FEDERAL IMPROPER PAYMENTS COORDINATION ACT
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FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT REFORM ACT
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FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Reports filed
Sensible Environmental Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY
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Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]

FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases (see S. 937), [14AP]

FEDERAL LAND TRANSACTION FACILITATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]

FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [18JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Coast Guard Appropriations: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1611) (S. Rept. 114–168), [30NO]
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FEDERAL OIL AND GAS ROYALTY MANAGEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
FEDERAL PERMITTING IMPROVEMENT ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
FEDERAL POWER ACT
Bills and resolutions
Electric power: clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act to generate or transmit electricity may not be considered a violation of environmental laws or regulations (see S. 848), [24MR]
———protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]
FERC: improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
———modify certain requirements relative to trial-type hearings for certain license applications (see S. 1236), [6MY]
———provide reports on electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address procurement of electric capacity resources (see S. 1222), [6MY]
———require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system (see S. 1221), [6MY]
———streamline licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects on existing dams (see S. 1338), [14MY]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Power resources: facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
Reports filed
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 209) (S. Rept. 114–149), [30SE]
Provisions: Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act, [30SE]
FEDERAL PRISONS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1784), [16JY]
FEDERAL REGISTER
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
FEDERAL REGULATIONS *see* **GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS**
FEDERAL RESERVE ACT
Bills and resolutions
FRS: reform by amending Board of Governors staffing policies and settlement voting guidelines (see S. 1248), [7MY]
———reform by limiting emergency lending authority and closing loopholes allowing megabanks to engage in unrestricted commodities activities (see S. 1320), [13MY]
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
Board of Governors: improve functioning and transparency (see S. 1848), [23JY]
———reaffirm importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience and ensure at least one member with such experience (see S. 92), [7JA]
Centennial Monetary Commission: establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: bring into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [19MY]
———eliminate (see S. 1804), [21JY]
———establish advisory boards (see S. 1963), [5AU]
———establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
———increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 482), [12FE]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information maintained on them (see S. 96), [7JA]
———require establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
———require Senate confirmation of Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1508), [4JN] (see S. 1720), [8JY]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]
Education: require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Federal Open Market Committee: improve functioning and transparency (see S. 1848), [23JY]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 94), [7JA]
Financial institutions: allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [16AP]
———establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
———exempt certain small community banks from certain regulations (see S. 1799), [16JY]
———improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
———provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions (see S. 927), [14AP]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Government regulations: ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]
———reform by amending Board of Governors staffing policies and settlement voting guidelines (see S. 1248), [7MY]
———reform by limiting emergency lending authority and closing loopholes allowing megabanks to engage in unrestricted commodities activities (see S. 1320), [13MY]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
Lobbyists: prohibit members and staff from lobbying for or against legislation (see S. 2288), [17NO]
Presidential appointments: require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 530), [23FE]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
Taxation: regulate tax return preparers and refund anticipation payment arrangements (see S. 935), [14AP]
Cloture motions
Government regulations: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Motions
Government regulations: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), [18DE]
Reports filed
Financial Regulatory Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1484), [2JN]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT
Cloture motions
Enact (S. 2232): motion to proceed, [18DE]
Motions
Enact (S. 2232), [18DE]
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Advertising: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Animals: issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 1634), [18JN]
Business and industry: exercise authority relative to mergers under certain antitrust legislation and only in the same procedural manner as the Dept. of Justice exercises such authority (see S. 2102), [30SE]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
Consumers: restrict debt collection practices of certain debt collectors (see S. 2255), [5NO]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Government regulations: prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Internet: prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 2413), [17DE]

Motor vehicles: develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors: establish (see S. 1490), [3JN]
Patents: strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Pharmaceuticals: ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Privacy: establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
———require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
———improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
FTC: exercise authority relative to mergers under certain antitrust legislation and only in the same procedural manner as the Dept. of Justice exercises such authority (see S. 2102), [30SE]

FEDERAL VEHICLE REPAIR COST SAVINGS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 565) (S. Rept. 114–59), [22MY]

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Corps of Engineers: provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
Courts: permit removal of certain civil actions filed in State courts to U.S. district courts (see S. 106), [7JA]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
EPA: carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program (see S. 1394), [20MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
———modify provision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relative to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites (see S. 1701), [25JN]
———prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
———reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [8JN]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 596), [26FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
EPA National Estuary Program Reauthorization: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1523) (S. Rept. 114–161), [29OC]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]

FEDERAL WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Enact (S. 1140): motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Enact (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]

FEDERAL WIRE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]

FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS
Appointments
Conferees: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
———provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf region and make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative (see S. 1278), [11MY]
American Infrastructure Bank: establish (see S. 1296), [12MY]
Animals: provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros (see S. 1845), [23JY]
Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
Armed Forces: establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
BLM: establish a program to enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities (see S. 1230), [6MY]
Budget: rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Children and youth: improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Constitutional amendments: give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States (see S.J. Res. 17), [25JN]
Constitution—U.S.: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Courts: prohibit Federal court jurisdiction and funding over cases related to marriage (see S. 1080), [23AP]
Crime: combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [19MR]
———establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving

institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
———strengthen charter school accountability and transparency, prevent fraud, and increase community involvement (see S. 1708), [7JY]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
Dept. of Energy: coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
———obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
———require State approval before exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property for electric transmission projects in such State (see S. 485), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———improve Head Start Program by authorizing block grants to States for prekindergarten education (see S. 2290), [17NO]
———provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]
Dept. of Justice: enhance the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program (see S. 2401), [15DE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
———provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases (see S. 937), [14AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
Dept. of Transportation: assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———limit application of Federal laws to distribution and consumption of marijuana (see S. 2237), [4NO]
Economy: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 94), [7JA]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [7JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [20MY]
Employment: incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
Families and domestic relations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
———establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1637), [18JN]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FCC: limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
FDA: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
Federal Water Pollution Control Act: permit removal of certain civil actions filed in State courts to U.S. district courts (see S. 106), [7JA]
FEMA: provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
———require rulemaking to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance (see S. 870), [26MR]
FERC: improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
Fire prevention: require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger (see S. 1100), [27AP]
Firearms: ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [21OC]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions (see S. 1351), [14MY]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
Government regulations: provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
GSA: convey certain Federal property in Alaska to Anchorage, AK (see S. 1492), [3JN]
Health: reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
———give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]

Marriage: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]
Medicare: permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 232), [22JA]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Native Americans: protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems (see S. 888), [26MR]
Presidents of the U.S.: limit authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument (see S. 1416), [21MY]
Public utilities: provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement a cash withdrawal daily limit for recipients of cash assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 1288), [12MY]
Puerto Rico: provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
Roads and highways: require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA] (see S. 316), [29JA]
Social Security: provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 428), [10FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
———recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [6JA]
Taxation: establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 2124), [1OC]
———free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
———ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [30SE]
———provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
Voting: establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for Federal elections (see S. 1970), [5AU]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Water: reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1087), [27AP]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [1OC]
———outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [15SE]
———require that military working dogs be retired in the U.S. (see S. 1498), [27JY]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [16JY]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [22AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [10FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [15AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [17JN]
Coast Guard: convey certain property to Marin County, CA (see S. 1191), [5MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [13MY]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]

CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [17JN]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [21OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [25FE]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [18MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10NO]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [17JN]
———require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [12FE]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [11FE]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [27AP]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [2MR]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [27JY]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [12MY]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [26OC]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [7MY]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [3NO]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [15JY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [30SE]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [24FE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [25MR]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Labor: prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [26OC]
Dept. of the Interior: acquire land in Martinez, CA, for inclusion in John Muir National Historic Site (see S. 651), [4MR]
———authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1983), [5AU]
———conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [25FE]
———take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria (see S. 1761), [14JY]
———take certain Federal lands located in Tuolumne County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (see S. 1822), [19OC]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [21AP]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [30JY]
———establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [21JA]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [27JA]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [5AU]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [9FE]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [3JN]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1327), [13MY]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [19NO]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [4AU]
———promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [9NO]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [14JY]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [3DE]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [26FE]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [15SE]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [3AU]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Golden State Warriors (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 206), [18JN]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [18MY]

Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [5NO]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Human rights: treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Immigration: reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [16JN]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [23JY]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [11JN]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [28AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [25MR]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [13JY]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [18JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [5AU]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [19NO]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [14MY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [8OC]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [27AP]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
National Guard: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [9JA]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [27OC]
Nepal: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [20OC]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [16SE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [25JN]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [8SE]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [22JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [18DE]
Railroads: improve highway-rail grade crossing safety (see S. 532), [25FE]
———improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [3MR]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [29JA]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [23JN]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [25FE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [2DE]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [16NO]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [20OC]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [10JN]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]

———deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 946), [20AP]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Tule Lake National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2412), [17DE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Vice Presidents of the U.S.: prohibit threats against former Vice Presidents and members of their families (see S. 250), [26JA]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Water: advance integrated water management and development through innovation, resiliency, conservation, and efficiency (see S. 176), [21JA]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [8JN]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [17SE]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [3NO]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Aranda De Buendia, Alicia: relief (see S. 1097), [27AP]
Arenas, Maria L.: relief (see S. 1094), [27AP]
Arreola-Saucedo, Esidronio and family: relief (see S. 1098), [27AP]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Crime: combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Daughters of Penelope (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 214), [25JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Education: allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
Dept. of HHS: provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of HUD: amend definition of ''homeless person'' to include certain homeless children and youth (see S. 256), [27JA]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
Dept. of Transportation: incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [16AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [30AP]
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Drought: provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [18JN]
FDA: ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 487), [12FE]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
France: tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Gabra, Joseph: relief (see S. 1096), [27AP]
Immigrant Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 216), [25JN]
Iran: reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
Kamel, Sharon: relief (see S. 1096), [27AP]
Karapetian, Asmik: relief (see S. 1092), [27AP]
Law enforcement: limit authority to detain U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under authorizations for use of military force without charge or trial (see S. 24), [6JA]
Lopez-Urenda, Javier: relief (see S. 1094), [27AP]
Martinez Moreno, Jose A., and family: relief (see S. 1093), [27AP]
Mkoian, Ruben: relief (see S. 1092), [27AP]
Mkoyan, Arthur: relief (see S. 1092), [27AP]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 223), [14JY]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [7JA]
Plascencia Lopez, Alfredo: relief (see S. 1091), [27AP]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Rojas Gutierrez, Jorge and family: relief (see S. 1095), [27AP]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
San Diego, CA: anniversary of 1915 Panama-California Exposition and establishment of Balboa Park (see S. Con. Res. 15), [4MY]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 596), [26FE]
SBA: make Community Advantage Pilot Program permanent (see S. 2125), [1OC]
Tan, Shirley Constantino: relief (see S. 2029), [15SE]
Terrorism: require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
Women: require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
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Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2347, 2357), [3DE] (see S. 2393), [10DE]
———make mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections permanent (see S. 1152), [30AP]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
———provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation (see S. 1840, 1841), [22JY]
———require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [15JY]
Centennial Monetary Commission: establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]
Community banks: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]

———provide relief and promote their access to capital (see S. 1816), [21JY]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Consumers: provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts (see S. 2315), [19NO]
———restrict debt collection practices of certain debt collectors (see S. 2255), [5NO]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies (see S. 2355), [3DE]
———enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower (see S. 1384), [19MY]
———provide removal of default information from a borrower's credit report relative to certain rehabilitated private education loans (see S. 1309), [12MY]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 495), [12FE]
Credit unions: advance the ability to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]
———expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1367), [18MY]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]
Dept. of Education: extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]
———increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———revise counseling requirements for certain student loan borrowers (see S. 2043), [16SE]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of HHS: provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]
Dept. of Justice: provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 2050), [17SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and improve oversight of fiduciaries (see S. 2316), [19NO]
Drugs: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
———end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
Education: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]
———reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [28AP]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 107), [7JA]
Firearms: terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
———bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [19MY]
———eliminate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1804), [21JY]
———establish advisory boards for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1963), [5AU]
———improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 1848), [23JY]
———increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 482), [12FE]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 96), [7JA]
———reaffirm importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Board of Governors and ensure at least one member with such experience (see S. 92), [7JA]
———reform by amending Board of Governors staffing policies and settlement voting guidelines (see S. 1248), [7MY]
———reform by limiting emergency lending authority and closing loopholes allowing megabanks to engage in unrestricted commodities activities (see S. 1320), [13MY]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
———require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 530), [23FE]
Government regulations: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 1206), [6MY]
———allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [16AP]
———ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
———ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]
———establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
———exempt certain small community banks from certain regulations (see S. 1799), [16JY]
———improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
———provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions (see S. 927), [14AP]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
———suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 2036), [15SE]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
———permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
Immigration: establish standards for identity verification for non-U.S. persons opening bank accounts or applying for credit cards (see S. 52), [7JA]
Insurance: provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [19MR]
Investments: protect the investment choices of American investors (see S. 1802), [16JY]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]
Mortgages: establish programs to encourage use of shared equity mortgage modifications (see S. 1582), [16JN]
National Credit Union Administration: hold public hearings and receive comments from the public on its budget (see S. 924), [14AP]
Nepal: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose person-

ally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Privacy: prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
Real estate: exclude credit union loans secured by certain non-owner occupied family dwellings from the definition of member business loan (see S. 1440), [21MY]
———provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 956), [15AP]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
———make Community Advantage Pilot Program permanent (see S. 2125), [1OC]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [15AP]
SEC: extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
———repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]
Senate Legal Counsel: direct to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (see S. Res. 333), [10DE]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
———provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Taxation: allow a temporary dividends received deduction from a controlled foreign corporation for certain taxable years (see S. 397), [5FE]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [3FE] (see S. 608), [27FE]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———regulate tax return preparers and refund anticipation payment arrangements (see S. 935), [14AP]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 89), [7JA]
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Financial Regulatory Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1484), [2JN]
Grants Oversight and New Efficiency (GONE) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1115) (S. Rept. 114–169), [30NO]
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
SBA Authorization Levels for General Business Loans Establishment: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1001), [10JN]

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FINANCIAL REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT
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FINANCIAL SERVICES CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT
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Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]

FINANCIAL STABILITY BOARD
Bills and resolutions
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
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Government regulations: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 107), [7JA]

FIRE PREVENTION
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CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
Crime: provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Federal-State relations: require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger (see S. 1100), [27AP]
FEMA: provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
———provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
National Guard: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
———require report on location of C–130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units (see S. 1625), [18JN]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
Ships and vessels: exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Taxation: provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 932), [14AP]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 2068), [22SE]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
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Ammunition: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
''Antique firearm'': modify definition (see S. 173), [13JA]
Armed Forces: enhance security of military personnel at U.S. military installations and operating locations (see S. 1988), [5AU]
———establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
———improve security at recruitment centers by allowing officers to carry weapons or improving structural security (see S. 1819), [21JY]
———permit members to possess firearms on military installations in accordance with applicable State law (see S. 1839), [22JY]
———provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [5AU]
———repeal bans on military personnel carrying firearms on military bases and recruitment facilities (see S. 1821, 1823), [21JY]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Bureau of Prisons: provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [4FE]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Civil liberties: revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes (see S. 2209), [27OC]
Constitution—U.S.: provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution has no force or effect (see S. 2434), [18DE]

Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
CPSC: improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]
Crime: protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1520), [4JN]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Dept. of Justice: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
———allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
District of Columbia: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
Financial institutions: terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [19NO]
Interstate commerce: more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition (see S. 1308), [12MY]
———update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions (see S. 1351), [14MY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs control (see S. 847), [24MR]
———provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
———require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
———require sellers or transferors of firearms to take reasonable steps to ensure the recipient is not prohibited from possessing a firearm (see S. 2016), [9SE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record: provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their families can register certain firearms (see S. 670), [4MR]
National Instant Criminal Background Check System: ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm (see S. 2192), [21OC]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]
Safety: develop and use technology for personalized handguns and require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the U.S. incorporate such technology (see S. 1474), [2JN]
Silencers: provide that silencers would be treated the same as long guns relative to registration and transfer laws (see S. 2236), [4NO]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
States: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR] (see S. 992), [16AP]
———provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Transportation Security Administration: improve the Federal Flight Deck Officers program (see S. 1594), [17JN]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Authorization Extension: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 125), [26MR]
Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 2123), [26OC]

FIREARMS MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 477), [12FE]

FIREFIGHTERS
Bills and resolutions
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [15SE]
Crime: provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
Dept. of Education: increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1591), [17JN]
National Guard: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
———require report on location of C–130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units (see S. 1625), [18JN]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Taxation: exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 279), [28JA] (see S. 322), [29JA] (see S. 916), [14AP]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [27FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55 (see S. 969), [16AP]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [27FE]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
Motions
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN]
Reports filed
Don't Tax Our Fallen Public Safety Heroes Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 916) (S. Rept. 114–26), [14AP]

FISCHER, DEB *(a Senator from Nebraska)*
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
———H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [3NO]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel

African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [24FE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [3DE]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [22JY]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [18DE]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [21JA]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [16JA]
———inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [12FE]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of HHS: prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [22MY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
Dept. of HUD: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 2292), [17NO]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [2JN]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [11MR]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [23MR]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower groundlevel ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [2MR]
———use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [7JY]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [10NO]
———encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 281), [27OC]
———limit authority to award bonuses to employees (see S. 742), [16MR]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [2DE]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310), [29JA]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [5MY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [19MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [11FE]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 1536), [16JN]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [20OC]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [5OC]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [9FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [17MR]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [21MY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [7JY]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]

National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [3NO]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [25JN]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [9SE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [28SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [9JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [30JY]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pensions: make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [10NO]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [22AP]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [22AP]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [22AP]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: review procedures ensuring an employee in the office of Senators on committees requiring access to top secret information may obtain security clearances needed to have access to such information (see S. 1569), [11JN]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [22SE]
Taxation: allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [30NO]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [21JY]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [11MR]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [22SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Women: provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
American Infrastructure Bank: establish (see S. 1296), [12MY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]
Budget: increase transparency in Federal budgeting (see S. 399), [5FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize early repayment of obligations within the Northport Irrigation District in Nebraska (see S. 1291), [12MY]
Business and industry: allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites (see S. 1359), [14MY]
Civil rights: strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [26MR] (see S. 2200), [22OC]
Dept. of the Interior: require a study on feasibility of establishing Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail (see S. 479), [12FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 350), [3FE]
Dept. of Transportation: amend certain maritime programs (see S. 1326), [13MY]
———authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]
———create National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [21MY]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [28AP]
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: reform (see S. 1669), [24JN]
Government regulations: provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Information technology: develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]
IRS: improve transparency and efficiency relative to audits and communications with taxpayers (see S. 186), [16JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
Pipelines: provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
SBA: expand participation in the Microloan Program (see S. 1857), [23JY]
———improve the Microloan Program (see S. 1445), [21MY]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 256), [15SE]
Taxation: increase the annual contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts and include athletic equipment in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (see S. 243), [22JA]
———provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave (see S. 2354), [3DE]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [15AP]
FISH AND FISHING *related term(s)* **MARINE MAMMALS; NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES; WILDLIFE**
Bills and resolutions
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: implement (see S. 1251), [7MY]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to pro-

tect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: disapprove rule on inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes, including catfish (see S.J. Res. 27), [7DE] (see S.J. Res. 28), [10DE]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
Dungeness crabs: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [30AP]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 225), [21JA]
———prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
———reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [8JN]
FDA: ensure the safety of imported seafood (see S. 190), [20JA]
———establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
Immigration: establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
Law enforcement: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
NOAA: promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1107), [28AP]
———terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 1414), [21MY]
Science: reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
States: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 105), [7JA]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]
Reports filed
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1251) (S. Rept. 114–120), [8SE]
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
EPA National Estuary Program Reauthorization: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1523) (S. Rept. 114–161), [29OC]
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334), [28JY]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334) (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]
Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 834) (S. Rept. 114–91), [23JY]

FISHER, ZACHARY M.
Reports filed
Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office, Chesterfield, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 322), [8OC]

FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
NOAA: promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 1414), [21MY]

FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT
Motions
Enact (H.R. 22): conference report, [3DE]

FLAGS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]

FLAG—U.S.
Bills and resolutions
Constitutional amendments: prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]

FLAKE, JEFF ***(a Senator from Arizona)***
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 2152), [8OC]
Animals: strengthen protections for wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies and curtail demand for illegal wildlife products (see S. 2385), [10DE]
Arizona: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [24MR]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [27OC]
Crime: reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [21OC]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]
———authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of Energy: issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [13JY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [27AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———improve operation of Unmanned Aircraft System program (see S. 159), [13JA]
———permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissable to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [21JY]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman

(Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park (see S. 782), [18MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [16JY]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [26FE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
FAA: address increase of aircraft noise due to implementation of new flight paths under Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) (see S. 2406), [16DE]
———amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [4FE]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [19MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives (see S. 1691), [7JY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Gambling: prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts (see S. 152), [13JA]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
———reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [27OC]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: prohibit intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs control (see S. 847), [24MR]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional approval, provide restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments (see S. 437), [25FE]
New Mexico: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [9NO]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [23AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [23AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [2MR]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [30JY]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [5NO]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [22JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [3AU]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Power resources: modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Roads and highways: extend Interstate Route 11 (see S. 842), [24MR]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [22JA]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [24SE]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
———ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [30SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [23FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [5MY]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]

Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [17JN]
Bankruptcy: require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 357), [4FE]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: permit renegotiation of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement with private companies that administer Federal crop insurance (see S. 1442), [21MY]
———prohibit paying of premium subsidies on crop insurance policies based on actual market price of agricultural commodity at time of harvest (see S. 463), [11FE]
———reform crop insurance program (see S. 2244), [5NO]
Dept. of Energy: require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [14AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
———implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by BLM (see S. 2380), [9DE]
Dept. of Transportation: rescind unused earmarks (see S. 1544), [10JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
Employment: continue job creation and the promotion of investment through improvements to targeted employment areas (see S. 2115), [1OC]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 343), [3FE]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
Immigration: detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1843), [22JY]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Kaibab National Forest: clarify mapping error to allow the purchase of certain lands by Young Life (organization) (see S. 1592), [17JN]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options (see S. 531), [23FE]
Presidents of the U.S.: limit authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument (see S. 1416), [21MY]
Public utilities: provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
Taxation: create Universal Savings Accounts (see S. 2320), [19NO]
Tucson, AZ: provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land for purposes of economic development by conveyance of Federal reversionary interest (see S. 2379), [9DE]
Water: prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE], [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [22SE], [24SE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]

FLOOD CONTROL *see* **FLOODS**

FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Floods: clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement (see S. 1679), [25JN]

FLOODS *related term(s)* **DISASTERS**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 14), [6JA]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 487), [12FE]
———enter into agreement with National Research Council to study urban flooding (see S. 1481), [2JN]
———provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 2324), [19NO]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
Insurance: clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement (see S. 1679), [25JN]
Roads and highways: require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
SBA: establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
Taxation: provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
Reports filed
Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1811), [8OC]

FLORESVILLE, TX
Reports filed
Floresville Veterans Post Office Building, Floresville, TX: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 891), [24JN]

FLORIDA
Bills and resolutions
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
———deauthorize Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project (see S. 124), [8JA]
Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
Escambia County, FL: convey certain property formerly part of Santa Rosa National Monument and conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (see S. 770), [18MR]
Jones-Ayers, Georgia: tribute (see S. Res. 85), [25FE]
NOAA: promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]

FLORIDA FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1403), [20MY]

FLOWERS
Bills and resolutions
Daisy: recognize as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Mother's Day: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]

FOCUSED REDUCTION OF EFFLUENCE AND STORMWATER RUNOFF THROUGH HYDROFRACKING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION (FRESHER) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1554), [11JN]

FOIA IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 337), [2FE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 337), [9FE]
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FOLEY, JAMES W.
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]

FOND DU LAC, WI
Bills and resolutions
Lieutenant Colonel James ''Maggie'' Megellas Post Office: designate (see S. 1826), [22JY]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 1502), [4JN]

Reports filed
Lieutenant Colonel James ''Maggie'' Megellas Post Office, Fond du Lac, WI: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1826), [29JY]

FOOD *related term(s)* **AGRICULTURE**
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1800), [16JY] (see S. 2129), [5OC]
AID: reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [12FE]
CARE (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 321), [19NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10JN]
———improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [22JY]
———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]
———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1332), [13MY]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
———require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Dept. of HHS: enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
FDA: ensure the safety of imported seafood (see S. 190), [20JA]
———establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
———prohibit use of Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption'' (see S. 496), [12FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [30AP]
———reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
Native Americans: provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 325), [2DE]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
U.S. Grain Standards Act: reauthorize (see S. 1417), [21MY]
Cloture motions
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Motions
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), [23JN]
Reports filed
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1800) (S. Rept. 114–82), [16JY]
Older Americans Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 192), [3FE]
U.S. Grain Standards Act Reauthorization: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 1417), [21MY]

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1800), [16JY] (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Breakthrough devices: provide for expedited development and priority review (see S. 1077), [23AP]
Business and industry: extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Cosmetics: ensure safety (see S. 1014), [20AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: disapprove rule on inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes, including catfish (see S.J. Res. 27), [7DE] (see S.J. Res. 28), [10DE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
Dept. of Justice: improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]
Drugs: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
———establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [15AP]
———extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [28JY]
———improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
———promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 1406), [20MY]
Fish and fishing: establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
Food: ensure the safety of imported seafood (see S. 190), [20JA]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Government regulations: prohibit use of Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption'' (see S. 496), [12FE]
———provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 1101), [27AP]
Health: provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Labeling: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216, 222), [21JA]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
———clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Product safety: ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [18JN]

———establish a third-party quality system assessment program for medical devices (see S. 2187), [21OC]
———increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
Research: create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
Taxation: repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149, 157), [13JA] (see S. 844), [24MR]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Women: ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
Reports filed
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1800) (S. Rept. 114–82), [16JY]
Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 481), [1OC]

FOOD AND NUTRITION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]

FOOD INDUSTRY
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1332), [13MY]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of HHS: require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
FDA: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
———improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
Cloture motions
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Motions
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), [23JN]
Reports filed
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334), [28JY]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334) (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]
Mandatory Price Reporting Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (H.R. 2051), [17SE]

FOOD SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 287), [28JA]

FOOD STAMPS (SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) *see* **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; PUBLIC WELFARE PROGRAMS**

FOOTWEAR *see* **SHOE INDUSTRY**

FORD, WENDELL H. ***(a former Senator from Kentucky)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]

FORECLOSURE RELIEF AND EXTENSION FOR SERVICEMEMBERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2393), [10DE]

FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Foreign investments: repeal certain provisions relative to reporting on foreign assets and investments (see S. 663), [4MR]

FOREIGN AID *related term(s)* **FOREIGN POLICY**
Bills and resolutions
Afghanistan: support enhanced accountability for U.S. assistance (see S. 1875), [28JY]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1800), [16JY] (see S. 2129), [5OC]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
———reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [12FE]
Animals: strengthen protections for wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies and curtail demand for illegal wildlife products (see S. 2385), [10DE]
Armed Forces: provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
CARE (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 321), [19NO]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of State: making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]
———withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
———promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
———provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
Foreign policy: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [20OC]
Health: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 46), [7JA]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
———support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
Palestinian Authority: restrict funds (see S. 633), [3MR]
POW: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
Reports filed
Afghanistan Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1875), [30JY]
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1800) (S. Rept. 114–82), [16JY]
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1725) (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]
Develop a Strategy To Protect Nigerian Civilians and Eliminate Threat Posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1632), [29JY]
Electrify Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2184), [18NO]
Girls Count Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 802), [21MY]

FOREIGN AID TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2184), [20OC]

Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2184), [18NO]

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
AID: reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [12FE]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [20OC]
———prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
Reports filed
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2184), [18NO]

FOREIGN BANKS
Bills and resolutions
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]
Nepal: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
Senate Legal Counsel: direct to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (see S. Res. 333), [10DE]
Reports filed
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]

FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Conferees: H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
Bills and resolutions
Afghanistan: support enhanced accountability for U.S. assistance (see S. 1875), [28JY]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
African Growth and Opportunity Act: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: approve (see S.J. Res. 20), [28JY]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: implement (see S. 1251), [7MY]
Animals: strengthen protections for wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies and curtail demand for illegal wildlife products (see S. 2385), [10DE]
Armed Forces: provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Business and industry: require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
China: express disfavor regarding the proposed U.S.-China nuclear cooperation agreement (see S.J. Res. 19), [15JY]
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Colombia: oppose requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal O.R. Palmera Pineda, also known as ''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the U.S. as a part of the Colombian peace process (see S. Res. 208), [23JN]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Defense: develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers (see S. 1478), [2JN]
———extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
Dept. of Education: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———improve and permit recovery of costs incurred for preclearance operations activities in foreign countries and at foreign airports (see S. 2430), [18DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 1507), [4JN]
———reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 1015), [20AP] (see S. 1269), [11MY]
Dept. of Justice: provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
———offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2094), [29SE]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
———withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FDA: establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act: repeal certain provisions relative to reporting on foreign assets and investments (see S. 663), [4MR]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [20OC]
———prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
———prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
———establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
———improve enforcement of trade laws (see S. 2299), [18NO]
———require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include requirements relative to paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods (see S. 735), [12MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
———protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Germany: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [1OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Haiti: extend preferential duty treatment program (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
———extend trade preferences for certain imported articles (see S. 503), [12FE]
Health: provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]

———impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY] (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 79), [7JA]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [14JY]
———prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Indonesia: condemn mass murders in 1965–66, form truth, justice, and reconciliation commission to address crimes and human rights violations, and urge U.S. agencies to declassify and release relevant records and documents (see S. Res. 273), [1OC]
Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator: establish to coordinate efforts to secure release of U.S. persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism (see S. 1652), [23JN]
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———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Israel: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [7JA]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia (Spain): U.S. visit (see S. Res. 253), [15SE]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 1747), [9JY] (see S. 2144), [6OC]
———urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
———mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 46), [7JA]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National security: enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
———support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
———eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
Park Geun-hye: welcome Republic of Korea President upon U.S. visit and reaffirm importance of alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea (see S. Res. 194), [8JN] (see S. Res. 278), [6OC]
Petroleum: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
Power resources: modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Privacy Act: extend protections relative to information shared with law enforcement to citizens of certain U.S. allies (see S. 1600), [17JN]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [28JA]
Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [12FE]
Taxation: end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, and prevent U.S. tax avoidance (see S. 922), [14AP]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———restrict the insurance business exception to passive foreign investment company rules (see S. 1687), [25JN]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 174), [13JA]
Terrorism: designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [22JA]
———deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Tropical Forest Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 566), [25FE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
———limit U.S. contributions if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
———prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
———combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World Mental Health Day: observance (see S. Res. 284), [8OC]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 152), [28AP] (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
Cloture motions
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
Messages
African Growth and Opportunity Act Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Country Termination for Seychelles: President Obama, [30SE]

Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and China Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: President Obama, [21AP]
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: President Obama, [16JN]
Generalized System of Preferences Beneficiary Developing Country Designation Termination for Seychelles, Uruguay, and Venezuela: President Obama, [30SE]
Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty With Algeria: President Obama, [5OC]
Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty With Jordan: President Obama, [8DE]
National Emergency Relative to Belarus: President Obama, [10JN]
National Emergency Relative to Burma: President Obama, [18MY]
National Emergency Relative to Côte d'Ivoire: President Obama, [4FE]
National Emergency Relative to Cuba and Emergency Authority on Regulation of Anchorage and Movement of Vessels: President Obama, [25FE]
National Emergency Relative to Democratic Republic of the Congo: President Obama, [21OC]
National Emergency Relative to Foreign Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process: President Obama, [21JA]
National Emergency Relative to Lebanon: President Obama, [29JY]
National Emergency Relative to Sudan: President Obama, [28OC]
National Emergency Relative to the Stabilization of Iraq: President Obama, [19MY]
National Emergency Relative to Transnational Criminal Organizations: President Obama, [21JY]
National Emergency Relative to Ukraine: President Obama, [3MR]
National Emergency Relative to Yemen: President Obama, [13MY]
Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism Funding Designation: President Obama, [4MR], [1OC]
Proposed Rescission of Cuba Designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism: President Obama, [14AP]
Protocol to the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia: President Obama, [27AP]
Social Security Agreement With the Czech Republic: President Obama, [6OC]
Tax Convention With Japan: President Obama, [13AP]
Reports filed
Adoptive Family Relief Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1300), [9JY]
Afghanistan Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1875), [30JY]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1251) (S. Rept. 114–120), [8SE]
Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995) (S. Rept. 114–42), [12MY]
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1725) (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]
Detaining Terrorists To Protect America Act: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. 165), [23FE]
Develop a Strategy To Protect Nigerian Civilians and Eliminate Threat Posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1632), [29JY]
Electrify Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2184), [18NO]
German Peaceful and Democratic Reunification Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 274), [8OC]
Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 284), [29JY]
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334), [28JY]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334) (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]
International Megan's Law To Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (H.R. 515), [18NO]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]
Preclearance Authorization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 998) (S. Rept. 114–180), [15DE]
Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1269), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1269) (S. Rept. 114–45), [13MY]
Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
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Transnational Drug Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 32), [17SE]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
Welcome Republic of Korea President Park Geun-hye Upon U.S. Visit and Reaffirm Importance of Alliance Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 278), [8OC]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]
World Refugee Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 204), [25JN]

FOREIGN CURRENCIES
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Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
Dept. of Justice: require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Cloture motions
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Motions
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), [21MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [21MY], [22MY]

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Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act: repeal certain provisions relative to reporting on foreign assets and investments (see S. 663), [4MR]
Immigration: extend and improve EB–5 immigrant investor visa program (see S. 1501), [3JN]
———increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and reauthorize the EB–5 regional center program (see S. 2122), [1OC]
Iran: extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
Nepal: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
Taxation: allow a temporary dividends received deduction from a controlled foreign corporation for certain taxable years (see S. 397), [5FE]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, and prevent U.S. tax avoidance (see S. 922), [14AP]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 915), [14AP]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 162), [13JA]
———restrict the insurance business exception to passive foreign investment company rules (see S. 1687), [25JN]
Tropical Forest Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 566), [25FE]
Reports filed
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
Real Estate Investment and Jobs Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 915) (S. Rept. 114–25), [14AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Afghanistan: support enhanced accountability for U.S. assistance (see S. 1875), [28JY]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: approve (see S.J. Res. 20), [28JY]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: implement (see S. 1251), [7MY]
Animals: strengthen protections for wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies and curtail demand for illegal wildlife products (see S. 2385), [10DE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Bahrain: prohibit arms sales (see S. 2009), [6AU]
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [26MR]
———commend free and fair elections, call for peaceful transfer of power, and support efforts to pursue national unity (see S. Res. 320), [19NO]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
China: express disfavor regarding the proposed U.S.-China nuclear cooperation agreement (see S.J. Res. 19), [15JY]
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Colombia: oppose requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal O.R. Palmera Pineda, also known as ''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the U.S. as a part of the Colombian peace process (see S. Res. 208), [23JN]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE] (see S. 1543), [10JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
———prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
Dept. of State: authorize appropriations (see S. 1635), [18JN]
———improve Inspector General oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2094), [29SE]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
———withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [20OC]
———prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
Germany: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [1OC]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
———impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Immigration: provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Indonesia: condemn mass murders in 1965–66, form truth, justice, and reconciliation commission to address crimes and human rights violations, and urge U.S. agencies to declassify and release relevant records and documents (see S. Res. 273), [1OC]
Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator: establish to coordinate efforts to secure release of U.S. persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism (see S. 1652), [23JN]
International trade: promote (see S. 2201), [22OC]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
———promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [7JA]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia (Spain): U.S. visit (see S. Res. 253), [15SE]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 1747), [9JY] (see S. 2144), [6OC]
———urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
Korean Peninsula: resume family reunions between North and South Korea, allow Korean Americans to reunite with divided families in North Korea, and encourage peace (see S. Res. 190), [3JN]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI

agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 99), [10MR]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 46), [7JA]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
Mongolia: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [1JN]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
———commend Russian opposition efforts, express condolences for death, condemn and call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 96), [4MR]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
———eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
———restrict funds (see S. 633), [3MR]
Park Geun-hye: welcome Republic of Korea President upon U.S. visit and reaffirm importance of alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea (see S. Res. 194), [8JN] (see S. Res. 278), [6OC]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Privacy Act: extend protections relative to information shared with law enforcement to citizens of certain U.S. allies (see S. 1600), [17JN]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [3DE]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [28JA]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
U.N.: limit U.S. contributions if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
———prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
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Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
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Terminate Designation of Burundi as a Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Country Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act: President Obama, [3NO]
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Afghanistan Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1875), [30JY]
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Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
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Commend Free and Fair Elections, Call for Peaceful Transfer of Power, and Support Efforts To Pursue National Unity in Burma: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 320), [10DE]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
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Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2184), [18NO]
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Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 284), [29JY]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]
Mongolia First Democratic Elections Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 189), [10DE]
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
Romania Diplomatic Relations With the U.S. Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 326), [10DE]
Welcome Republic of Korea President Park Geun-hye Upon U.S. Visit and Reaffirm Importance of Alliance Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 278), [8OC]

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———improve Inspector General oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
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countable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]

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Africa: develop a plan for each sub-Saharan country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements (see S. 1379), [19MY]

African Growth and Opportunity Act: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]

Arizona: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]

BLM: increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]

Buy American Act: amend relative to certain waivers and domestic content percentage requirements and provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements (see S. 2167), [8OC]

Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]

———authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]

———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE] (see S. 1543), [10JN]

———prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]

———submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relative to property confiscated by Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade (see S. 1388), [19MY]

Dept. of Agriculture: disapprove rule on inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes, including catfish (see S.J. Res. 27), [7DE] (see S.J. Res. 28), [10DE]

Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1570), [11JN]

———establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]

———establish Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund (see S. 1263), [7MY]

Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]

———ensure oil transported through the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline is used in domestic commerce to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil (see S. 188), [16JA]

———limit authority to approve certain proposals relative to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals (see S. 1237), [6MY]

———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]

Dept. of Homeland Security: reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 1015), [20AP] (see S. 1269), [11MY]

Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE] (see S. 1003), [16AP] (see S. 1268), [11MY]

Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]

Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 892), [26MR]

Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]

Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]

EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]

Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]

———reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]

FDA: ensure the safety of imported seafood (see S. 190), [20JA]

Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]

Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]

Government regulations: facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [26MR]

Haiti: extend preferential duty treatment program (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]

———extend trade preferences for certain imported articles (see S. 503), [12FE]

Health: provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]

Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]

International trade: promote (see S. 2201), [22OC]

Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]

———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]

———extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]

———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]

———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]

———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]

———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]

———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]

Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]

Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]

Israel: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]

ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 260), [27JA]

———establish a process for consideration of temporary duty suspensions (see S. 998), [16AP]

Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]

Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 1747), [9JY] (see S. 2144), [6OC]

———urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]

Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [10JN]

Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]

Law enforcement: improve enforcement of trade laws (see S. 2299), [18NO]

Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]

Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [7JA]

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [17MR]

Petroleum: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]

Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]

Power resources: modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]

———reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate (see S. 1224), [6MY]

———require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]

SBA: establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program (see S. 1011), [20AP]

———establish Export Credit Insurance Program (see S. 1546), [10JN]

Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]

Tariff: exempt from duty residue of bulk cargo contained in instruments of international traffic previously exported from the U.S. (see S. 989), [16AP]

———increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [12FE]

———make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 340), [3FE]

———recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [15AP]

———require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters or producers are involved in the investigation or review (see S. 1702), [25JN]

Taxation: repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 162), [13JA]

Transportation: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]

Treaties and agreements: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]

———require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include require-

ments relative to paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods (see S. 735), [12MR]
———require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress (see S. 1381), [19MY]
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U.S. Grain Standards Act Reauthorization: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 1417), [21MY]

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Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program: resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided (see S. 644), [3MR]
Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Colorado: authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties (see S. 1941), [5AU]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand authority to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance management and resolve minor encroachments (see S. 1712), [7JY]
———publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [28AP]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Depts. of Energy and Agriculture: collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems (see S. 1294), [12MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
Ecology and environment: establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land (see S. 1733), [9JY]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1591), [17JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
———provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary: designate (see S. 1448), [21MY]
Idaho: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Kaibab National Forest: clarify mapping error to allow the purchase of certain lands by Young Life (organization) (see S. 1592), [17JN]
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Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
National Forest Foundation Act: reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]
National Guard: require report on location of C–130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units (see S. 1625), [18JN]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Oregon: clarify the Cooper Spur land exchange in the Mount Hood Wilderness (see S. 2069), [22SE]
———designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
Public lands: provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
———provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
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Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Clarify Mapping Error To Allow the Purchase of Certain Kaibab National Forest Lands by Young Life (organization): Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1592) (S. Rept. 114–186), [16DE]
Crags, Colorado Land Exchange Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 2223) (S. Rept. 114–196), [16DE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1941) (S. Rept. 114–188), [16DE]
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North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 403) (S. Rept. 114–125), [9SE]

FORESTS *related term(s)* **LUMBER INDUSTRY**
Bills and resolutions
Air pollution: clarify treatment of carbon emissions from forest biomass (see S. 1284), [11MY]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]
BIA: manage the Coquille Forest in accordance with laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land (see S. 816), [19MR]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Contracts: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand authority to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance management and resolve minor encroachments (see S. 1712), [7JY]
———publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [28AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Ecology and environment: expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives (see S. 1691), [25JN]
Forest Service: establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land (see S. 1733), [9JY]
———provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
———resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program (see S. 644), [3MR]
Georgia: authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land (see S. 1744), [9JY]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [8OC]
Kisatchie National Forest: convey certain land (see S. 61), [7JA]

Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Public lands: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
Tropical Forest Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 566), [25FE]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: prohibit listing northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 655), [4MR]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
Reports filed
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FORT SCOTT, KS
Bills and resolutions
Fort Scott National Historic Site: modify boundary (see S. 2087), [28SE]

FRANCE, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Terrorism: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]

FRANK, BILLY, JR.
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: designate the Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]

FRANK MOORE WILD STEELHEAD SANCTUARY DESIGNATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1448), [21MY]

FRANK R. LAUTENBERG CHEMICAL SAFETY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT *see* **CHEMICAL SAFETY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT**

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FRANKEN, AL ***(a Senator from Minnesota)***
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Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [10SE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 1634), [24JN]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
Armed Forces: allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 1249), [27OC]
———enhance mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 1152), [8DE]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2357), [8DE] (see S. 2393), [14DE]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [20JA]
———improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
———make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
———require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [15JY]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [23JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
———require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [16SE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [18JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [20MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [12JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [9MR]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [8DE]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [6MY]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [1JN]
Credit: establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [28AP]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [26OC]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [27AP]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [21OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [18MY]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [12MY]
Dept. of Education: require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [18MY]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [9DE]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [29AP]
Dept. of Defense: reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]
———allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan Program (see S. 1556), [11JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]

———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [2MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [28JY]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 2176), [8OC]
———make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system to give prospective students a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college (see S. 2150), [7OC]
———provide certain long-term resident alien students with access to financial aid (see S. 1059), [24SE]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [5MY]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [11MY]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [5FE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [18NO]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [30NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [5FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [19NO]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [24FE]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [16JA]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [16JN]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [26FE]
———prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [20MY]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of the Interior: provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [10FE]
———reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
———reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for certain Indian tribes (see S. 1931), [20OC]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Dept. of Transportation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [29OC]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [14AP]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [29JA]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [23JY]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [7JY]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [1DE]
———waive copayment requirement for medical and hospital services in the case of certain billing errors and inform veterans of payment plan and waiver rights relative to untimely billing (see S. 2052), [17SE]
Depts. of Energy and Agriculture: collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems (see S. 1294), [18MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [21OC]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [27AP]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [5FE]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [24JN]
———reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 636), [12MR]
Education: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [17NO]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [11FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———prohibit employers from requiring low-wage workers to enter into non-compete covenants and require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into such covenants (see S. 1504), [4JN]
EPA: expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [8JN]
———use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
FCC: ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [16JN]
———extend to private land use restrictions its rule relative to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications (see S. 1685), [5NO]

———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
FDA: ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [18JN]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [21JY]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [11FE]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [5OC]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [8JY]
Foreign trade: facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [26MR]
———improve enforcement of trade laws (see S. 2299), [18NO]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10NO]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [12MR]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [5MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [19MY]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
Iran: reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: designate (see S. 179), [13JA]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [18DE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [23AP]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [14MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [24MR]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [7OC]
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [12MR]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [3FE]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24JN]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [8SE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [13MY]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [23JN]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [5MY]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [28AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [11MY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [23JY]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [9JY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [4MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [12MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [7JA]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [6AU]
———protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [26OC]
Motor vehicles: provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 2322), [19NO]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [6AU]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
———protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
———provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [17JN]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other

terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Pensions: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [8SE]
Pharmaceuticals: ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Postal Service: improve provision of postal services to rural areas (see S. 1742), [3AU]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [23FE]
———prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
———require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [17JN]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [12FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [2JN]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [3JN]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [16JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [24MR]
———establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [10SE]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [7JY]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [4MY]
Surface Transportation Board: expand competition, restore balance to regulatory environment, and improve efficiency and reliability of rail shipping and transportation (see S. 853), [6MY]
Taxation: clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 1667), [22SE]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [17MR]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [10DE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [17NO]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [9MR]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [5MY]
———provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities (see S. 2271), [10NO]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [9JY]
Transportation: ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [3NO]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [7MY]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [14JY]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [3NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Coal: require coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability (see S. 1405), [20MY]
Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
Conservation of energy: study impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings and provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and local governments (see S. 1052), [22AP]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
Dept. of Education: assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools (see S. 476), [12FE]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
Dept. of Energy: establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1063), [22AP]
———establish distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1258), [7MY]
———establish energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1256), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Labor: issue occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard (see S. 2408), [16DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve treatment of medical evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals in support of disability claims compensation (see S. 666), [4MR]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]

Medicare: reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
Motor vehicles: promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure (see S. 1053), [22AP]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Pope Francis: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Public buildings: require GSA and the Dept. of Energy to set goals for deep energy retrofits in Federal buildings (see S. 1055), [22AP]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Taxation: qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]

FREDDIE MAC (GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISE)
Bills and resolutions
Credit: revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 495), [12FE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
———suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 2036), [15SE]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]

FREE MARKET ENERGY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1213), [6MY]

FREEDOM FROM OVER-CRIMINALIZATION AND UNJUST SEIZURES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1019), [21AP]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
Bills and resolutions
Classified information: facilitate and enhance the declassification of information, including in the legislative branch (see S. 2121), [1OC]
Dept. of HHS: increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
Reports filed
FOIA Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 337), [9FE]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 337) (S. Rept. 114–114), [23FE]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
Reports filed
FOIA Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 337), [9FE]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 337) (S. Rept. 114–114), [23FE]

FREEDOM OF RELIGION
Bills and resolutions
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
District of Columbia: disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
Foreign policy: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
International relations: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
IRS: prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [8JY]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 1798), [16JY] (see S. 2078, 2079), [24SE]
Reports filed
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2078), [24SE]

FREEDOM OF SPEECH
Bills and resolutions
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [16SE]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify application of the words people, person, or citizen in the Constitution to corporations, limited liability companies, or other corporate entities (see S.J. Res. 7), [4FE]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
IRS: prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
Reports filed
Consumer Review Freedom Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 2044) (S. Rept. 114–175), [8DE]

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS
Bills and resolutions
IRS: prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 152), [28AP] (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
Reports filed
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]

FREEDOM TO EXPORT TO CUBA ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 491), [12FE]

FREEPORT, IL
Bills and resolutions
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]

FRIEDMAN, ALAN V.
Appointments
Congressional Office of Compliance Board of Directors, [23MR]

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE ACCESS FOR CHILDREN ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2243), [5NO]

FUEL LOSS ABATEMENT AND ROYALTY ENHANCEMENT (FLARE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1271), [11MY]

FUELS *see* **COAL; ELECTRIC POWER; NATURAL GAS; NUCLEAR ENERGY; PETROLEUM; POWER RESOURCES**

FUNDRAISING
Bills and resolutions
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Libraries: require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (see S. 558), [25FE]
Reports filed
Presidential Library Donation Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 558) (S. Rept. 114–65), [15JN]

FUNERALS *see* **CEMETERIES AND FUNERALS**

FURTHER INDEPENDENCE OF RELIGION FOR SECURITY AND TOLERANCE (FIRST) FREEDOM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1860), [23JY]

GABRA, JOSEPH
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 1096), [27AP]

GAINESVILLE, GA
Bills and resolutions
Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr., Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: designate (see S. 2396), [10DE]

GALANTI, PHYLLIS E.
Bills and resolutions
Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA: designate the Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum (see S. 1468), [22MY]

GALT, WILLIAM W.
Bills and resolutions
Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center, Great Falls, MT: designate (see S. 719), [11MR]

GAMBLING
Bills and resolutions
Arizona: prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands until the expiration of certain gaming compacts (see S. 152), [13JA]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 817), [19MR]
Government regulations: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Sports: deregulate interstate commerce relative to parimutuel wagering on horseracing (see S. 1174), [30AP]
Reports filed
Keep the Promise Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 152) (S. Rept. 114–199), [18DE]

GARBAGE *see* **REFUSE DISPOSAL**

GARDEN VALLEY WITHDRAWAL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 196), [20JA]

GARDNER, CORY ***(a Senator from Colorado)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [30OC]
U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, [21MY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [22OC]
Arapaho National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 1295), [12MY]

Armed Forces: improve security at recruitment centers by allowing officers to carry weapons or improve structural security (see S. 1819), [5AU]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: appropriately determine the budgetary effects of energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 765), [17MR]
———constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Business and industry: clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program (see S. 1038), [9JY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 535), [23FE]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [8DE]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [27FE]
Courts: authorize additional district judgeships for the district of Colorado (see S. 1962), [5AU]
Crime: expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [8SE]
Dept. of Energy: establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories (see S. 784), [18MR]
———extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
———issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [16JY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of HHS: designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [27JY]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [16DE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [15DE]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [9MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 350), [3FE]
Dept. of Transportation: establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
———require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [27JY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [19NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21JY]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [16JY]
———exempt small business providers of broadband Internet access from net neutrality enhanced transparency requirements (see S. 2283), [1DE]
FDA: establish a third-party quality system assessment program for medical devices (see S. 2187), [21OC]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules (see S. 1807), [21JY]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
FEMA: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [5AU]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [29AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [29AP]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [3FE]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [3DE]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 1536), [10JN]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [9MR]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [10FE]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [30JY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [12FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 2101), [29SE]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [8JN]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [24JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [16SE]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [22JN]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [11MY]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JN]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [28JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [15JN]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]

———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [7MY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [10MR]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [7MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [28JY]
———require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [16MR]
Members of Congress: reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [21MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [1JN]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
OMB: establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [20JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [9SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [15SE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [1DE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [4JN]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [13JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
Public lands: reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [7OC]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [5AU]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [28AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [2JN]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [10FE]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [27FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senate Rules: require Senate to be in session during a Government shutdown and compel presence of Senators (see S. Res. 101), [12MR]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [28JY]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [7MY]
Space policy: promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [12MY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [17JN]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [11MR]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [30AP]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [20AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [4JN]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10MR]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20JA]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [21SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]
Chaffee County, CO: clarify effect of designating certain Federal land as a national monument (see S. 972), [16AP]
Colorado: authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties (see S. 1941), [5AU]
———require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest (see S. 1942), [5AU]
Dept. of Energy: reauthorize hydroelectric production and efficiency improvement incentives (see S. 1270), [11MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend authorization for construction of medical center in Aurora, CO, and enter into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to manage such construction (see S. 285), [28JA] (see S. 997), [16AP]
———extend authorization to replace existing medical center in Denver, CO, and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]
———transfer authority for construction of future major medical facility projects to the Corps of Engineers (see S. 997), [16AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Dinosaur National Monument Day: designate (see S. Res. 271), [28SE]
Drugs: exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
Education: provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [20MY]
FDA: increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
FEMA: prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 634), [3MR]
GAO: require authorizing committees to hold annual hearings on GAO investigative reports on the identification, consolidation, and elimination of duplicative Government programs (see S. Res. 102), [17MR]
IRS: exempt from certain labor-management relations requirements (see S. 2245), [5NO]

Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 2144), [6OC]
———urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
Park Geun-hye: welcome Republic of Korea President upon U.S. visit and reaffirm importance of alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea (see S. Res. 194), [8JN] (see S. Res. 278), [6OC]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
Taiwan: develop a strategy to obtain observer status at the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (see S. 2426), [18DE]
Taxation: facilitate program-related investments by private foundations (see S. 2313), [19NO]
Cloture motions
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [17MR], [19MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [10NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO
Bills and resolutions
Colorado: require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest (see S. 1942), [5AU]
Reports filed
Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 1554) (S. Rept. 114–195), [16DE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1942) (S. Rept. 114–189), [16DE]

GARRETT LEE SMITH MEMORIAL ACT *see* **MENTAL HEALTH**

GARZA, ARTURO (TRETO)
Bills and resolutions
Treto Garza South Texas Dept. of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center, Harlingen, TX: designate (see S. 1534), [9JN]

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GEISEL, THEODOR
Bills and resolutions
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]

GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: improve privacy protections for students and their parents (see S. 1341), [14MY]

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
Plum Island, NY: repeal requirement to sell and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Public buildings: require GSA and the Dept. of Energy to set goals for deep energy retrofits in Federal buildings (see S. 1055), [22AP]
Public lands: convey certain Federal property in Alaska to Anchorage, AK (see S. 1492), [3JN]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]

GENOCIDE
Appointments
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [11FE]
Bills and resolutions
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Dept. of State: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
World War II: commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [22JA]
Reports filed
Commemorate Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Extermination Camp, Remember the Victims, and Honor the Legacy of the Survivors of the Holocaust: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 35), [28JA]
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]

GEOLOCATION PRIVACY AND SURVEILLANCE (GPS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 237), [22JA]

GEORGIA (STATE)
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
Fort Frederica National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 2024), [10SE]
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: adjust boundary to include Wallis House and Harriston Hill (see S. 1930), [4AU]
National forests: authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land (see S. 1744), [9JY]
Ocmulgee National Monument: revise boundary and redesignate as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park (see S. 1696), [25JN]

GEOTHERMAL ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES (GEO) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1057), [22AP]

GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 562), [25FE]

GEOTHERMAL PRODUCTION EXPANSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 822), [19MR]

GEOTHERMAL STEAM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]

GERARDO HERNANDEZ AIRPORT SECURITY ACT *see* **AIRPORT SECURITY ACT**

GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Democracy: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [1OC]
Reports filed
German Peaceful and Democratic Reunification Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 274), [8OC]

GESTATIONAL DIABETES (GEDI) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 84), [7JA]

GI EDUCATION BENEFIT FAIRNESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1070), [23AP]

GILBERT, LEROY
Prayers
Senate, [22MY]

GILLIBRAND, KIRSTEN E. ***(a Senator from New York)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
President's Export Council, [11FE]
U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors, [23JN]
Attendance
Present, [8JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine

whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 2152), [4NO]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [18DE]
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [3NO]
Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [1JN]
———provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [6OC] (see S. 2403), [15DE]
———provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge (see S. 1567), [8JY]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [23FE]
Citizenship: provide for automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals (see S. 2275), [3DE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [20MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [7MY]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [3NO]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [21JA]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [10NO]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [22JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [26OC]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [15SE]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [22MY]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———fund Federal Pell Grant Program through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [23AP]
———increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [23AP]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [13JY]
———reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student centers (see S. 604), [13AP]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [23AP]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [16JY]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [30NO]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [20OC]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [2DE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
———establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [28SE]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [5AU]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [1DE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [3NO]
———reauthorize program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns (see S. 2424), [18DE]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [15DE]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [14MY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [11MR]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [21AP]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [4AU]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [29SE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [27OC]
———offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [23AP]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [16AP]

———require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [16NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16AP]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [20AP]
———establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [29AP]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [16NO]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [8OC]
———provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [20MY]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [25SE]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [12MY]
Education: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [17MR]
———support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [5FE]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [5MY]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [9JY]
FDA: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [14JY]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
FEMA: prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 406), [5FE]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [29SE]
———ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [28OC]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
———require sellers or transferors of firearms to take reasonable steps to ensure the recipient is not prohibited from possessing a firearm (see S. 2016), [29SE]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [21JY]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: designate (see S. 692), [10MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28SE]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [19NO]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [28AP]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [22AP]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Joint Inquiry Into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001: require declassification of certain redacted information (see S. 1471), [1JN]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [3DE]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [22SE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [7MY]
———encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [14DE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [21SE]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [14JY]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [21AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with

Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [23AP]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [10DE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [17MR]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [28AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [9JN]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [29JA]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [14DE]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [19MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [8OC]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [23JY]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 2322), [19NO]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [12MY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [14MY]
———support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [19OC]
New York, NY: establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center (see S. 509), [12FE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [25JN]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [9SE]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [3NO]
NOAA: provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1107), [5AU]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Officer Daryl R. Pierson Post Office, East Rochester, NY: designate (see S. 823), [19MR]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [13JY]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———reform system of public financing of Presidential elections (see S. 1176), [20MY]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Privacy: require notification of information security breaches and enhance penalties for cyber criminals (see S. 1027), [21AP]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [20OC]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
SBA: establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
———establish Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program (see S. 1934), [4AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [1JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [15JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [9JY]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [21OC]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [14JY]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [9SE]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [23MR]
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]
———enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [17JN] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [1DE]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [30AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [9MR]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 215), [21JA]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [30AP]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [16AP]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide refundable credit for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (see S. 1023), [21AP]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———reduce the rate of tax on certain distilled spirits (see S. 1444), [21MY]
———require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations (see S. 367), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [28OC]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [23MR]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation

with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [26FE]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [3FE]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [16MR]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [8JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [22SE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1332), [13MY]
Dept. of Education: authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———strengthen and reauthorize the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (see S. 1075), [23AP]
Dept. of HHS: promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area (see S. 1824), [21JY]
Dept. of Transportation: establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
Diseases: improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 1064), [23AP]
———provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [23AP]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
FEMA: provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 2324), [19NO]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
Human rights: treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Social Security: revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [16AP]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building, Kingston, NY: designate (see S. 2088), [28SE]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]
Taxation: provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses (see S. 180), [16JA]
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP]

GIRLS COUNT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 802), [19MR]
Reports filed
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#GIVINGTUESDAY
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GLENDALE, AZ
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]

GLENNALLEN, AK
Bills and resolutions
Alaska Bible College: convey reversionary interests of the U.S. in and to certain non-Federal land (see S. 2018), [9SE]

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN COOKSTOVES
Bills and resolutions
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]

GLOBAL MAGNITSKY HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
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GLOUCESTER POINT, VA
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GO TO HIGH SCHOOL, GO TO COLLEGE ACT
Bills and resolutions
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GOLD BUTTE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ACT
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Enact (see S. 199), [20JA]

GOLD KING MINE SPILL RECOVERY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2063), [22SE]

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GOLD STAR WIVES DAY
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GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA, INC.
Bills and resolutions
Charter: amend to remove certain restrictions (see S. 1366), [18MY]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 131), [26MR]

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS (BASKETBALL TEAM)
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GOLDSTONE, RICHARD
Bills and resolutions
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]

GOOD SAMARITAN HUNGER RELIEF TAX INCENTIVE EXTENSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
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GOOD SAMARITAN SEARCH AND RECOVERY ACT
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GOODWIN, CARTE P. ***(a former Senator from West Virginia)***
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U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, [14DE]

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
Bills and resolutions
Congress: end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1575), [15JN]
Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 300), [29JA] (see S. 327), [2FE]
Dept. of Education: make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 2176), [8OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: conduct audits relative to timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other care (see S. 2229), [3NO]
Electric power: conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms on electricity prices, supply, and competition in energy markets (see S. 1272), [11MY]
Employment: develop and submit a report on the current state of the skills gap that includes an analysis

of the effectiveness of efforts to close the skills gap and recommendations to improve such efforts (see S. 1920), [4AU]
Federal agencies and departments: create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [22JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Government: require authorizing committees to hold annual hearings on GAO investigative reports on the identification, consolidation, and elimination of duplicative Government programs (see S. Res. 102), [17MR]
Hurricanes: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
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GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE
Bills and resolutions
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 126), [26MR]
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GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
American Infrastructure Bank: establish (see S. 1296), [12MY]
Animals: provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros (see S. 1845), [23JY]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 1634), [18JN]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 385), [5FE]
Armed Forces: establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
ATF: prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [19MY]
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [5AU]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
———clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Business and industry: require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 2294), [17NO]
Centennial Monetary Commission: establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
———specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions (see S. 876), [26MR]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Coast Guard: require development and posting of passenger capacity limits for recreational vessels (see S. 1464), [22MY]
Colleges and universities: require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Conservation of energy: study impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings and provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and local governments (see S. 1052), [22AP]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify application of the words people, person, or citizen in the Constitution to corporations, limited liability companies, or other corporate entities (see S.J. Res. 7), [4FE]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
———modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 837), [23MR]
———provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
———improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
———provide removal of default information from a borrower's credit report relative to certain rehabilitated private education loans (see S. 1309), [12MY]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 495), [12FE]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [11JN]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———specify state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind to strengthen criminal intent protections (see S. 2298), [18NO]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: disapprove rule on inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes, including catfish (see S.J. Res. 27), [7DE] (see S.J. Res. 28), [10DE]
———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1332), [13MY]
———require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
———limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]

———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
Dept. of Energy: establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1063), [22AP]
———establish as lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law relative to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects (see S. 1293), [12MY]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [27JA]
———prohibit from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed (see S. 1029), [21AP]
———remove authority to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans (see S. 1048), [22AP]
———require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [14AP]
———review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for adverse effects on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards (see S. 1047), [22AP]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [11FE]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
———reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 2292), [17NO]
Dept. of Justice: provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
Dept. of Labor: issue occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard (see S. 2408), [16DE]
———preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State: improve Inspector General oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]
Dept. of the Interior: ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
———improve coal leasing (see S. 1340), [14MY]
———improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
———improve processes (see S. 1879), [28JY]
———issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
———publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published (see S. 112), [7JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
———regulate tax return preparers (see S. 137), [8JA]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]
———enhance rail safety and provide for safe transport of hazardous materials (see S. 1114), [28AP]
———establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
———establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
———require State motor vehicle departments and registration agencies to notify motor vehicle owners of open safety recalls and require compliance with such recalls prior to registration (see S. 617), [2MR]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
———waive the state of good repair certification requirement for participants in the pilot program for expedited project delivery (see S. 1734), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]
———expand requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and improve oversight of fiduciaries (see S. 2316), [19NO]
———extend certain expiring provisions of administered law (see S. 2082), [25SE]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 172), [13JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
Domestic policy: provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, and establish a grant program relative to naloxone (see S. 2256), [5NO]
———improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA] (see S. 1327), [13MY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
———promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [7JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
Electric power: clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act to generate or transmit electricity may not be considered a violation of environmental laws or regulations (see S. 848), [24MR]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 855), [24MR]
———protect and conserve elephants and regulate ivory in the U.S. (see S. 1769), [15JY]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
———carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 88), [7JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
———establish a program to defer designation of non-attainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 225), [21JA]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]

———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
———modify provision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relative to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites (see S. 1701), [25JN]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
———promote new manufacturing by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in issuing air quality standards necessary to obtain preconstruction permits (see S. 1425), [21MY]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 543), [24FE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 156), [13JA]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
———require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
———rescind funds made available if certain deadlines are not met (see S. 110), [7JA]
FAA: address increase of aircraft noise due to implementation of new flight paths under Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) (see S. 2406), [16DE]
———amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
———issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
———issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [14AP]
———protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [18JN]
———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]
———use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
Families and domestic relations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
FCC: authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 760), [17MR]
———consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 253), [26JA]
———disapprove rule regulating broadband Internet access (see S.J. Res. 14), [28AP]
———ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [19MR]
———establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
———exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
———exempt small business providers of broadband Internet access from net neutrality enhanced transparency requirements (see S. 2283), [16NO]
———extend to private land use restrictions its rule relative to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications (see S. 1685), [25JN]
———limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
———provide greater transparency and efficiency in procedures (see S. 421), [10FE]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
———ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [18JN]
———ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
———establish a third-party quality system assessment program for medical devices (see S. 2187), [21OC]
———establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
———establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [15AP]
———establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
———improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
———increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
———prohibit use of Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption'' (see S. 496), [12FE]
———provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices (see S. 1077), [23AP]
———provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 1101), [27AP]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 1406), [20MY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1109), [28AP]
———establish a process for the review of rules and sets of rules (see S. 1683), [25JN]
———establish entities tasked with improving program and project management (see S. 1550), [10JN]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [21JY]
———postpone effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review (see S. 1927), [4AU]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 111), [7JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules (see S. 1820), [21JY]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———reform rulemaking process by only promulgating regulations that are necessary, maximize benefits, and provide the public an opportunity to participate in the process (see S. 1818), [21JY]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [5AU]
———require a notice and comment process for interpretative rules if there is a change to a previously issued rule (see S. 1487), [3JN]
———require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
———require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules (see S. 1807), [21JY]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1607), [18JN]
———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
———require periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (see S. 1067), [23AP]
———review certain rules and regulations (see S. 846), [24MR]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
———sunset rules after a certain period unless agencies undergo notice and comment rulemaking (see S. 826), [19MR]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: reform (see S. 1669), [24JN]
Federal Water Pollution Control Act: permit removal of certain civil actions filed in State courts to U.S. district courts (see S. 106), [7JA]
Federal-State relations: constitutional amendment to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States (see S.J. Res. 17), [25JN]
———require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]

FEMA: develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs relative to certain disaster relief and emergency assistance (see S. 2109), [30SE]
———require rulemaking to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance (see S. 870), [26MR]
FERC: expand provisions for termination of electric utility mandatory purchase requirements from certain facilities (see S. 1037), [22AP]
———improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
———modify certain requirements relative to trial-type hearings for certain license applications (see S. 1236), [6MY]
———provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
———streamline licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects on existing dams (see S. 1338), [14MY]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 1206), [6MY]
———allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [16AP]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
———ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]
———establish standards for identity verification for non-U.S. persons opening bank accounts or applying for credit cards (see S. 52), [7JA]
———establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
———exempt certain small community banks from certain regulations (see S. 1799), [16JY]
———improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
———provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions (see S. 927), [14AP]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 107), [7JA]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
———develop and use technology for personalized handguns and require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the U.S. incorporate such technology (see S. 1474), [2JN]
———ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [21OC]
———modify definition of ''antique firearm'' (see S. 173), [13JA]
———more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition (see S. 1308), [12MY]
———permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———provide that silencers would be treated the same as long guns relative to registration and transfer laws (see S. 2236), [4NO]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
———revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes (see S. 2209), [27OC]
———terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
———update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions (see S. 1351), [14MY]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [30AP]
———reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
———strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [20OC]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
———facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [26MR]
———require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters or producers are involved in the investigation or review (see S. 1702), [25JN]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
———provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
———bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [19MY]
———eliminate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1804), [21JY]
———establish advisory boards for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1963), [5AU]
———increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 482), [12FE]
———reaffirm importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Board of Governors and ensure at least one member with such experience (see S. 92), [7JA]
———reform by amending Board of Governors staffing policies and settlement voting guidelines (see S. 1248), [7MY]
———reform by limiting emergency lending authority and closing loopholes allowing megabanks to engage in unrestricted commodities activities (see S. 1320), [13MY]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
FTC: establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
———exercise authority relative to mergers under certain antitrust legislation and only in the same procedural manner as the Dept. of Justice exercises such authority (see S. 2102), [30SE]
———issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
———prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]
———prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 2413), [17DE]
Gambling: prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts (see S. 152), [13JA]
———restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
GAO: conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms on electricity prices, supply, and competition in energy markets (see S. 1272), [11MY]
Health: provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Health care professionals: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 78), [7JA]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
———provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
———require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]

Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Insurance: clarify definition of nonadmitted insurer (see S. 1561), [11JN]
———clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
———establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
Interagency Task Force on Short-Lived Climate Pollution Mitigation: establish (see S. 2076), [24SE]
Investments: protect the investment choices of American investors (see S. 1802), [16JY]
———provide end-users with time to meet margin requirements and repeal certain indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required by swaps entities (see S. 1560), [11JN]
IRS: clarify use of credentials by enrolled agents (see S. 422), [10FE] (see S. 914), [14AP]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
———provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Law enforcement: require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [10MR]
Medicaid: encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
Medicare: extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [3DE]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———make changes to home health face-to-face encounter requirements (see S. 1650), [23JN]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [22MY]
———improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
———modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
———require congressional approval, provide restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments (see S. 437), [10FE]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination (see S. 1692), [25JN]
———exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
———limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
———prescribe safety standards for autocycles and related equipment (see S. 685), [10MR]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 2322), [19NO]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
Native Americans: protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
Natural Gas Act: modify a provision relating to civil penalties (see S. 1216), [6MY]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [28SE]
NOAA: provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1107), [28AP]
Nonprofit organizations: clarify that organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals (see S. 1344), [14MY] (see S. 2085), [28SE]
NRC: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 58), [7JA]
———ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
OMB: issue a directive on management of software licenses (see S. 2340), [2DE]
———oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
———strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 121), [8JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Pensions: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Political campaigns: reform system of public financing of Presidential elections (see S. 1176), [30AP]
———require all contributions over a certain amount be reported to the FEC within 48 hours (see S. 2212), [28OC]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Power resources: assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, establish a FERC Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and modify terms of Federal rights-of-way for electric transmission systems (see S. 1217), [6MY]
———facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
———free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers (see S. 889), [26MR]
———reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate (see S. 1224), [6MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]

———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
———require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Public utilities: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
———provide electric consumers the right to access certain electric energy information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage energy usage (see S. 1044), [22AP]
———provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [21MY]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 64), [7JA]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22AP]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]
SBA: increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
———increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 115), [7JA]
———provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts (see S. 958), [15AP]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
———enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 1730), [9JY]
———extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
———increase threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relative to compensatory benefit plans (see S. 576), [26FE]
———provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1010), [20AP]
———repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]
Securities: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senior citizens: provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
———exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
———remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [4FE]
Small business: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 426), [10FE] (see S. 1536), [10JN]
———prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (see S. 1978), [5AU]
———suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 86), [7JA]
Social Security: require applicable manufacturers to include information on payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in certain transparency reports (see S. 2153), [7OC]
Sports: deregulate interstate commerce relative to parimutuel wagering on horseracing (see S. 1174), [30AP]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
———provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Surface Transportation Board: establish as independent and make more efficient and accessible by increasing investigative authority, improving rate review timelines and advancing important proceedings (see S. 808), [19MR]
———expand competition, restore balance to regulatory environment, and improve efficiency and reliability of rail shipping and transportation (see S. 853), [24MR]
———prohibit long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks without approval of the rail carrier's rail car storage plan (see S. 443), [10FE]
Taxation: deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 413), [9FE]
———improve tax treatment of small businesses (see S. 1827), [22JY]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 324), [30JA]
———prohibit modification or amendment of standards and regulations governing substantiation of charitable contributions (see S. 2370), [8DE]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 949), [15AP]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149, 157), [13JA] (see S. 844), [24MR]
Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
———improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
———prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Transportation Security Administration: exempt certain flights in Hawaii and Alaska from increased aviation security service fees (see S. 712), [11MR]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [21JA]
———establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for Federal elections (see S. 1970), [5AU]
———provide that a voter who has previously registered in a State shall be allowed to update their address within the State up to Election Day (see S. 1952), [5AU]
———require availability of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting (see S. 1951), [5AU]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 89), [7JA]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]
Women: ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
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FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
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Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]

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EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
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Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [1DE], [3DE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [21MY], [22MY]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
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Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
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Ease Burden of Federal Tax Compliance on Small Businesses: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 252), [15SE]
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Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 481), [1OC]
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IRS Enrolled Agents Use of Credentials Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 914) (S. Rept. 114–24), [14AP]
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Truth in Settlements Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1109) (S. Rept. 114–76), [7JY]
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Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 385), [5FE]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 103), [7JA]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 594), [26FE]
Budget: appropriately determine the budgetary effects of energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 765), [17MR]
———clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
———clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]
———cut and cap Federal spending and enact balanced budget constitutional amendment (see S. 2182), [19OC]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
———exempt the Dept. of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration (see S. 2303), [18NO]
———increase transparency in Federal budgeting (see S. 399), [5FE]
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CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 2294), [17NO]
———prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside normal scoring periods (see S. 2260), [9NO]
Civil liberties: require the Federal Government to obtain warrants when conducting aerial surveillance (see S. 1595), [17JN]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
Coast Guard: making continuing appropriations for pay in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 545), [24FE]
Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking: establish (see S. 991), [16AP]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 13), [23AP]
———end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1575), [15JN]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]

Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JN]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
———ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 21), [6JA]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [7JA]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 104), [7JA]
Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency: submit a report to Congress on Inspector General mandates (see S. 2128), [5OC]
Courts: ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal actions by amending prohibition on exercise of jurisdiction by U.S. Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts (see S. 1353), [14MY]
———provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 1418), [21MY]
———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
Dept. of Energy: conduct a study on energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities (see S. 1342), [14MY]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
———review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for adverse effects on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards (see S. 1047), [22AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
———require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 350), [3FE]
Dept. of Transportation: rescind unused earmarks (see S. 1544), [10JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [23AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
Employment: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FBI: provide adequate whistleblower protections (see S. 2390), [10DE]
FCC: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [28AP]
———codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [22JA]
———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [18MR]
———disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1109), [28AP]
———establish a process for the review of rules and sets of rules (see S. 1683), [25JN]
———establish entities tasked with improving program and project management (see S. 1550), [10JN]
———identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [21JY]
———improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
———increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
———limit authority to award bonuses to employees (see S. 742), [16MR]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———postpone effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review (see S. 1927), [4AU]
———prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 111), [7JA]
———prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]
———provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments (see S. 614), [27FE]
———provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis (see S. 1199), [5MY]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules (see S. 1820), [21JY]
———reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy (see S. 1274), [11MY]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———reduce operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal motor vehicle fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts (see S. 565), [25FE]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
———reestablish period of limitations for claims of the U.S. that may be collected by garnishing payments received from the Government (see S. 2233), [3NO]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———reform rulemaking process by only promulgating regulations that are necessary, maximize benefits, and provide the public an opportunity to participate in the process (see S. 1818), [21JY]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [5AU]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
———require a notice and comment process for interpretative rules if there is a change to a previously issued rule (see S. 1487), [3JN]
———require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
———require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules (see S. 1807), [21JY]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1008), [20AP] (see S. 1039), [22AP]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1607), [18JN]
———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
———require periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (see S. 1067), [23AP]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 1116), [28AP]
———review certain rules and regulations (see S. 846), [24MR]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [26FE]
———sunset rules after a certain period unless agencies undergo notice and comment rulemaking (see S. 826), [19MR]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
———prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]

———increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [13JA]
———make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 303), [29JA]
———prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
———prevent fraud by representative payees by prosecuting those who misuse Federal retirement funds (see S. 1576), [15JN]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310, 323), [29JA]
———provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [30AP]
———provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1522), [8JN] (see S. 1591), [17JN]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
———provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
———provide leave to a new employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at a certain percentage for purposes of undergoing treatment for such disability (see S. 242), [22JA]
———provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [8JA]
———provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
Federal-State relations: constitutional amendment to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States (see S.J. Res. 17), [25JN]
———prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 94), [7JA]
Financial institutions: establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
———require authorizing committees to hold annual hearings on GAO investigative reports on the identification, consolidation, and elimination of duplicative Government programs (see S. Res. 102), [17MR]
Government regulations: provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Government Transformation Board: establish (see S. 2269), [10NO]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
———suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 2036), [15SE]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
Immigration: prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
Intelligence services: require Presidents' annual budget submissions to include the total dollar amount requested for intelligence or intelligence-related activities of the Government (see S. 1307), [12MY]
IRS: ensure that employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights (see S. 943, 951), [15AP]
———improve transparency and efficiency relative to audits and communications with taxpayers (see S. 186), [16JA]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: ensure Federal officers remain able to ensure their own safety and the safety of their families during a covered furlough (see S. 1162), [30AP]
Members of Congress: suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
Native Americans: extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 35), [6JA]
———extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy, Chickahominy-Eastern Division, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond Tribes (see S. 465), [11FE]
OMB: issue a directive on management of software licenses (see S. 2340), [2DE]
———oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
Presidents of the U.S.: improve process of Presidential transition (see S. 1172), [30AP]
Public debt: appropriately manage debt by limiting use of extraordinary measures (see S. 19), [6JA]
———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 69), [7JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 787), [18MR] (see S. 1636), [18JN]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
SBA: increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
Small business: suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 86), [7JA]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Taxation: clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 910), [14AP] (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]
Whistleblowing: enhance protection for contractor and grantee employees (see S. 795), [18MR]
———extend protections for defense contractor employees to employees of contractors of elements of the intelligence community (see S. 794), [18MR]
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Competitive Service Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1580) (S. Rept. 114–143), [15SE]
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Eliminating Government-Funded Oil-Painting (EGO) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 310) (S. Rept. 114–93), [27JY]
Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 991) (S. Rept. 114–151), [1OC]
Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 614) (S. Rept. 114–86), [21JY]
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
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Gold Star Fathers Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 136) (S. Rept. 114–35), [5MY]
Grants Oversight and New Efficiency (GONE) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1115) (S. Rept. 114–169), [30NO]
Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 465) (S. Rept. 114–141), [10SE]

Inspector General Empowerment Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 114–36), [5MY]
Inspector General Mandates Reporting Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2128) (S. Rept. 114–171), [30NO]
Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531), [4AU]
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National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]
Presidential Transitions Improvements Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1172) (S. Rept. 114–94), [27JY]
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Special Rules Clarification for Accident and Health Plans of Certain Governmental Entities: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 910) (S. Rept. 114–21), [14AP]
Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 282) (S. Rept. 114–71), [24JN]
Truth in Settlements Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1109) (S. Rept. 114–76), [7JY]
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GRACE PERIOD RESTORATION ACT
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Present, [6JA]
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Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [22OC]
Armed Forces: make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements relative to controversies arising under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and preserve rights to bring class actions (see S. 2331), [19NO]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [18MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [16MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [21JY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
———making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26MR]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [21JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [22MY]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [8JY]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16NO]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [20AP]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [22JY]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1327), [13MY]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [28JY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [15SE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [15SE]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [3JN]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign trade: facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [26MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Insurance: clarify definition of nonadmitted insurer (see S. 1561), [11JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
———promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading part-

ners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [5MY]
ITC: establish a process for consideration of temporary duty suspensions (see S. 998), [29AP]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 1747), [9JY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [18MY] (see S. 1874), [7DE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [4FE]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [28AP]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [19OC]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicare: repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [16MR]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [14JY]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [7MY]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, express condolences for death, condemn and call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 96), [4MR]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28SE]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [6OC]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [30AP]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [29AP]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [17MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [9JA]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [26OC]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [29AP]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [15SE]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [22SE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [28SE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [8JY]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [28AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [9JY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [21JY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [26MR]
Dept. of HHS: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
Dept. of State: making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: increase amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients (see S. 2022), [10SE]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 892), [26MR]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
J. Waties Waring Judicial Center, Charleston, SC: designate (see S. 1147), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, and help consumers identify recalled tires (see S. 1741), [9JY]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
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Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1725) (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]
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GRAND CANYON BISON MANAGEMENT ACT
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GRANT, ULYSSES S. ***(18th President of the United States)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
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Attendance
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]

———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [8OC]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [9NO]
Armed Forces: improve security at recruitment centers by allowing officers to carry weapons or improve structural security (see S. 1819), [6AU]
———provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 2), [21JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [21AP]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [22AP]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [21JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 327), [14MY]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [17NO]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [10DE]
Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
———provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 350), [3FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [13AP]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 761), [17MR]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [16NO]
———establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [29JA]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [23MR]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [27AP]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [9NO]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [18DE]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [24FE]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [14JY]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1327), [13MY]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [20OC]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [23JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
Federal employees: provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [24MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [18MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
———terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [26MR]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
FTC: exercise authority relative to mergers under certain antitrust legislation and only in the same procedural manner as the Dept. of Justice exercises such authority (see S. 2102), [30SE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Human rights: treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Immigration: extend and improve EB–5 immigrant investor visa program (see S. 1501), [3JN]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [28JY]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]

Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [3DE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [21AP]
———require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [23JN]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [25MR]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [2FE]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [19MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [10MR]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22JY]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [21AP]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [8DE]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [21JY]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [3MR]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [15AP]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [25FE]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [15DE]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [19OC]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
NOAA: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [5FE]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 1402), [20MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [29SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [21AP]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Power resources: provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers (see S. 889), [26MR]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Puerto Rico: provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 1730), [9JY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [18MR]
Taxation: deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 413), [9FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [12MR]
Terrorism: designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [22JA]
———deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [14MY]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [19MY]
Women: provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [20JA]
Children and youth: identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]
———issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1254), [7MY]
Colleges and universities: extend antitrust exemption for higher education institutions relative to the award of need-based educational aid (see S. 1482), [2JN]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Committee on the Judiciary (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 36), [22JA]
Courts: provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 1418), [21MY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]

———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]
———aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system to give prospective students a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college (see S. 2150), [7OC]
———revise counseling requirements for certain student loan borrowers (see S. 2043), [16SE]
Dept. of HHS: allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (see S. 1439), [21MY]
———establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
Education: express importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools (see S. Res. 150), [23AP]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
FBI: provide adequate whistleblower protections (see S. 2390), [10DE]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [26FE]
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: improve attorney accountability to reduce frivolous lawsuits (see S. 401), [5FE]
Immigration: limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissable, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief (see S. 1120), [28AP]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
Insurance: provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [25JN]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [3MR]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 349), [3FE]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29JA]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JN]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [11MR]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [2FE]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans relative to certain categories or classes of drugs (see S. 648), [4MR]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [3MR]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———refine payment for orthotics and prosthetics and improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care (see S. 829), [23MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [5FE]
———require use of electronic visit verification systems for home health and personal care services (see S. 2416), [17DE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
———require applicable manufacturers to include information on payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in certain transparency reports (see S. 2153), [7OC]
Taxation: extend and reform biodiesel tax incentives (see S. 2353), [3DE]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
Terrorism: provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
University of Iowa: anniversary of College of Law (see S. Res. 339), [18DE]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 1599), [17JN]
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Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
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Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
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Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
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Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [10NO]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
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Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
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Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
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National security: develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
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Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [5OC]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [3NO]
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]
Bankruptcy: require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 357), [9JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Crime: expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [28AP]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [11FE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [26FE]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [20JA]
Dept. of Education: assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [18MR]
———ensure student data handled by private companies is protected (see S. 1322), [13MY]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [26JA]

———use student loan repayment rates at institutions of higher education to determine institutional eligibility for Federal student aid funds and require risk sharing payments of institutions (see S. 1939), [5AU]
Dept. of Energy: issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [7JY]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [20MY]
———curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [12JA]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State: submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [2DE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [9FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [30AP]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [22JY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [3JN]
Drugs: exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [4MR]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [21MY]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [4MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [11MR]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices (see S. 1077), [23AP]
———provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 1101), [14MY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives (see S. 1691), [15JY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA]
FTC: exercise authority relative to mergers under certain antitrust legislation and only in the same procedural manner as the Dept. of Justice exercises such authority (see S. 2102), [30SE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [24SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [5NO]
Insurance: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [8OC]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [28AP]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [11MY]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [21JY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [29AP]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [15JY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [24JN]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [3JN]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [22SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NIH: improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [19MR]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]

———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [21JA]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [27JY]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [10JN]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Presidents of the U.S.: limit authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument (see S. 1416), [21MY]
———modify authority to declare national monuments (see S. 2004), [6AU]
Privacy Act: extend protections relative to information shared with law enforcement to citizens of certain U.S. allies (see S. 1600), [17JN]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [9DE]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [7DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Social Security: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
Taxation: improve higher education tax benefits compliance (see S. 1413), [21MY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [9MR]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [25JN]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall after receipt of gift for renovation of such hall (see S. 143), [26JA]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [10NO]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [11JN]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [11MY]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]

Bills and resolutions introduced

African Growth and Opportunity Act: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 906), [14AP]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros (see S. 1845), [23JY]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Committee on Finance (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 34), [22JA]
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [4MR]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
Crime: specify state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind to strengthen criminal intent protections (see S. 2298), [18NO]
Dept. of Education: provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools (see S. 1892), [29JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 1015), [20AP] (see S. 1269), [11MY]
Dept. of Justice: improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1268), [11MY]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 14), [6JA]
———enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases (see S. 937), [14AP]
Dept. of Transportation: reform the surface transportation project delivery program (see S. 2258), [9NO]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
Drugs: improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
Education: promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]
EPA: establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
Families and domestic relations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
FDA: create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
Federal agencies and departments: establish a process for the review of rules and sets of rules (see S. 1683), [25JN]
———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
———prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 499), [12FE]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]
Haiti: extend preferential duty treatment program (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area: establish (see S. 13), [6JA]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———permanently authorize the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program (see S. 1339), [14MY]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
IRS: clarify use of credentials by enrolled agents (see S. 914), [14AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Law enforcement: safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
Medicare: improve efficiency of appeals process (see S. 2368), [8DE]
———repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (see S. 810), [19MR]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 560), [25FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Puerto Rico: provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]

Roads and highways: modify U.S. Code relative to the obligation and release of funds (see S. 1781), [15JY]
———permit a State transportation department to approve a justification report for a project to build or modify a freeway-to-crossroad interchange within a transportation management area in such State (see S. 1782), [15JY]
Social Security: exclude certain medical sources of evidence in making disability determinations (see S. 1198), [5MY]
SSA: make on-line tools available to allow individuals to assess the impact of earnings on eligibility for, and amount of, disability benefits received through Federal and State programs (see S. 1197), [5MY]
———prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
———provide certain individuals with information on employment support services (see S. 1923), [4AU]
———provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions (see S. 1922), [4AU]
———update medical-vocational guidelines used in disability determinations (see S. 1194), [5MY]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [6JA]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 920), [14AP]
———clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 910), [14AP]
———exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 916), [14AP]
———exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers (see S. 919), [14AP]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 912), [14AP]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 915), [14AP]
———exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised (see S. 909), [14AP]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———improve access and administration of the U.S. Tax Court (see S. 903), [14AP]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for certain small insurance companies (see S. 905), [14AP]
———prevent extension of tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries (see S. 907), [14AP]
———provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology (see S. 913), [14AP]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 908), [14AP]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 917), [14AP]
———provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked (see S. 918), [14AP]
———remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers subject to Federal excise taxes on distilled spirits, wine, and beer (see S. 904), [14AP]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [16MR]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Utah: provide for conveyance of certain land to Washington County and authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land (see S. 1985), [5AU]
———withdraw BLM lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
Vice Presidents of the U.S.: prohibit threats against former Vice Presidents and members of their families (see S. 250), [26JA]
Washington County, UT: clarify laws relative to designation of a northern transportation route (see S. 1783), [15JY]
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———notify the President of election (see S. Res. 4), [6JA]
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Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
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———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [15SE], [17SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Designated acting Presidents pro tempore
Cotton, Senator, [13JA], [9MR], [20AP], [21AP], [3NO]
Ernst, Senator, [19OC]
Gardner, Senator, [30OC]
Heller, Senator, [7MY], [23JY]
Lankford, Senator, [23MY]
McConnell, Senator, [9JY]
Paul, Senator, [4MR], [20MY]
Perdue, Senator, [6AU]
Motions
Medicare: repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (H.R. 2), [14AP]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (H.R. 2), [14AP]
Reports filed
Activities During the 113th Congress: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–9), [13AP]
Alternative Tax Liability Limitation Increase for Certain Small Insurance Companies: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 905) (S. Rept. 114–16), [14AP]
Audit & Appeals Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare (AFIRM) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 2368) (S. Rept. 114–177), [8DE]
Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995) (S. Rept. 114–42), [12MY]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Waiver Authority Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1362) (S. Rept. 114–108), [30JY]
Charitable Agricultural Research Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 908) (S. Rept. 114–19), [14AP]
Cider Investment and Development through Excise Tax Reduction (CIDER) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 906) (S. Rept. 114–17), [14AP]
Community Based Independence for Seniors Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 704) (S. Rept. 114–103), [30JY]
Craft Beverage Bond Simplification Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 904) (S. Rept. 114–15), [14AP]
Dept. of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268) (S. Rept. 114–44), [12MY]
Don't Tax Our Fallen Public Safety Heroes Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 916) (S. Rept. 114–26), [14AP]
Electronic Health Fairness Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1347) (S. Rept. 114–106), [30JY]
Exclude From Gross Income Certain Clean Coal Power Grants to Non-Corporate Taxpayers: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 919) (S. Rept. 114–29), [14AP]
Exclude Payments Received Under Work Colleges Program From Gross Income, Including Payments Made From Institutional Funds: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 912) (S. Rept. 114–22), [14AP]
Expenditures: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. Res. 34), [22JA]
Hire More Heroes Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (H.R. 22) (S. Rept. 114–3), [12FE]
Improve Certain Education Savings Plans: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 335) (S. Rept. 114–56), [21MY]
Improving Access to Emergency Psychiatric Care Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S.599) (S. Rept. 114–101, [30JY]
Investment Tax Credit for Waste Heat to Power Technology: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 913) (S. Rept. 114–23), [14AP]
IRS Enrolled Agents Use of Credentials Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 914) (S. Rept. 114–24), [14AP]
IRS Processing of 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) Applications for Tax-Exempt Status Submitted by ''Political Ad-

vocacy'' Organizations From 2010–2013: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–119), [5AU]
LNG and LPG Excise Tax Equalization Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 917) (S. Rept. 114–27), [14AP]
Medicare Enforcement Instruction on Supervision Requirements for Outpatient Therapeutic Services in Critical Access and Small Rural Hospitals Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1461) (S. Rept. 114–109), [30JY]
Military Spouse Job Continuity Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 920) (S. Rept. 114–30), [14AP]
Notice for Organizations That Include Charities Is Essential (NOTICE) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 918) (S. Rept. 114–28), [14AP]
Notice of Observation Treatment and Implication for Care Eligibility (NOTICE) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1349) (S. Rept. 114–107), [30JY]
Patient Access to Disposable Medical Technology Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1253) (S. Rept. 114–105), [30JY]
Philanthropic Enterprise Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 909) (S. Rept. 114–20), [14AP]
Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 313) (S. Rept. 114–98), [30JY]
Preventing and Reducing Improper Medicare and Medicaid Expenditures (PRIME) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 861) (S. Rept. 114–104), [30JY]
Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 466) (S. Rept. 114–100), [30JY]
Real Estate Investment and Jobs Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 915) (S. Rept. 114–25), [14AP]
Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 114–102), [30JY]
Special Needs Trust Fairness Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 349) (S. Rept. 114–99), [30JY]
Special Rules Clarification for Accident and Health Plans of Certain Governmental Entities: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 910) (S. Rept. 114–21), [14AP]
Tax Relief Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]
Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1269), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1269) (S. Rept. 114–45), [13MY]
Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]
U.S. Tax Court Access and Administration Improvement: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 903) (S. Rept. 114–14), [14AP]
Wounded Warrior Tax Equity Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 907) (S. Rept. 114–18), [14AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE] (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]

HAWAII
Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 3), [5FE]
Dept. of Education: provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
History: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
Transportation Security Administration: exempt certain flights in Hawaii and Alaska from increased aviation security service fees (see S. 712), [11MR]
Tung, Vichai Sae: relief (see S. 955), [15AP]
Reports filed
Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 34) (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RAIL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1175), [30AP]

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES *related term(s)* **RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES**
Bills and resolutions
Bankruptcy: require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 357), [4FE]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Corps of Engineers: undertake remediation oversight of West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, MO (see S. 2306), [19NO]
CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
———establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Dept. of Energy: obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
Dept. of HHS: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of Justice: improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
Dept. of Transportation: enhance rail safety and provide for safe transport of hazardous materials (see S. 1114), [28AP]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]
———extend authorities to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases determined to be associated with exposure to herbicide agents (see S. 2081), [25SE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 88), [7JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 225), [21JA]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
———publish a health advisory and submit reports relative to microcystins in drinking water (see S. 462), [11FE]
———require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
Medicare: cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 70), [5FE] (see S. Res. 341), [18DE]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]
———prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for

dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
———ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Taxation: extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Messages
Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
Motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [22JA]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1250) (S. Rept. 114–179), [14DE]
Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697) (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]
Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 142) (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2577) (S. Rept. 114–75), [25JN]
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]
RESPONSE Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 546) (S. Rept. 114–85), [21JY]
Sensible Environmental Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]

HEAD START ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: improve Head Start Program by authorizing block grants to States for prekindergarten education (see S. 2290), [17NO]

HEALTH *related term(s)* **DISEASES; PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**
Appointments
Commission on Care, [12FE], [21MY], [6AU]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
———prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 219), [21JA] (see S. 582), [26FE]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
Alcohol Responsibility Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [8OC]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Animals: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
Armed Forces: ensure ability of covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program to access care under a health plan under such program in each TRICARE program region (see S. 1290), [12MY]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
———require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 646), [3MR]
———require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 587), [26FE]
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [5AU]
Bankruptcy: require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 357), [4FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Business and industry: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
———clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18MY]
———test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]
———improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
———promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
Civil liberties: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
———prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [7JA]
———recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
CPSC: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Crime: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]
———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1332), [13MY]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
———require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1022), [21AP]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
———strengthen and reauthorize the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (see S. 1075), [23AP]

———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 418), [9FE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———award grants to States for development of innovative long-term services and support programs (see S. 2338), [1DE]
———build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
———conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
———coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [5NO]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
———develop and disseminate evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately (see S. 205), [21JA]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [4AU]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [25MR]
———establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
———establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [21MY]
———establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [29JY]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1391), [20MY]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MR]
———prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42, 118), [7JA]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [11FE]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
———publish physical activity recommendations (see S. 1793), [16JY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
———reauthorize certain trauma care programs (see S. 763), [17MR]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
———revise operations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (see S. 1151), [30AP]
———strengthen accountability and improve transparency in health information technology systems (see S. 2141), [6OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security: continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
———make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
———improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
———provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
———strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
———issue occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard (see S. 2408), [16DE]
———preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of the Interior: carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 1078), [23AP]
Dept. of Transportation: establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]
———allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2000), [5AU] (see S. 2179), [8OC]
———allow the modification of hours of employment for full-time physicians and physician assistants (see S. 1450), [21MY]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Dept. (see S. 2210), [27OC]
———carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
———clarify role of podiatrists (see S. 2175), [8OC]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 761), [17MR]
———develop and publish an action plan for improving vocational rehabilitation services and assistance (see S. 2106), [30SE]
———eliminate sunset date and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program (see S. 1991), [5AU]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 1534), [9JN]
———establish a continuing medical education program for non-departmental medical professionals who treat veterans and their families (see S. 2049), [17SE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]
———establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program (see S. 563), [25FE]
———establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]

———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [23MR]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and prevent insurance companies from limiting reimbursements based on the VA not being an in-network provider (see S. 1452), [21MY]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1693), [25JN]
———extend authorities to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases determined to be associated with exposure to herbicide agents (see S. 2081), [25SE]
———extend authority for operation of regional office in Manila, Philippines (see S. 2062), [21SE]
———extend authorization to replace existing medical center in Denver, CO, and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]
———extend requirement to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 374), [4FE]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
———improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———improve treatment of medical evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals in support of disability claims compensation (see S. 666), [4MR]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [25FE]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [24JN]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1257), [7MY]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———modify treatment of agreements entered into to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services (see S. 739), [16MR]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [13JA]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 172), [13JA]
———provide the public with access to departmental research (see S. 114), [7JA]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———require an independent review of the process by which assessments of cognitive impairments resulting from traumatic brain injury are made relative to awarding disability compensation (see S. 244), [22JA]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [28JA]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
———terminate any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower (see S. 788), [18MR]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
———waive copayment requirement for medical and hospital services in the case of certain billing errors and inform veterans of payment plan and waiver rights relative to untimely billing (see S. 2052), [17SE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: conduct a pilot program to assess feasibility and advisability of expanding use of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine (see S. 714), [11MR]
———designate certain non-departmental mental health care providers as providers who have particular knowledge of provision of mental health care to Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 717), [11MR]
———establish a joint uniform formulary for systemic pain and psychotropic drugs critical to transitioning treatment of an individual between Depts. (see S. 1721), [8JY]
———improve provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans (see S. 715), [11MR]
———improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
———provide behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserves based on need and expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling (see S. 832), [23MR]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
———promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Disabled: prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports (see S. 2427), [18DE]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 1064), [23AP]
———improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [23AP]
———improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [26FE]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [30AP]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
———provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [23AP]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
———end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, and establish a grant program relative to naloxone (see S. 2256), [5NO]
———exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
———improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]
———promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
———provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [11MR]
———provide grants to improve treatment of substance use disorders (see S. 1410), [21MY]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
———reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 636), [3MR]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Education: support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]

———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
———publish a health advisory and submit reports relative to microcystins in drinking water (see S. 462), [11FE]
———require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
———issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
———create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
———ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [18JN]
———ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
———ensure the safety of imported seafood (see S. 190), [20JA]
———establish a third-party quality system assessment program for medical devices (see S. 2187), [21OC]
———establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
———extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [28JY]
———improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
———increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
———provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices (see S. 1077), [23AP]
———provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 1101), [27AP]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
———exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
———prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
Federal employees: provide leave to a new employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at a certain percentage for purposes of undergoing treatment for such disability (see S. 242), [22JA]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
Flowers: recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
FTC: issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
———prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
GAO: conduct audits relative to timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other care from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (see S. 2229), [3NO]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Health care professionals: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 78), [7JA]
———protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [10MR]
———provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
———require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [20MY]
Housing: require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
———treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 130), [8JA]
Insurance: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
———improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [26MR]
———increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [13JA]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 1661), [24JN]
———preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [25JN]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
———provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
———require disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax (see S. 2432), [18DE]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [3MR]
———encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
———ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [23JY]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
———require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance while such individual is an inmate of a public institution (see S. 1409), [21MY]
———restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
———strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [29SE]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29JA]
———allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———allow individuals to elect to receive Medicare Summary Notice electronically and increase flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors (see S. 584), [26FE]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [12FE]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1488), [3JN]
———apply secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified set-aside provisions (see S. 1514), [4JN]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico (see S. 1453), [21MY]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24MR]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [22JY]

———cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal screening test (see S. 2262), [10NO]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JN]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [30AP]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [18NO]
———enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market (see S. 2392), [10DE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [21AP]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [26FE]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [11MR]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———establish smart card pilot program (see S. 1871), [27JY]
———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [3DE]
———extend certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on establishment of certain hospitals and facilities (see S. 2108), [30SE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [2FE]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———extend the rural add-on payment in the home health benefit (see S. 839), [23MR] (see S. 2389), [10DE]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———facilitate increased coordination and alignment between public and private sector relative to quality and efficiency measures (see S. 1427), [21MY]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———improve access to mental health services (see S. 2173), [8OC]
———improve efficiency of appeals process (see S. 2368), [8DE]
———improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans relative to certain categories or classes of drugs (see S. 648), [4MR]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists (see S. 2259), [9NO]
———improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by certain Federally qualified providers (see S. 1456), [22MY]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———make changes to home health face-to-face encounter requirements (see S. 1650), [23JN]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [24SE]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [3MR]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]
———permit occupational therapists to conduct initial assessment visits under a home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases (see S. 2364), [8DE]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [14JY]
———provide a technical change to long-term care hospital moratorium exception (see S. 202), [21JA]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
———provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies (see S. 1253), [7MY]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [8DE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [20AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [19MR]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [28JA]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [29AP]
———provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers (see S. 1132), [29AP]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [22OC]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [30SE]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
———recognize attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients (see S. 1354), [14MY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———refine payment for orthotics and prosthetics and improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care (see S. 829), [23MR]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [24FE]
———repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (see S. 810), [19MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals (see S. 1349), [14MY]
———require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
———require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans (see S. 2349), [3DE]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
———strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs (see S. 2382), [9DE]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
———implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [5FE]
———improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
———improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [16DE]
———make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
———require use of electronic visit verification systems for home health and personal care services (see S. 2416), [17DE]

Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
———transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
Minorities: provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 187), [21MY]
National Blood Donor Month: designate (see S. Res. 56), [29JA]
National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 176), [11MY]
National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 70), [5FE] (see S. Res. 341), [18DE]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [22SE]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 1494), [3JN]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 114), [25MR] (see S. Res. 128), [26MR]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 115), [25MR]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 264), [22SE]
National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 281), [7OC]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week: designate (see S. Res. 303), [3NO]
National Nurses Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 178), [12MY]
National objectives: improve access to primary care services (see S. 1989), [5AU]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 156), [30AP]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 324), [2DE]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216, 222), [21JA]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Schizencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 181), [19MY]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 235), [29JY]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Native Americans: exempt the Indian Health Service, BIA, and certain other programs for Indians from budget sequestration (see S. 1497), [3JN]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [5AU]
———expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 276), [28JA]
———improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [19MR]
———prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [29JA]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Oral health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
Oran donors: promote awareness of organ donation and need to increase pool of available organs (see S. 1435), [21MY]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 145), [22AP]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 1402), [20MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
———authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 97), [7JA]
———correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 2114), [1OC]
———enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment (see S. 1653), [23JN]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 121), [8JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1771), [15JY]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———modify definition of applicable large employer relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1415), [21MY]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
———permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options (see S. 531), [23FE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide a transition plan for individuals impacted by implementation (see S. 673), [4MR]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 77), [7JA] (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
———repeal certain provisions that have the effect of rationing health care (see S. 1718), [8JY]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 87), [7JA]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
———provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that

are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [17SE]
Public Health Service: designate the Chief Nurse Officer as the National Nurse for Public Health (see S. 1205), [6MY]
Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 270), [24SE]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 2014), [9SE]
Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [23FE]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
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Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 136), [16AP]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———exclude certain medical sources of evidence in making disability determinations (see S. 1198), [5MY]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 428), [10FE]
———provide for a phased-in payment of disability insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 2010), [9SE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
———require applicable manufacturers to include information on payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in certain transparency reports (see S. 2153), [7OC]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [16AP]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
———prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
———update medical-vocational guidelines used in disability determinations (see S. 1194), [5MY]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]
Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 315), [29JA]
———allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 41), [7JA]
———clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 910), [14AP] (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———clarify treatment of locum tenens physicians as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages in underserved areas (see S. 2371), [8DE]
———exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———expand workplace health incentives by equalizing tax consequences of employee athletic facility use (see S. 2296), [18NO]
———extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals (see S. 1005), [16AP]
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———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 215), [21JA]
———prevent extension of tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries (see S. 907), [14AP]
———prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving VA medical care for service-connected disabilities (see S. 1880), [28JY]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 879), [26MR]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 43), [7JA]
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———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
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———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [27JA]
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———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
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Wounded Warrior Tax Equity Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 907) (S. Rept. 114–18), [14AP]
Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 242) (S. Rept. 114–89), [23JY]

HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION RECONCILIATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 219), [21JA] (see S. 582), [26FE]
Alaska: convey certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (see S. 2421), [17DE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [7JA]
Daniel L. Kinnard Dept. of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Newark, OH: designate (see S. 1325), [13MY]
Danville, IL: provide for conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Danville Area Community College (see S. 1967), [5AU]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [25MR]
———include county and municipal correctional facilities among medical facilities that qualify for designation as health professional shortage areas for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1051), [22AP]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]
———reauthorize certain trauma care programs (see S. 763), [17MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]
———allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2000), [5AU] (see S. 2179), [8OC]
———carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Dept. (see S. 2210), [27OC]
———carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 761), [17MR]
———eliminate sunset date and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program (see S. 1991), [5AU]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 1534), [9JN]
———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]
———establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program (see S. 563), [25FE]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and prevent insurance companies from limiting reimbursements based on the VA not being an in-network provider (see S. 1452), [21MY]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1693), [25JN]
———extend authority for operation of regional office in Manila, Philippines (see S. 2062), [21SE]
———extend authorization for construction of medical center in Aurora, CO, and enter into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to manage such construction (see S. 285), [28JA] (see S. 997), [16AP]
———extend authorization to replace existing medical center in Denver, CO, and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]
———extend requirement to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 374), [4FE]
———improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of

complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [24JN]
———make permanent authority to transport individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 603), [26FE]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———modify treatment of agreements entered into to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services (see S. 739), [16MR]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [13JA]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [28JA]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———terminate any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower (see S. 788), [18MR]
———transfer authority for construction of future major medical facility projects to the Corps of Engineers (see S. 997), [16AP]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
———waive copayment requirement for medical and hospital services in the case of certain billing errors and inform veterans of payment plan and waiver rights relative to untimely billing (see S. 2052), [17SE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: provide behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserves based on need and expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling (see S. 832), [23MR]
Drugs: establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, and establish a grant program relative to naloxone (see S. 2256), [5NO]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
GAO: conduct audits relative to timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other care from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (see S. 2229), [3NO]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [26MR]
———improve access to primary care services (see S. 1989), [5AU]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
Health care professionals: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 78), [7JA]
Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA: designate the Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum (see S. 1468), [22MY]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [29SE]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24MR]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JN]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [30AP]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]
———extend certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on establishment of certain hospitals and facilities (see S. 2108), [30SE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [2FE]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists (see S. 2259), [9NO]
———improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by certain Federally qualified providers (see S. 1456), [22MY]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [24SE]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]
———provide a technical change to long-term care hospital moratorium exception (see S. 202), [21JA]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [29AP]
———provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers (see S. 1132), [29AP]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [24FE]
———require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals (see S. 1349), [14MY]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [5FE]
———improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
———improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [16DE]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [22SE]
National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week: designate (see S. Res. 303), [3NO]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
Social Security: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 41), [7JA]
———increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care by providing incentives for doctors to provide uncompensated care (see S. 1521), [4JN]
———prevent extension of tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries (see S. 907), [14AP]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 879), [26MR]
Treto Garza South Texas Dept. of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center, Harlingen, TX: designate (see S. 1534), [9JN]
Veterans: allow Indian Health Service to pay for Indian or Alaska Native veterans' copayments at Dept. of Veterans Affairs facilities (see S. 2417), [17DE]
Women: require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
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———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 833), [6AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Revoking of Bonuses Paid to Employees Involved in Electronic Medical Appointment Wait List Manipulations: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 627) (S. Rept. 114–148), [28SE]
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Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2029) (S. Rept. 114–57), [21MY]
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Medicare Enforcement Instruction on Supervision Requirements for Outpatient Therapeutic Services in Critical Access and Small Rural Hospitals Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1461) (S. Rept. 114–109), [30JY]
Notice of Observation Treatment and Implication for Care Eligibility (NOTICE) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1349) (S. Rept. 114–107), [30JY]
Older Americans Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 192), [3FE]
Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 114–102), [30JY]
Wounded Warrior Tax Equity Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 907) (S. Rept. 114–18), [14AP]

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS *related term(s)* **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

Bills and resolutions

Abortion: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 78), [7JA]
———prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Armed Forces: require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 587), [26FE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [15SE]
Children and youth: promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
———increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
Dept. of HHS: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
———develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
———develop and disseminate evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately (see S. 205), [21JA]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [25MR]
———establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [21MY]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 218), [21JA]
———include county and municipal correctional facilities among medical facilities that qualify for designation as health professional shortage areas for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1051), [22AP]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [11FE]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 2151), [7OC]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of Labor: issue occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard (see S. 2408), [16DE]
———preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]
———allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2000), [5AU] (see S. 2179), [8OC]
———allow the modification of hours of employment for full-time physicians and physician assistants (see S. 1450), [21MY]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5OC]
———clarify role of podiatrists (see S. 2175), [8OC]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 761), [17MR]
———eliminate sunset date and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program (see S. 1991), [5AU]
———establish a continuing medical education program for non-departmental medical professionals who treat veterans and their families (see S. 2049), [17SE]
———establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program (see S. 563), [25FE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [23MR]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and prevent insurance companies from limiting reimbursements based on the VA not being an in-network provider (see S. 1452), [21MY]
———extend requirement to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 374), [4FE]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
———improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———improve treatment of medical evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals in support of disability claims compensation (see S. 666), [4MR]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [25FE]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [24JN]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1257), [7MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [28JA]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
———terminate any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower (see S. 788), [18MR]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: conduct a pilot program to assess feasibility and advisability of expanding use of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine (see S. 714), [11MR]
———designate certain non-departmental mental health care providers as providers who have particular knowledge of provision of mental health care to Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 717), [11MR]
———improve provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans (see S. 715), [11MR]
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, and establish a grant program relative to naloxone (see S. 2256), [5NO]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]

———provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [11MR]
———require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [20MY]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [26MR]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———improve access to primary care services (see S. 1989), [5AU]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
Immigration: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [3MR]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29JA]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [12FE]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [30AP]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market (see S. 2392), [10DE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [21AP]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [26FE]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———extend the rural add-on payment in the home health benefit (see S. 839), [23MR] (see S. 2389), [10DE]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists (see S. 2259), [9NO]
———improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by certain Federally qualified providers (see S. 1456), [22MY]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]
———permit occupational therapists to conduct initial assessment visits under a home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases (see S. 2364), [8DE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers (see S. 1132), [29AP]
———recognize attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients (see S. 1354), [14MY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (see S. 810), [19MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
———protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [22SE]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week: designate (see S. Res. 303), [3NO]
National Nurses Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 178), [12MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Public Health Service: designate the Chief Nurse Officer as the National Nurse for Public Health (see S. 1205), [6MY]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Social Security: require applicable manufacturers to include information on payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in certain transparency reports (see S. 2153), [7OC]
Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 789), [18MR]
Sports: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [10MR]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———clarify treatment of locum tenens physicians as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages in underserved areas (see S. 2371), [8DE]
———exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 279), [28JA] (see S. 322), [29JA] (see S. 916), [14AP]
———exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [27FE]
———increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care by providing incentives for doctors to provide uncompensated care (see S. 1521), [4JN]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [27FE]
University of Pennsylvania: anniversary of Perelman School of Medicine (see S. Res. 127), [26MR]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Women: require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]

Cloture motions

Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]

Motions

Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), [17SE]
Medicare: repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (H.R. 2), [14AP]

Reports filed

Dept. of Veterans Affairs Revoking of Bonuses Paid to Employees Involved in Electronic Medical Appointment Wait List Manipulations: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 627) (S. Rept. 114–148), [28SE]
Don't Tax Our Fallen Public Safety Heroes Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 916) (S. Rept. 114–26), [14AP]
Medicare Enforcement Instruction on Supervision Requirements for Outpatient Therapeutic Services in Critical Access and Small Rural Hospitals Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1461) (S. Rept. 114–109), [30JY]
Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 313) (S. Rept. 114–98), [30JY]
Suicide Prevention for American Veterans (SAV) Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 203), [21JA]

———Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 203) (S. Rept. 114–34), [23AP]

HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]

HEALTHY KIDS OUTDOORS ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1078), [23AP]

HEALTHY MATERNITY AND OBSTETRIC MEDICINE (HEALTHY MOM) ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 2220), [29OC]

HEARTLAND, HABITAT, HARVEST, AND HORTICULTURE ACT

Bills and resolutions

Taxation: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [8OC]

HEINRICH, MARTIN *(a Senator from New Mexico)*

Appointments

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, [7JA]

Attendance

Present, [6JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]

Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [7OC]

Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [10NO]

Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [15SE]

———outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [15DE]

———require that military working dogs be retired in the U.S. (see S. 1498), [27JY]

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]

Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]

Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]

Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [14AP]

———require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 646), [3MR]

Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]

BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]

Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12FE]

Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]

Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]

Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]

Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]

Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 1315), [13MY]

Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]

———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]

Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [28AP]

Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]

Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [27OC]

Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]

Constitution—U.S.: restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [10SE]

Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [8JN]

Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]

Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [18DE]

Cuba: authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [7JY]

———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [7JY]

———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [19MY]

Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]

Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]

Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]

Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]

———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]

———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [27JA]

———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]

———increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [5AU]

———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]

———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]

———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]

———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]

———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [5AU]

———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]

———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]

Dept. of Energy: establish energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1256), [10JN]

———extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]

———facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [11MY]

———issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [21MY]

———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]

———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]

Dept. of HHS: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]

———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1391), [20MY]

———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [22JY]

———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [22SE]

———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]

———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]

Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]

Dept. of HUD: amend definition of ''homeless person'' to include certain homeless children and youth (see S. 256), [4MR]

Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]

Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [13AP]

Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]

———reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]

———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [26FE]

———take parcels of Federal land into trust for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in New Mexico (see S. 986), [16AP]

———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]

———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [10NO]

Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [26FE]

Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]

Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]

Drought: provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]

Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [15JN]

———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]

Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]

———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [21JY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Electric power: protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
EPA: provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
FAA: use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [17JN]
FCC: promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [29JY]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [26FE]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [22SE]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [13AP]
Fish and fishing: reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [21MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [7MY]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 415), [9FE]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [30NO]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [17MR] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [20MY]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [27JY]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [23AP]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [24FE]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [18MR]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [8SE]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [22JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [19MY]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [8SE]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [15DE]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [14JY]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [18JN]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [4MR]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [15AP]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [24MR]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [30SE]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [17SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [9JN]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to Navajo water rights settlement (see S. 501), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [10SE]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [28SE]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems (see S. 888), [26MR]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [25FE]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [19MY]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]

Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [3NO]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
———promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [22MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [9JN]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [26FE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [10SE]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [21SE]
Space policy: improve transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles (see S. 592), [26FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [17SE]
Tariff: recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [6AU]
Taxation: extend and reform biodiesel tax incentives (see S. 2353), [8DE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [18DE]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [16AP]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [5AU]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [13MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [26JY]
———improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [21SE]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of Education: improve college affordability by increasing maximum awards, allowing year-round eligibility, and extending duration limits relative to the Federal Pell Grant Program (see S. 1998), [5AU]
Dept. of Energy: establish a grant program allowing National Laboratories provision of vouchers to small businesses to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and their economic impact (see S. 1259), [7MY]
———establish comprehensive program to improve education and training to increase number of skilled workers in energy and manufacturing fields (see S. 1422), [21MY]
———establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories (see S. 784), [18MR]
———increase maximum percentage of funds available for laboratory directed research and development (see S. 830), [23MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissable to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]
Dept. of the Interior: carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 1078), [23AP]
———provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts (see S. 154), [13JA]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
FERC: improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
New Mexico: anniversary of White Sands Missile Range (see S. Res. 107), [23MR]
———protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [21MY]
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Solar energy: promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities (see S. 1723), [9JY]
Taxation: allow allocation of certain renewable energy tax credits to Indian tribes (see S. 1749), [13JY]
HEITKAMP, HEIDI ***(a Senator from North Dakota)***
Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [12FE]
Attendance
Present, [8JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [24SE]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [16MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 18), [9JY]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [23FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [7JY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [10NO]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [12MY]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [26JA]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [9JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [23AP]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 294), [22OC]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [8JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Defense: make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15SE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [26MR]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
———repeal certain programs and establish a coal technology program (see S. 1283), [11MY]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [11MY]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]

———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [9SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [15AP]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [10FE]
———promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [13AP]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [3AU]
Dept. of the Interior: reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Dept. of Transportation: recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [7OC]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [20JA]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [26FE]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [22SE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [23AP]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [10JN]
Eximbank: reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
———clarify whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status (see S. 387), [5FE]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13JY]
Federal agencies and departments: establish entities tasked with improving program and project management (see S. 1550), [10JN]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules (see S. 1820), [28JY]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
———reform rulemaking process by only promulgating regulations that are necessary, maximize benefits, and provide the public an opportunity to participate in the process (see S. 1818), [28JY]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
Federal employees: prevent fraud by representative payees by prosecuting those who misuse Federal retirement funds (see S. 1576), [15JN]
FERC: provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: reaffirm importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Board of Governors and ensure at least one member with such experience (see S. 92), [7JA]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
Insurance: provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [25JN]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [23AP]
Investments: provide end-users with time to meet margin requirements and repeal certain indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required by swaps entities (see S. 1560), [11JN]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [17JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24FE]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [24FE]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [11JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [29JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [11JN]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [11JN]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [9JY]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [30AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [30JY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [30AP]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [11MY]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [7MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [14AP]
National Schizencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 181), [19MY]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [30JY]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter

registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
———require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings (see S. 184), [20JA]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [16SE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [16JY]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [8SE]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [20OC]
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 41), [26JA]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [8JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [10SE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [10SE]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [26OC]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Power resources: modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [17JN]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [26FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
SBA: reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [6OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [30AP]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]
Tariff: exempt from duty residue of bulk cargo contained in instruments of international traffic previously exported from the U.S. (see S. 989), [16AP]
Taxation: expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit (see S. 1361), [18MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [10SE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [10JN]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [4AU]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Women: require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Alcohol Responsibility Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]
Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]
Dept. of Energy: authorize entrance into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relative to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology (see S. 1285), [11MY]
———establish as lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law relative to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects (see S. 1293), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [21MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 2050), [17SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
Federal agencies and departments: improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [21JY]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
FRS: require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
Medora, ND: anniversary of Medora Musical (see S. Res. 220), [9JY]
Members of Congress: suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
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National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of applicable large employer relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1415), [21MY]
Petroleum: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]
Postal Service: improve provision of postal services to rural areas (see S. 1742), [9JY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 956), [15AP]
Taxation: create a credit for foster families (see S. 664), [4MR]
———recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs (see S. 835), [23MR]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]

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Bills and resolutions
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Jacob Trieber Federal Building, U.S. Post Office, and U.S. Court House: designate (see S. 1707), [7JY]

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HELLER, DEAN ***(a Senator from Nevada)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [7MY], [23JY]
Attendance
Present, [8JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Alcohol Responsibility Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]
Armed Forces: amend laws relative to enlistment and consequences of certain service (see S. 2160), [7OC]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
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Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives,

commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil liberties: require the Federal Government to obtain warrants when conducting aerial surveillance (see S. 1595), [17JN]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [24FE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [24MR]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [23AP]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [18DE]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [22JY]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 327), [9FE]
Dept. of Education: authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
Dept. of Energy: obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [7JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [15DE]
Dept. of Justice: include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program (see S. 1108), [28AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey land to be held in trust for certain Indian tribes in Nevada (see S. 1436), [21MY]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [19MR]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [16JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [13AP]
———establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17DE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [20JA]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [21MY]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 241), [21MY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [17JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [11MR]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 855), [24MR]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [16MR]
———establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 234), [22JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [22JY]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 156), [13JA]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [26MR]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———require periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (see S. 1067), [23AP]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [9JN]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [8DE]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [15AP]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [15AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [24SE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
GAO: develop and submit a report on the current state of the skills gap that includes an analysis of the effectiveness of efforts to close the skills gap and recommendations to improve such efforts (see S. 1920), [4AU]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [30AP]
———preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336), [3FE]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Immigrant Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 216), [7JY]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [16JA]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [7OC]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [5AU]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [13JA]
———provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [20AP]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [2DE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [10FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [24MR]
IRS: establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [1OC]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [27AP]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [19OC]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [19OC]

Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [23JN]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [23JN]
———extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [10DE]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [4AU]
———permit occupational therapists to conduct initial assessment visits under a home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases (see S. 2364), [8DE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [2MR]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [28OC]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [8JY]
———promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [23AP]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [17SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
NRC: obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [7JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [12FE]
———repeal (see S. 336), [3FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [24JY]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4AU]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [26FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [10FE]
———allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [11MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [15JY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [27FE]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 949), [15AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20AP]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [11MY]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [10MR]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
———waive minimum period of continuous active duty for homeless veterans to receive benefits and furnish benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases under other than honorable conditions (see S. 1731), [29OC]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [2JN]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [20OC]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 103), [7JA]
———establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
BLM: validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 109), [7JA]
Dept. of Defense: establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 151), [13JA]
Dept. of HHS: make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
Dept. of the Interior: ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
———publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published (see S. 112), [7JA]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure motor vehicle crash avoidance information is provided alongside of crashworthiness information where such information is made available to the public (see S. 1535), [10JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1105), [28AP]
———enhance treatment of small businesses owned by veterans after the death of disabled veteran owners for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 296), [28JA]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
———provide the public with access to departmental research (see S. 114), [7JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 160), [13JA]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
EPA: rescind funds made available if certain deadlines are not met (see S. 110), [7JA]
FCC: authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 760), [17MR]
———consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 253), [26JA]
———provide greater transparency and efficiency in procedures (see S. 421), [10FE]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 111), [7JA]
Floods: clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement (see S. 1679), [25JN]

Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [7JA]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Medicare: require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans (see S. 2349), [3DE]
———strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs (see S. 2382), [9DE]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 232), [22JA]
National Credit Union Administration: hold public hearings and receive comments from the public on its budget (see S. 924), [14AP]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Roads and highways: extend Interstate Route 11 (see S. 842), [24MR]
SBA: increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 115), [7JA]
Tarkanian, Jerry: tribute (see S. Res. 78), [12FE]
Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 315), [29JA]
———allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 41), [7JA]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2FE]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [3FE]
———repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 116), [7JA]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [21JA]
———require availability of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting (see S. 1951), [5AU]
———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 1139), [30AP]

HELP AMERICANS NEVER GET UNWANTED PHONE CALLS (HANGUP) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2235), [4NO]

HELPING ANGELS LEAD OUR STARTUPS (HALOS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 978), [16AP]

HELPING EXPAND LENDING PRACTICES IN (HELP) RURAL COMMUNITIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 871), [26MR]

HELPING SCHOOLS PROTECT OUR CHILDREN ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1369), [19MY]

HELPING WORKING FAMILIES AFFORD CHILD CARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 661), [4MR]

HERBICIDES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
———extend authorities to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases determined to be associated with exposure to herbicide agents (see S. 2081), [25SE]

HEROISM
Bills and resolutions
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: increase amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients (see S. 2022), [10SE]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Kettles, Charles S.: award Medal of Honor (see S. 2250), [5NO]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 1502), [4JN]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Vietnam Veterans Day: designate (see S. Res. 130), [26MR]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World War II: commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2001: President Obama, [10SE]

HESBURGH, THEODORE M.
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Con. Res. 9), [4MR]

HEZBOLLAH (TERRORIST ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]

HICKEY, STUART
Appointments
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HIDE NO HARM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2140), [6OC]

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education institutions in court (see S. 1122), [28AP]
———provide for higher education reform (see S. 1355), [14MY]
———require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———strengthen minority-serving institutions (see S. 2317), [19NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]
———allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan Program (see S. 1556), [11JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———award Early College Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1106), [28AP]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, reduce interest rates and allow for refinancing of student loans, expand work study program, and simplify student aid application process (see S. 1373), [19MY]
———establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
———establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative higher education providers to receive Federal education funding (see S. 2111), [30SE]
———establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program (see S. 1128), [29AP]
———establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1374), [19MY]
———establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
———extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———fund Federal Pell Grant Program through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [22AP]
———improve college affordability by increasing maximum awards, allowing year-round eligibility, and extending duration limits relative to the Federal Pell Grant Program (see S. 1998), [5AU]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]

———increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [22AP]
———increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
———increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]
———make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system to give prospective students a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college (see S. 2150), [7OC]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]
———provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools (see S. 1892), [29JY]
———reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student centers (see S. 604), [26FE]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [22AP]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise counseling requirements for certain student loan borrowers (see S. 2043), [16SE]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
———use student loan repayment rates at institutions of higher education to determine institutional eligibility for Federal student aid funds and require risk sharing payments of institutions (see S. 1939), [5AU]
Education: include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
———provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]

HIGHER EDUCATION ANTI-HARASSMENT ACT
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HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Colleges and universities: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 2149), [7OC]

HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT
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HIGHWAY RUNOFF MANAGEMENT ACT
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HIRE MORE HEROES ACT
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Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [5AU]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [19OC]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2357), [7DE] (see S. 2393), [14DE]
———provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [6OC] (see S. 2403), [15DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [19MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 3), [5FE]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [12MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16NO]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JN]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1520), [4JN]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [15AP]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [22JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [30SE]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [30SE]
Dept. of Defense: establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 151), [13JA]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [9FE]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [19MR]
———improve college affordability by increasing maximum awards, allowing year-round eligibility, and extending duration limits relative to the Federal Pell Grant Program (see S. 1998), [5AU]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———provide for State accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [9JY]

———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———strengthen connections to early childhood education programs (see S. 643), [3MR]
Dept. of Energy: facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [17JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [9SE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [19NO]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [27FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [13JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [21AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [8DE]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [5NO]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [29JY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [16AP]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [4MY]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [23JY]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
———provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [28AP]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [21JY]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [5NO]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
FCC: require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
FDA: ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [8OC]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [14JY]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [9MR]
———provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [30AP]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [5AU]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Hawaii: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [1OC]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [1JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [5OC]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [19NO]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [30NO]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [16JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [20AP]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [5OC]
Lunar New Year: observance (see S. Res. 80), [12FE]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [13JY]

———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [8JY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [15JY]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [9DE]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [3JN]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3NO]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [15SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [30JY]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [9JA]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [4AU]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [15JY]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [4AU]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [8SE]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16NO]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [15JY]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patents: strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political campaigns: clarify treatment of certain coordinated political action committee expenditures as contributions to candidates (see S. 1838), [5AU]
———provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [19MY]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [17NO]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [26FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [23AP]
———establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [28JY]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [23AP]
———help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [28JY]
———improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [5OC]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [23AP]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [23AP]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [19MY]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [11MY]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Taxation: expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
———prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
———waive minimum period of continuous active duty for homeless veterans to receive benefits and furnish benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases under other than honorable conditions (see S. 1731), [9JY]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [4AU]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [13AP]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]

———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Colleges and universities: strengthen minority-serving institutions (see S. 2317), [19NO]
Dept. of Commerce: establish Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund (see S. 1263), [7MY]
Dept. of Defense: improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]
Dept. of Education: fund Federal Pell Grant Program through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [22AP]
———increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [22AP]
———provide certain long-term resident alien students with access to financial aid (see S. 1059), [22AP]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [22AP]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a program to make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid (see S. 1207), [6MY]
Dept. of HHS: award grants to States for development of innovative long-term services and support programs (see S. 2338), [1DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim (see S. 1451), [21MY]
———allow the modification of hours of employment for full-time physicians and physician assistants (see S. 1450), [21MY]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and prevent insurance companies from limiting reimbursements based on the VA not being an in-network provider (see S. 1452), [21MY]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1693), [25JN]
———extend authority for operation of regional office in Manila, Philippines (see S. 2062), [21SE]
———extend authority of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans (see S. 2048), [17SE]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
Federal agencies and departments: reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy (see S. 1274), [11MY]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
Medicaid: restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
Medicare: permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
SBA: require Chief Counsel for Advocacy submittal of a report on small business innovation (see S. 963), [15AP]
Social Security: improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]
Taxation: establish tax-preferred Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts (see S. 1262), [7MY]
Transportation Security Administration: exempt certain flights in Hawaii and Alaska from increased aviation security service fees (see S. 712), [11MR]
Tung, Vichai Sae: relief (see S. 955), [15AP]
World Hepatitis Day: observance (see S. Res. 233), [28JY]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]

HISPANIC AMERICANS
Bills and resolutions
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Dept. of Education: create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Health: provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND SITES
Bills and resolutions
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]
Dept. of the Interior: acquire land in Martinez, CA, for inclusion in John Muir National Historic Site (see S. 651), [4MR]
———conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 610), [27FE]
———conduct a special resource study of the John P. Parker House in Ripley, OH (see S. 541), [24FE]
———conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House in Jackson, MS (see S. 2177), [8OC]
———designate the Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]
———require a study on feasibility of establishing Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail (see S. 479), [12FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 521), [12FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, TN, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1483), [2JN]
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]
Dinosaur National Monument Day: designate (see S. Res. 271), [28SE]
Fort Frederica National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 2024), [10SE]
Fort Scott National Historic Site: modify boundary (see S. 2087), [28SE]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: adjust boundary to include Wallis House and Harriston Hill (see S. 1930), [4AU]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1943), [5AU]
New Mexico: anniversary of White Sands Missile Range (see S. Res. 107), [23MR]
New York, NY: establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center (see S. 509), [12FE]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 718), [11MR]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 211), [21JA]
Taxation: provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 932), [14AP]
Tule Lake National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2412), [17DE]
Reports filed
James K. Polk Presidential Home Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1483) (S. Rept. 114–136), [9SE]
President Street Station Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 521) (S. Rept. 114–126), [9SE]
Thurgood Marshall's Elementary School Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 610) (S. Rept. 114–129), [9SE]

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PRESERVATION AND ACCESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 932), [14AP]

HISTORY
Appointments
Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, [9MR], [10MR], [25MR], [26MR]
Reading of George Washington's farewell address, [9FE]
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [11FE]
Bills and resolutions
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]

Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [15SE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to World War II First Special Service Force (see S. Con. Res. 2), [8JA]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th constitutional amendment abolishing slavery (see S. Con. Res. 21), [5OC]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 3), [5FE]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for unveiling of marble bust of Vice President Richard B. Cheney (see S. Con. Res. 24), [5NO]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Constitution—U.S.: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
Corps of Engineers: transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see S. 1979), [5AU]
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House in Jackson, MS (see S. 2177), [8OC]
———provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1508), [4JN] (see S. 1720), [8JY]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]
Dept. of Transportation: reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: designate one U.S. city each year as an ''American World War II City'' (see S. 1401), [20MY]
Dinosaur National Monument Day: designate (see S. Res. 271), [28SE]
Education: express importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools (see S. Res. 150), [23AP]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Fort Scott National Historic Site: modify boundary (see S. 2087), [28SE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Hawaii: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]
Highway Beautification Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 288), [19OC]
Immigrant Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 216), [25JN]
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 6), [26FE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Korean Peninsula: resume family reunions between North and South Korea, allow Korean Americans to reunite with divided families in North Korea, and encourage peace (see S. Res. 190), [3JN]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [5AU]
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 332), [9DE]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medora, ND: anniversary of Medora Musical (see S. Res. 220), [9JY]
Mongolia: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [1JN]
Moret, Calvin G.: tribute (see S. Res. 260), [21SE]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Museum of the American People: support formation of a bipartisan Presidential commission to study establishment (see S. Con. Res. 23), [7OC]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
Naval Submarine Base New London, CT: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
New Mexico: anniversary of White Sands Missile Range (see S. Res. 107), [23MR]
New York, NY: establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center (see S. 509), [12FE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Oklahoma City, OK: anniversary of attack on Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building (see S. Res. 139), [16AP]
Omar N. Bradley Foundation: authorize the transfer of certain items to the descendants of Omar N. Bradley (see S. 267), [27JA]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 718), [11MR]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [8JY]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Ritchie, Donald A.: designate as Historian Emeritus of the Senate (see S. Res. 147), [22AP]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [3DE]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
San Diego, CA: anniversary of 1915 Panama-California Exposition and establishment of Balboa Park (see S. Con. Res. 15), [4MY]
Simon, Robert E., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 285), [8OC]
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]
Taylor, Charles E.: tribute (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
Tule Lake National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2412), [17DE]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [22JA]
———commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]
Wyoming: anniversary of statehood (see S. Res. 210), [23JN]
Reports filed
Commemorate Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Extermination Camp, Remember the Victims, and Honor the Legacy of the Survivors of the Holocaust: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 35), [28JA]
Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]
Mongolia First Democratic Elections Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 189), [10DE]
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]
Romania Diplomatic Relations With the U.S. Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 326), [10DE]
HIV CLINICAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2097), [29SE]
HIZBALLAH INTERNATIONAL FINANCING PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1617), [18JN]
HMONG VETERANS' SERVICE RECOGNITION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1358), [14MY]
HOEVEN, JOHN ***(a Senator from North Dakota)***
Appointments
Reading of George Washington's farewell address, [9FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [16MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [12JA]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8DE]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [4JN]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Dept. of Defense: make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
———making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [7OC]
———making appropriations (see S. 2130), (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Dept. of Justice: fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [11FE]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Transportation: improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [2FE]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [2FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [15SE]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [20MY]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21JY]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [7JY]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [29SE]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [15JN]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [11FE]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [23JN]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [7OC]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [9JY]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [20AP]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [24SE]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [23JY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [30JY]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [23FE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [27JY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [13JY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [16DE]
Medora, ND: anniversary of Medora Musical (see S. Res. 220), [9JY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [10JN]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [29AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [24JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
———enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and

collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [5OC]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [17SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [8JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [30JY]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [23MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [30SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [22JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [20OC]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [23MR]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [1DE]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [24SE]
Volunteer workers: provide for liability protection for organizations and entities (see S. 1684), [25JN]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [15SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 294), [22OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [27JA]
———prohibit from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed (see S. 1029), [21AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 1619), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2000), [5AU]
———modify treatment of agreements entered into to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services (see S. 739), [16MR]
Motor vehicles: limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
National Schizencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 181), [19MY]
Native Americans: require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings (see S. 184), [16JA]
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 41), [26JA]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [8JY]
Power resources: require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 869), [26MR]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [3FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [27JY], [29JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1619) (S. Rept. 114–68), [18JN]

HOLLOWAY, WILLIAM J., JR.
Bills and resolutions
William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Courthouse, Oklahoma City, OK: designate (see S. 261), [27JA]
Reports filed
William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Courthouse, Oklahoma City, OK: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 261), [4MY]

HOLMQUIST, CARSON A.L.
Bills and resolutions
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]

HOLZWARTH, ROBERTA L.
Appointments
Congressional Office of Compliance Board of Directors, [11MY]

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Homeland Security: establish Office for Community Partnerships (see S. 2369), [8DE]
———secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats (see S. 1846), [23JY]
FEMA: establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
Reports filed
Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Interoperable Communications Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 615) (S. Rept. 114–53), [21MY]
Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1180) (S. Rept. 114–73), [25JN]
Social Media Working Group Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 623) (S. Rept. 114–145), [21SE]

HOMELESS
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Conferees: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Bills and resolutions
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]

Children and youth: identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]
Dept. of Education: remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
Dept. of HUD: amend definition of ''homeless person'' to include certain homeless children and youth (see S. 256), [27JA]
———modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1105), [28AP]
———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
———establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [21JA]
———extend authority of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans (see S. 2048), [17SE]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 684), [10MR]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [29JY]
Native Americans: provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Taxation: qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
Veterans: extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
———waive minimum period of continuous active duty for homeless veterans to receive benefits and furnish benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases under other than honorable conditions (see S. 1731), [9JY]
Cloture motions
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Motions
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HUD: amend definition of ''homeless person'' to include certain homeless children and youth (see S. 256), [27JA]

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 256), [27JA]

HOMELESS VETERANS SERVICES PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1731), [9JY]

HOMOSEXUALITY
Bills and resolutions
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 447), [11FE]
———prohibit Federal court jurisdiction and funding over cases related to marriage (see S. 1080), [23AP]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
District of Columbia: disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
Families and domestic relations: constitutional amendment relative to definition of marriage (see S.J. Res. 12), [23AP]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Senior citizens: provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]

HORNE, LENA CALHOUN
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]

HORSE PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Law enforcement: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
———provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]

HORTICULTURE *related term(s)* **FLOWERS**
Bills and resolutions
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
Drugs: exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
———recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [8OC]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Taxation: temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty (see S. 2346), [2DE]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES *related term(s)* **COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE; LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT; MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**
Appointments
Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, [9MR], [10MR], [25MR], [26MR]
Bills and resolutions
Adams, Julie E.: notify the House of Representatives of election as Sec. of the Senate (see S. Res. 10), [6JA]
CBO: prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside normal scoring periods (see S. 2260), [9NO]
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 126), [26MR]
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 126), [26MR]
Congress: adjournment (see S. Con. Res. 19), [24JN]
———end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1575), [15JN]
———notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [6JA]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1571), [15JN]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1572), [15JN]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 109), [7JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]
Hatch, Senator: notify the House of Representatives of election as President pro tempore (see S. Res. 5), [6JA]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: designate (see S. 692), [10MR]
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: designate (see S. 179), [13JA]
Larkin, Frank J.: notify the House of Representatives of election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 13), [6JA]
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
———eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 17), [6JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
———reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
———suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
OMB: establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 87), [7JA]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: notification that a quorum is present (see S. Res. 2), [6JA]
Stokes, Louis: tribute (see S. Res. 265), [22SE]
Taxation: prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 252), [26JA]
Reports filed
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1350), [24JN]
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 179), [6MY]
Legislative Branch of the Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2250) (S. Rept. 114–64), [11JN]
HOUSING *related term(s)* **HOMELESS**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2347), (see S. 2357), [3DE] (see S. 2393), [10DE]
———make mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections permanent (see S. 1152), [30AP]
———preserve current amount of basic allowance for housing for certain married members of uniformed services (see S. 1628), [18JN]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [8JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Consumers: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 495), [12FE]
Dept. of Education: remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
Dept. of Energy: establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———prohibit from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed (see S. 1029), [21AP]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
Dept. of HUD: amend definition of ''homeless person'' to include certain homeless children and youth (see S. 256), [27JA]
———authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 65), [7JA]
———modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
———prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
———reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 2292), [17NO]
———renew certain Moving to Work demonstration program agreements (see S. 1530), [9JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
———establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [21JA]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 684), [10MR]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [29JY]
———modify treatment of agreements entered into to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services (see S. 739), [16MR]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Drugs: require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 487), [12FE]
Financial institutions: exclude credit union loans secured by certain non-owner occupied family dwellings from the definition of member business loan (see S. 1440), [21MY]
FRS: require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares (see S. 2038), [16SE]
———establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
———suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 2036), [15SE]
Medicaid: require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]
Medicare: establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [11MR]
Mortgages: establish programs to encourage use of shared equity mortgage modifications (see S. 1582), [16JN]
National Florence Crittenton Mission: rename as the National Critteton Foundation (see S. 1727), [9JY]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 710), [11MR]
Native Americans: provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
Nonprofit organizations: clarify that organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals (see S. 1344), [14MY] (see S. 2085), [28SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
SBA: establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
Taxation: extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 1644), [23JN]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [3FE] (see S. 608), [27FE]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1281), [11MY]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [16AP]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
Veterans: extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [30SE], [5NO], [18DE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1250) (S. Rept. 114–179), [14DE]
Community Based Independence for Seniors Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 704) (S. Rept. 114–103), [30JY]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2029) (S. Rept. 114–57), [21MY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2577) (S. Rept. 114–75), [25JN]
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 720) (S. Rept. 114–130), [9SE]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act Reauthorization: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710), [4JN]
———Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710) (S. Rept. 114–117), [5AU]
Older Americans Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 192), [3FE]
Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1811), [8OC]
Tax Relief Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]
HUBZONE REVITALIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1292), [12MY]

Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1292), [10JN]

HUMAN RIGHTS *related term(s)* **CIVIL LIBERTIES; CIVIL RIGHTS; GENOCIDE**
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [7JA]
Afghanistan: support enhanced accountability for U.S. assistance (see S. 1875), [28JY]
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Bahrain: prohibit arms sales (see S. 2009), [6AU]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [26MR]
Business and industry: require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th constitutional amendment abolishing slavery (see S. Con. Res. 21), [5OC]
Children and youth: enable State child protective services systems to improve identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking (see S. 656), [4MR] (see S. 1028), [21AP]
———identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
———treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Colombia: oppose requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal O.R. Palmera Pineda, also known as ''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the U.S. as a part of the Colombian peace process (see S. Res. 208), [23JN]
Crime: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]
———combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Dept. of HHS: develop and disseminate evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately (see S. 205), [21JA]
———establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [21MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
———train personnel to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities (see S. 623), [3MR]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
———report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
———withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Developing countries: provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Foreign policy: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
———protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Indonesia: condemn mass murders in 1965–66, form truth, justice, and reconciliation commission to address crimes and human rights violations, and urge U.S. agencies to declassify and release relevant records and documents (see S. Res. 273), [1OC]
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
———extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
———commend Russian opposition efforts, express condolences for death, condemn and call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 96), [4MR]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
———eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
Oswaldo Payá Way, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 226), [21JY]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
Torture: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
———prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
Cloture motions
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Belarus: President Obama, [10JN]
National Emergency Relative to Côte d'Ivoire: President Obama, [4FE]
National Emergency Relative to Democratic Republic of the Congo: President Obama, [21OC]
National Emergency Relative to Foreign Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process: President Obama, [21JA]
National Emergency Relative to Sudan: President Obama, [28OC]
Terminate Designation of Burundi as a Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Country Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act: President Obama, [3NO]
Motions
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [18MR]

Reports filed
Afghanistan Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1875), [30JY]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
Develop a Strategy To Protect Nigerian Civilians and Eliminate Threat Posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1632), [29JY]
Girls Count Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 802), [21MY]
Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 284), [29JY]
Human Trafficking Detection Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 460) (S. Rept. 114–46), [14MY]
Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 178), [2MR]
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]
Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 166), [2MR]
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
World Refugee Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 204), [25JN]

HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1627), [18JN]

HUMAN TRAFFICKING DETECTION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 460) (S. Rept. 114–46), [14MY]

HUNGER
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
Bills and resolutions
CARE (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 321), [19NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10JN]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [22JY]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
Cloture motions
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Motions
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), [23JN]
Reports filed
Older Americans Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 192), [3FE]

HUNTING AND TRAPPING
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]
———protect and conserve elephants and regulate ivory in the U.S. (see S. 1769), [15JY]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 225), [21JA]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 90), [7JA]
National Wildlife Refuge System: prohibit body-gripping traps (see S. 1081), [23AP]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]

HURD, CYNTHIA
Bills and resolutions
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

HURRICANES *related term(s)* **DISASTERS**
Bills and resolutions
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 76), [7JA]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
NOAA: codify the Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project (see S. 1343), [14MY]
Taxation: provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
Reports filed
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]

HYDROELECTRIC POWER
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize use of active capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [12MY]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
Dept. of Energy: reauthorize hydroelectric production and efficiency improvement incentives (see S. 1270), [11MY]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
———streamline licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects on existing dams (see S. 1338), [14MY]
Power resources: modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Taxation: allow allocation of certain renewable energy tax credits to Indian tribes (see S. 1749), [13JY]
Technology: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Authorization of Use of Active Capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1305) (S. Rept. 114–135), [9SE]
Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
FERC Reinstatement and Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Clark Canyon Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1103) (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]

HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]

IDAHO
Bills and resolutions
Courts: authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho (see S. 360), [4FE]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of the Interior: maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch, ID (see S. 1777), [15JY]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Public lands: establish certain wilderness areas and authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System and BLM lands in central Idaho (see S. 583), [26FE]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]

Wilderness areas: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Reports filed
Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 583) (S. Rept. 114–127), [9SE]

IDENTITY THEFT AND TAX FRAUD PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 676), [9MR]

ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING ENFORCEMENT ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334), [28JY]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334) (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND IMMIGRANT RESPONSIBILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
Immigration: prohibit aliens not lawfully present in the U.S. from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits not available to all citizens and U.S. nationals (see S. 60), [7JA]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY]

ILLINOIS
Bills and resolutions
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]
Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 205), [18JN]
Danville, IL: provide for conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Danville Area Community College (see S. 1967), [5AU]

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 216), [25JN]

IMMIGRATION *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY; REFUGEES**
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [17JN]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [8DE]
Census: include a question to ascertain U.S. citizenship and immigration status in each decennial census questionnaire (see S. 49), [7JA]
Children and youth: expedite processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the U.S. (see S. 44), [7JA]
Citizenship: clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 45), [7JA]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Crime: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]
———make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissible, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief (see S. 1120), [28AP]
———make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 68), [7JA]
Dept. of Education: establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [19MR]
———provide certain long-term resident alien students with access to financial aid (see S. 1059), [22AP]
Dept. of HHS: prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42), (see S. 118), [7JA]
———reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 1615), [18JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
———conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
———eliminate offsetting accounts available for use by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (see S. 1593), [17JN]
———enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 1507), [4JN]
———permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until certification of full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 47), [7JA]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
———strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology (see S. 1873), [28JY]
Dept. of Justice: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: prohibit aliens not lawfully present in the U.S. from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits not available to all citizens and U.S. nationals (see S. 60), [7JA]
Employment: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———continue job creation and the promotion of investment through improvements to targeted employment areas (see S. 2115), [1OC]
———establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
———extend and improve EB–5 immigrant investor visa program (see S. 1501), [3JN]
———improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and reauthorize the EB–5 regional center program (see S. 2122), [1OC]
———permit aliens seeking asylum to be eligible for employment in the U.S. (see S. 1899), [30JY]
———protect U.S. jobs by reducing number of visas available under H–1B non-immigrant worker visa program and prioritize allocation of such visas based on salary (see S. 2365), [8DE]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
Federal-State relations: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
Financial institutions: establish standards for identity verification for non-U.S. persons opening bank accounts or applying for credit cards (see S. 52), [7JA]
Firearms: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [19NO]
Foreign countries: impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 79), [7JA]
Freedom of religion: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
Immigrant Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 216), [25JN]
Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [10JN]
Law enforcement: detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY] (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [14JY]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs control (see S. 847), [24MR]

———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [7OC]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 46), [7JA]
National Museum of the American People: support formation of a bipartisan Presidential commission to study establishment (see S. Con. Res. 23), [7OC]
National security: develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
———enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
Refugees: ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Religion: permanently authorize the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program (see S. 1339), [14MY]
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program: reauthorize (see S. 2395), [10DE]
Taxation: prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———require that individual taxpayer identification number applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers (see S. 1397), [20MY]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [22JA]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Veterans: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
Visas: provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
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Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Border Jobs for Veterans Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1603) (S. Rept. 114–116), [5AU]
Dept. of Homeland Security Border Security Metrics Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1864) (S. Rept. 114–152), [8OC]
Northern Border Security Review Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
World Refugee Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 204), [25JN]

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 1615), [18JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 1507), [4JN]
———permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 45), [7JA]
———detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY] (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [14JY]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 68), [7JA]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———protect U.S. jobs by reducing number of visas available under H–1B non-immigrant worker visa program and prioritize allocation of such visas based on salary (see S. 2365), [8DE]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
———reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Law enforcement: prohibit intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs control (see S. 847), [24MR]
Terrorism: designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [22JA]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]

IMMIGRATION RULE OF LAW ACT
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Motions
Enact (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE]

IMMIGRATION SLUSH FUND ELIMINATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
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IMPROPER PAYMENTS ELIMINATION AND RECOVERY IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]

IMPROVING ACCESS TO EMERGENCY PSYCHIATRIC CARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 599), [26FE]
Motions
Enact (S. 599), [19NO]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 599) (S. Rept. 114–101), [30JY]

IMPROVING COOPERATION WITH STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PREVENTING THE CATCH AND RELEASE OF CRIMINAL ALIENS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1812), [21JY]

IMPROVING DEPARTMENT OF STATE OVERSIGHT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1527), [8JN]

IMPROVING REGULATORY TRANSPARENCY FOR NEW MEDICAL THERAPIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 481), [12FE]

Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 481), [1OC]
IMPROVING SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGIES ACT
Reports filed
Provision: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2136), [3DE]
IN HONOR OF STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1640), [22JN]
INCENTIVES TO EDUCATE AMERICAN CHILDREN (I TEACH) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 138), [8JA]
INCOME *related term(s)* **ECONOMY; PENSIONS; SECURITIES; SOCIAL SECURITY**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 103), [7JA]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [20JA]
———improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
———make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [8DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR] (see S. 2070), [22SE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [26MR] (see S. 2200), [22OC]
Coast Guard: making continuing appropriations for pay in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 545), [24FE]
Colleges and universities: provide a legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education (see S. 2186), [20OC]
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [4MR]
Credit: establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: limit crop insurance premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer (see S. 345), [3FE]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Dept. of Defense: require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
Dept. of HHS: increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
Dept. of Justice: provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
Dept. of Labor: establish America Star program to recognize companies that make American-made products and incentivize companies to implement better workforce support, hiring practices, conditions, and compensation (see S. 938), [14AP]
———phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [5AU]
———preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 383), [5FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: study feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return (see S. 940), [15AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim (see S. 1451), [21MY]
———carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5OC]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16MR]
———extend authority for operation of regional office in Manila, Philippines (see S. 2062), [21SE]
———improve treatment of medical evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals in support of disability claims compensation (see S. 666), [4MR]
———increase amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients (see S. 2022), [10SE]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [24JN]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 241), [22JA]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [16AP]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
———incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
———prohibit employers from requiring low-wage workers to enter into non-compete covenants and require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into such covenants (see S. 1504), [4JN]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 803), [19MR]
———require employers to provide a certain amount of paid vacation time to eligible employees (see S. 1564), [11JN]
Families and domestic relations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
———clarify ability to use consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments (see S. 2077), [24SE]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [13JY]
Federal agencies and departments: limit authority to award bonuses to employees (see S. 742), [16MR]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
———prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 343), [3FE] (see S. 499), [12FE] (see S. 2005), [6AU]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: ensure that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (see S. 2033), [15SE]
———increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [13JA]
———prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
———prevent fraud by representative payees by prosecuting those who misuse Federal retirement funds (see S. 1576), [15JN]
———provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [30AP]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Foreign trade: require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include requirements relative to paying adequate wages and

maintaining sustainable production methods (see S. 735), [12MR]
Government-sponsored enterprises: suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 2036), [15SE]
Immigration: improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———protect U.S. jobs by reducing number of visas available under H–1B non-immigrant worker visa program and prioritize allocation of such visas based on salary (see S. 2365), [8DE]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
Investments: require 401(k) plan sponsors to inform participants of projected monthly income expected at retirement based on current account balances (see S. 1317), [13MY]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
———provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
Medicare: repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (see S. 810), [19MR]
Members of Congress: eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 17), [6JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
———reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
———suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [22JY]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Pensions: make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
———modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
———provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Presidents of the U.S.: modify monetary allowance payable to a former President (see S. 1411), [21MY]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 69), [7JA]
SEC: increase threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relative to compensatory benefit plans (see S. 576), [26FE]
———repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]
Senior citizens: eliminate the payroll tax on individuals who have attained retirement age and repeal limits on outside income earned while receiving Social Security benefits (see S. 767), [17MR]
———provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 99), [7JA]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———enhance benefits and ensure long-term solvency (see S. 731), [12MR]
———enhance benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 20), [6JA]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
———prohibit an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for a felony from receiving various cash benefits (see S. 1758), [14JY]
———protect system and improve benefits (see S. 1904), [30JY]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 1940), [5AU]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
———establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
———make on-line tools available to allow individuals to assess the impact of earnings on eligibility for, and amount of, disability benefits received through Federal and State programs (see S. 1197), [5MY]
———prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
———prohibit seizing of tax refunds to repay overpayments, restore statute of limitations applicable to debt collection through administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments to children (see S. 204), [21JA]
———provide certain individuals with information on employment support services (see S. 1923), [4AU]
———provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions (see S. 1922), [4AU]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]
———allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors (see S. 973), [16AP]
———allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 809), [19MR]
———allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 315), [29JA]
———allow a temporary dividends received deduction from a controlled foreign corporation for certain taxable years (see S. 397), [5FE]
———allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA] (see S. 920), [14AP]
———allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [25FE]
———allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [11MR]
———clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 53), [7JA]
———clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 2308), [19NO]
———deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 413), [9FE]
———disallow deductions for the payment of punitive damages (see S. 169), [13JA]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 948), [15AP]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, and prevent U.S. tax avoidance (see S. 922), [14AP]
———enhance the child and dependent care tax credit (see S. 820), [19MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 279), [28JA] (see S. 322), [29JA] (see S. 916), [14AP]
———exclude from gross income any discharge of student loan indebtedness (see S. 1947), [5AU]
———exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers (see S. 919), [14AP]
———exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 2059), [17SE]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE] (see S. 912), [14AP]
———exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits (see S. 1179), [4MY]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 101), [7JA]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [29AP]
———expand interest deduction on education loans, extend and expand deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate contribution limit on Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 1973), [5AU]
———expand personal and retirement savings by allowing employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic individual retirement accounts (see S. 245), [22JA]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [30AP]

———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [27FE]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [16AP]
———free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———increase the annual contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts and include athletic equipment in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (see S. 243), [22JA]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [5FE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1905), [30JY]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———modify and permanently extend qualified zone academy bonds to facilitate school renovation and construction and treat such bonds as specified tax credit bonds (see S. 1753), [13JY]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 324), [30JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 947), [15AP]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [26FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———prevent extension of tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries (see S. 907), [14AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [3FE] (see S. 608), [27FE]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
———provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave (see S. 2354), [3DE]
———provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations (see S. 942), [15AP]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 43), [7JA]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1281), [11MY]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses (see S. 180), [16JA]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [5FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55 (see S. 969), [16AP]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [16AP]
———provide deduction for itemizers and non-itemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 100), [7JA]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [15AP]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 908), [14AP] (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [27FE]
———provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [30AP]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1666), [24JN]
———reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, reduce estate value exemption level, include a billionaire's surtax, tax dynasty trusts, and protect farmland and conservation easements (see S. 1677), [25JN]
———remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers subject to Federal excise taxes on distilled spirits, wine, and beer (see S. 904), [14AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
———repeal Internal Revenue Code and replace with a flat tax (see S. 929), [14AP]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 174), [13JA]
———strengthen the child tax credit (see S. 2264), [10NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
———temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty (see S. 2346), [2DE]
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———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
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Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN]
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Don't Tax Our Fallen Public Safety Heroes Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 916) (S. Rept. 114–26), [14AP]
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———increase transparency in Federal budgeting (see S. 399), [5FE]
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Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 13), [23AP]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JN]
Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency: submit a report to Congress on Inspector General mandates (see S. 2128), [5OC]
Dept. of Energy: review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for adverse effects on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards (see S. 1047), [22AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]
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FCC: authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 760), [17MR]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [28AP]
———codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [22JA]
———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [18MR]
———disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1109), [28AP]
———establish a process for the review of rules and sets of rules (see S. 1683), [25JN]
———establish entities tasked with improving program and project management (see S. 1550), [10JN]
———identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [21JY]
———improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
———include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 281), [28JA]
———increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
———limit authority to award bonuses to employees (see S. 742), [16MR]
———postpone effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review (see S. 1927), [4AU]
———prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 111), [7JA]
———prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]
———provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments (see S. 614), [27FE]
———provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis (see S. 1199), [5MY]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules (see S. 1820), [21JY]
———reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy (see S. 1274), [11MY]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———reduce operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal motor vehicle fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts (see S. 565), [25FE]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
———reestablish period of limitations for claims of the U.S. that may be collected by garnishing payments received from the Government (see S. 2233), [3NO]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———reform rulemaking process by only promulgating regulations that are necessary, maximize benefits, and provide the public an opportunity to participate in the process (see S. 1818), [21JY]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [5AU]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
———require a notice and comment process for interpretative rules if there is a change to a previously issued rule (see S. 1487), [3JN]
———require agencies to conform to concurrent resolutions when promulgating rules (see S. 2199), [22OC]
———require agencies to publish the categorization of certain proposed and final rules (see S. 1807), [21JY]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1008), [20AP] (see S. 1039), [22AP]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1607), [18JN]
———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
———require periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (see S. 1067), [23AP]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 1116), [28AP]
———review certain rules and regulations (see S. 846), [24MR]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [26FE]
———sunset rules after a certain period unless agencies undergo notice and comment rulemaking (see S. 826), [19MR]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 2035), [15SE]
———provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
———provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 426), [10FE] (see S. 1536), [10JN]
———provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Government Transformation Board: establish (see S. 2269), [10NO]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
National Credit Union Administration: hold public hearings and receive comments from the public on its budget (see S. 924), [14AP]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: permit authorization of Federal agencies to accept certain payments relative to spectrum efficiency and reallocation (see S. 2227), [3NO]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
NLRB: reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and

encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
OMB: establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]
———issue a directive on management of software licenses (see S. 2340), [2DE]
———oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board: reform (see S. 1337), [13MY]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Surface Transportation Board: establish as independent and make more efficient and accessible by increasing investigative authority, improving rate review timelines and advancing important proceedings (see S. 808), [19MR]
———expand competition, restore balance to regulatory environment, and improve efficiency and reliability of rail shipping and transportation (see S. 853), [24MR]
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Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 991) (S. Rept. 114–151), [1OC]
Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 614) (S. Rept. 114–86), [21JY]
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
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Inspector General Empowerment Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 114–36), [5MY]
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Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]
Business and industry: allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites (see S. 1359), [14MY]
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking: establish (see S. 991), [16AP]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1030), [21AP]
———develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]
Conservation of energy: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
———promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [16SE]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts (see S. 572), [25FE]
Cuba: authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
Dept. of Commerce: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum effi-

ciency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
Dept. of Defense: develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers (see S. 1478), [2JN]
Dept. of Education: authorize American Dream Accounts to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 687), [10MR]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———ensure student data handled by private companies is protected (see S. 1322), [13MY]
———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 2176), [8OC]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
Dept. of Energy: facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [7MY]
———improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 454), [11FE]
———provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
———strengthen accountability and improve transparency in health information technology systems (see S. 2141), [6OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
———establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]
———reduce duplication of information technology (see S. 1620), [18JN]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
Dept. of State: improve Inspector General oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]
Dept. of the Interior: develop a cadastre of Federal real property to assist with land management, conservation, and development and identify land that no longer needs to be federally owned (see S. 1225), [6MY]
Dept. of Transportation: require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
Education: promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]
Electric power: protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]
Endangered Species Act: require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
———disapprove rule regulating broadband Internet access (see S.J. Res. 14), [28AP]
———encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———exempt small business providers of broadband Internet access from net neutrality enhanced transparency requirements (see S. 2283), [16NO]
———limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
———promote certain unlicensed spectrum use and maximize the use of such spectrum for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development (see S. 424), [10FE]
———promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
FDA: provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 1101), [27AP]
Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [18MR]
———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
———prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1008), [20AP] (see S. 1039), [22AP]
———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
FEMA: establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]
———establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
———prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 2413), [17DE]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Immigration: provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE] (see S. 754), [17MR]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
———implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [24MR]
Law enforcement: increase the penalty for fraudulent 9-1-1 calls that result in an emergency response from law enforcement agencies (see S. 1018), [21AP]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Library of Congress: expand availability to exemptions to prohibition on copyrighted technological protection measures to facilitate computer security research, personal device maintenance, and technological innovation (see S. 990), [16AP]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]

———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
———require use of electronic visit verification systems for home health and personal care services (see S. 2416), [17DE]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
———strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
Motor vehicles: develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
———limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 281), [7OC]
National security: develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: permit authorization of Federal agencies to accept certain payments relative to spectrum efficiency and reallocation (see S. 2227), [3NO]
———provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
NOAA: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
OMB: issue a directive on management of software licenses (see S. 2340), [2DE]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
Power resources: modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
———prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
———require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
———require notification of information security breaches and enhance penalties for cyber criminals (see S. 1027), [21AP]
———require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 787), [18MR] (see S. 1636), [18JN]
SBA: improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [1OC]
———require Chief Counsel for Advocacy submittal of a report on small business innovation (see S. 963), [15AP]
Schools: require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
SEC: require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts (see S. 2414), [17DE]
SSA: make on-line tools available to allow individuals to assess the impact of earnings on eligibility for, and amount of, disability benefits received through Federal and State programs (see S. 1197), [5MY]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———provide refundable credit for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (see S. 1023), [21AP]
———require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations (see S. 367), [4FE]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [16MR]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
———promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Terrorism: require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
Transportation: provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
Voting: establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for Federal elections (see S. 1970), [5AU]
———provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP] (see S. 1950), [5AU]
Weather: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]

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———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [3NO]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [29SE]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [10SE]
———provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [5AU]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [16MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [23FE]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [23FE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [25FE]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [28AP]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [16JA]
Dept. of Education: prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [18DE]
Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [9JY]
Dept. of the Interior: grant rights-of-way on Federal land under the Mineral Leasing Act (see S. 1196), [5MY]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [9MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [22JA]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [20OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [13JA]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [28JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [27JA]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [26MR]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [26MR]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 543), [24FE]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
FAA: issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 499), [12FE]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [13AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [17MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [8JY]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alter-

natives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
———ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [7OC]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [17NO]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [21OC]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [7MY]
IRS: improve transparency and efficiency relative to audits and communications with taxpayers (see S. 186), [16JA]
———prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [9JA]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [7MY]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [8SE]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [15DE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [9MR]
Medicare: establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
Motor vehicles: clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination (see S. 1692), [16JY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [11MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [13JA]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [7DE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [17SE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [5AU]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1836), [23JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [8OC]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [3DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [26FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [10MR]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [11JN]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [16AP]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs (see S. 835), [23MR]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [20AP]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20JA]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [24FE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [4MR]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]

World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Africa: develop a plan for each sub-Saharan country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements (see S. 1379), [19MY]
Armed Forces: enhance security of military personnel at U.S. military installations and operating locations (see S. 1988), [5AU]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 31), [21JA]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]
Dept. of Education: limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
Families and domestic relations: establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1637), [18JN]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
Immigration: extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
Medicare: cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal screening test (see S. 2262), [10NO]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 186), [21MY]
Oklahoma City, OK: anniversary of attack on Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building (see S. Res. 139), [16AP]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Taxation: eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 948), [15AP]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 947), [15AP]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Courthouse, Oklahoma City, OK: designate (see S. 261), [27JA]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [17MR], [19MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), conference report, [3DE]
Reports filed
Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1324) (S. Rept. 114–159), [29OC]
Charles Clark U.S. Courthouse, Jackson, MS: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1034), [4MY]
Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697) (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]
Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1647) (S. Rept. 114–80), [15JY]
EPA National Estuary Program Reauthorization: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1523) (S. Rept. 114–161), [29OC]
Expenditures: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. Res. 31), [21JA]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Laredo, TX: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 612), [4MY]
Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 611) (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
Secret Science Reform Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 544) (S. Rept. 114–69), [22JN]
Sensible Environmental Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]
Water Resources Research Act Grants Reauthorization and Applied Water Supply Research Regarding Water Resources Research and Technology Institutes: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 653) (S. Rept. 114–48), [18MY]
William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Courthouse, Oklahoma City, OK: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 261), [4MY]

INNOVATORS JOB CREATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 455), [11FE]

INSECTS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]

INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency: submit a report to Congress on Inspector General mandates (see S. 2128), [5OC]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]
Federal agencies and departments: strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [26FE]
Reports filed
Inspector General Empowerment Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 114–36), [5MY]
Inspector General Mandates Reporting Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2128) (S. Rept. 114–171), [30NO]

INSPECTOR GENERAL EMPOWERMENT ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 114–36), [5MY]

INSPECTOR GENERAL MANDATES REPORTING ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2128) (S. Rept. 114–171), [30NO]

INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: require an independent review of the process by which assessments of cognitive impairments resulting from traumatic brain injury are made relative to awarding disability compensation (see S. 244), [22JA]
Health: provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]

INSURANCE *related term(s)* **HEALTH**
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 219), [21JA] (see S. 582), [26FE]
Armed Forces: ensure ability of covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program to access care under a health plan under such program in each TRICARE program region (see S. 1290), [12MY]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18MY]
———test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]
Children and youth: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA programs (see S. 170), [13JA]

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Dept. of Agriculture: limit crop insurance premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer (see S. 345), [3FE]
———permit renegotiation of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement with private companies that administer Federal crop insurance (see S. 1442), [21MY]
———prohibit paying of premium subsidies on crop insurance policies based on actual market price of agricultural commodity at time of harvest (see S. 463), [11FE]
———reform crop insurance program (see S. 2244), [5NO]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines and create a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to such guidelines (see S. 1475), [2JN]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [4AU]
———establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
———prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42), (see S. 118), [7JA]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 2151), [7OC]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and prevent insurance companies from limiting reimbursements based on the VA not being an in-network provider (see S. 1452), [21MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 160), [13JA]
Diseases: improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [23AP]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 487), [12FE]
———provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 2324), [19NO]
Financial institutions: establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
———improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
Floods: clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement (see S. 1679), [25JN]
Government regulations: clarify definition of non-admitted insurer (see S. 1561), [11JN]
Health: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [26MR]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———improve access to primary care services (see S. 1989), [5AU]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 1661), [24JN]
———preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [25JN]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
International relations: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
Interstate commerce: provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage (see S. 647), [3MR]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [3MR]
———encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
———ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [23JY]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
———require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance while such individual is an inmate of a public institution (see S. 1409), [21MY]
———restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
———strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [29SE]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29JA]
———allow individuals to elect to receive Medicare Summary Notice electronically and increase flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors (see S. 584), [26FE]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [12FE]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1488), [3JN]
———apply secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified set-aside provisions (see S. 1514), [4JN]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico (see S. 1453), [21MY]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24MR]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [22JY]
———cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal screening test (see S. 2262), [10NO]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JN]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [30AP]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [18NO]
———enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market (see S. 2392), [10DE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [21AP]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [26FE]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [11MR]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———establish smart card pilot program (see S. 1871), [27JY]
———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [3DE]
———extend certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on establishment of certain hospitals and facilities (see S. 2108), [30SE]

———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [2FE]
———extend the rural add-on payment in the home health benefit (see S. 839), [23MR] (see S. 2389), [10DE]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———facilitate increased coordination and alignment between public and private sector relative to quality and efficiency measures (see S. 1427), [21MY]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———improve access to mental health services (see S. 2173), [8OC]
———improve efficiency of appeals process (see S. 2368), [8DE]
———improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans relative to certain categories or classes of drugs (see S. 648), [4MR]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists (see S. 2259), [9NO]
———improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by certain Federally qualified providers (see S. 1456), [22MY]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———make changes to home health face-to-face encounter requirements (see S. 1650), [23JN]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [24SE]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [3MR]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]
———permit occupational therapists to conduct initial assessment visits under a home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases (see S. 2364), [8DE]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [14JY]
———provide a technical change to long-term care hospital moratorium exception (see S. 202), [21JA]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
———provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies (see S. 1253), [7MY]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [8DE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [20AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [19MR]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [28JA]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [29AP]
———provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers (see S. 1132), [29AP]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [22OC]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [30SE]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
———recognize attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients (see S. 1354), [14MY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———refine payment for orthotics and prosthetics and improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care (see S. 829), [23MR]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [24FE]
———repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (see S. 810), [19MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals (see S. 1349), [14MY]
———require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
———require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans (see S. 2349), [3DE]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
———strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs (see S. 2382), [9DE]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
———implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [5FE]
———improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
———improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [16DE]
———make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
———require use of electronic visit verification systems for home health and personal care services (see S. 2416), [17DE]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [22SE]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
———authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 97), [7JA]
———correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 2114), [1OC]
———enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment (see S. 1653), [23JN]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 121), [8JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1771), [15JY]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———modify definition of applicable large employer relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1415), [21MY]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
———permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options (see S. 531), [23FE]

———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide a transition plan for individuals impacted by implementation (see S. 673), [4MR]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 77), [7JA] (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
———repeal certain provisions that have the effect of rationing health care (see S. 1718), [8JY]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 87), [7JA]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
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SBA: establish Export Credit Insurance Program (see S. 1546), [10JN]
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Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 428), [10FE]
———provide for a phased-in payment of disability insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 2010), [9SE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
———require applicable manufacturers to include information on payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in certain transparency reports (see S. 2153), [7OC]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [16AP]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
———prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
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———provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions (see S. 1922), [4AU]
States: provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [19MR]
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———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals (see S. 1005), [16AP]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [12FE]
———increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care by providing incentives for doctors to provide uncompensated care (see S. 1521), [4JN]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for certain small insurance companies (see S. 905), [14AP]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 1644), [23JN]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———require disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax (see S. 2432), [18DE]
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Dept. of Justice: require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]
Federal agencies and departments: strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
Immigration: give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
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National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
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Senate: review procedures ensuring an employee in the office of Senators on committees requiring access to top secret information may obtain security clearances needed to have access to such information (see S. 1569), [11JN]
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———require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
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Federal employees: ensure that employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights (see S. 943, 951), [15AP]
———establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———exempt from certain labor-management relations requirements (see S. 2245, 2246), [5NO]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
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Information technology: implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent

tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [24MR]
Political ethics: prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
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———enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
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———improve tax treatment of small businesses (see S. 1827), [22JY]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———permit the Dept. of the Treasury and the SSA to disclose certain return information relative to identity theft (see S. 1323), [13MY]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [3FE] (see S. 608), [27FE]
———prohibit modification or amendment of standards and regulations governing substantiation of charitable contributions (see S. 2370), [8DE]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 949), [15AP]
———provide printed copies of Publication 17, ''Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals),'' to all taxpayers free of charge (see S. Res. 112), [25MR]
———provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
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———require that individual taxpayer identification number applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers (see S. 1397), [20MY]
———require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations (see S. 367), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Tax-exempt organizations: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
———provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status if the IRS delays acting on applications (see S. 1728), [9JY]
Taxpayers: improve transparency and efficiency relative to audits and communications (see S. 186), [16JA]
Cloture motions
Taxation: improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
Tax-exempt organizations: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Motions
Taxation: improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN]
Tax-exempt organizations: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [6MY], [7MY], [28OC], [30OC]
Reports filed
Ease Burden of Federal Tax Compliance on Small Businesses: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
IRS Enrolled Agents Use of Credentials Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 914) (S. Rept. 114–24), [14AP]
IRS Processing of 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) Applications for Tax-Exempt Status Submitted by ''Political Advocacy'' Organizations From 2010–2013: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–119), [5AU]

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE SUPERVISORS
Bills and resolutions
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Bills and resolutions
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION (INTERPOL)
Bills and resolutions
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Taiwan: develop a strategy to obtain observer status at the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (see S. 2426), [18DE]

INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS
Bills and resolutions
African Growth and Opportunity Act: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
International trade: promote (see S. 2201), [22OC]
Israel: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]
Messages
Generalized System of Preferences Beneficiary Developing Country Designation Termination for Seychelles, Uruguay, and Venezuela: President Obama, [30SE]
National Emergency Relative to Transnational Criminal Organizations: President Obama, [21JY]
Reports filed
Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]

INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY ECONOMIC POWERS ACT
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Ukraine: President Obama, [3MR]

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE CAPITAL STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1086), [27AP]

INTERNATIONAL LAW *related term(s)* **TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS**
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Colombia: oppose requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal O.R. Palmera Pineda, also known as ''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the U.S. as a part of the Colombian peace process (see S. Res. 208), [23JN]
Crime: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]
———increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
———report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Iran: prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
Nisman, Alberto: offer condolences to family of Argentinian prosecutor, commend investigation of Argen-

tine Israelite Mutual Association bombing, and call for investigation of death and Iranian involvement in bombing (see S. Res. 167), [5MY]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
Taiwan: develop a strategy to obtain observer status at the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (see S. 2426), [18DE]
Terrorism: provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
Cloture motions
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
Messages
Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty With Algeria: President Obama, [5OC]
Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty With Jordan: President Obama, [8DE]
National Emergency Relative to Transnational Criminal Organizations: President Obama, [21JY]
Motions
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [18MR]
Reports filed
Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 284), [29JY]
International Megan's Law To Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (H.R. 515), [18NO]
Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 178), [2MR]
Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]
Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 166), [2MR]
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
World Refugee Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 204), [25JN]

INTERNATIONAL MEGAN'S LAW TO PREVENT DEMAND FOR CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (H.R. 515), [18NO]

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS *related term(s)* **CONFERENCES; FOREIGN POLICY**
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [3FE], [11FE]
Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, [3FE], [5FE], [11FE]
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
African Growth and Opportunity Act: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
Dept. of State: authorize appropriations (see S. 1635), [18JN]
———establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
———promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
———protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Germany: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [1OC]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
International trade: promote (see S. 2201), [22OC]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 1747), [9JY] (see S. 2144), [6OC]
———urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
Korean Peninsula: resume family reunions between North and South Korea, allow Korean Americans to reunite with divided families in North Korea, and encourage peace (see S. Res. 190), [3JN]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
Nisman, Alberto: offer condolences to family of Argentinian prosecutor, commend investigation of Argentine Israelite Mutual Association bombing, and call for investigation of death and Iranian involvement in bombing (see S. Res. 167), [5MY]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
———restrict funds (see S. 633), [3MR]
Pope Francis: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [28JA]

Taiwan: develop a strategy to obtain observer status at the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (see S. 2426), [18DE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
———limit U.S. contributions if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
———prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 1798), [16JY] (see S. 2078, 2079), [24SE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Hepatitis Day: observance (see S. Res. 233), [28JY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 152), [28AP] (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
Cloture motions
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
National Emergency Relative to Foreign Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process: President Obama, [21JA]
National Emergency Relative to Transnational Criminal Organizations: President Obama, [21JY]
Reports filed
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
Dept. of State Appropriations: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1635), [18JN]
German Peaceful and Democratic Reunification Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 274), [8OC]
Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 284), [29JY]
International Megan's Law To Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (H.R. 515), [18NO]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]
Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2078), [24SE]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]
World Refugee Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 204), [25JN]

INTERNATIONAL TRADE
Bills and resolutions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]
———reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [17MR]
Promote (see S. 2201), [22OC]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Messages
Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
Motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [22JA]
Reports filed
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Tariff: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 260), [27JA]
———establish a process for consideration of temporary duty suspensions (see S. 998), [16AP]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals: support (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SOILS
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [17MR]

INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS
Bills and resolutions
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]

INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS (ICANN)
Bills and resolutions
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]

INTERNET GOVERNANCE AWARENESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]

INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]

INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCES
Appointments
British-American Interparliamentary Group, [16MR]
Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group, [16MR]
Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group, [16MR]
U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, [14DE], [18DE]
U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group, [16MR]

INTERSTATE COMMERCE *related term(s)* **CARGO TRANSPORTATION**
Bills and resolutions
Arizona: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
CPSC: improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]
Crime: prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]
———create National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [21MY]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Firearms: more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition (see S. 1308), [12MY]
———update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions (see S. 1351), [14MY]
Fish and fishing: reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Insurance: provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
Sports: deregulate interstate commerce relative to parimutuel wagering on horseracing (see S. 1174), [30AP]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]

Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 850), [24MR] (see S. 946), [15AP]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]

INTERSTATE COMPACTS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]

INVEST IN TRANSPORTATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 981), [16AP]

INVESTING IN STATES TO ACHIEVE TUITION EQUITY (IN-STATE) FOR DREAMERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 796), [19MR]

INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Small business: prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (see S. 1978), [5AU]

INVESTMENTS *related term(s)* **SECURITIES**
Bills and resolutions
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
American Infrastructure Bank: establish (see S. 1296), [12MY]
Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
———clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
———specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions (see S. 876), [26MR]
Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
Colleges and universities: provide a legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education (see S. 2186), [20OC]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 495), [12FE]
Dept. of Commerce: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
———undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of Defense: improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
Dept. of Transportation: improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 206), [21JA]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Education: improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
Employment: continue job creation and the promotion of investment through improvements to targeted employment areas (see S. 2115), [1OC]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [30AP]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1367), [18MY]
———improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
———protect the investment choices of American investors (see S. 1802), [16JY]
———provide relief to community banks and promote their access to capital (see S. 1816), [21JY]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 107), [7JA]
Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act: repeal certain provisions relative to reporting on foreign assets and investments (see S. 663), [4MR]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
Government regulations: provide end-users with time to meet margin requirements and repeal certain indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required by swaps entities (see S. 1560), [11JN]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Health: reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Immigration: extend and improve EB–5 immigrant investor visa program (see S. 1501), [3JN]
———increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and reauthorize the EB–5 regional center program (see S. 2122), [1OC]
Income: require 401(k) plan sponsors to inform participants of projected monthly income expected at retirement based on current account balances (see S. 1317), [13MY]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
IRS: provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
Pensions: make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
———modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
———provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
SBA: establish Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program (see S. 1934), [4AU]
———help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [14JY]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [1OC]
Science: prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
———enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 1730), [9JY]
———extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
———increase threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relative to compensatory benefit plans (see S. 576), [26FE]
———provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1010), [20AP]

———require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Securities: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
———determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 67), [7JA]
Senior citizens: provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Small business: prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (see S. 1978), [5AU]
Social Security: strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 1940), [5AU]
Taxation: allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors (see S. 973), [16AP]
———create Universal Savings Accounts (see S. 2320), [19NO]
———encourage use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 306), [29JA]
———establish tax-preferred Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts (see S. 1262), [7MY]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 915), [14AP]
———exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised (see S. 909), [14AP]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 101), [7JA]
———expand personal and retirement savings by allowing employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic individual retirement accounts (see S. 245), [22JA]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [30AP]
———extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———facilitate program-related investments by private foundations (see S. 2313), [19NO]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 195), [20JA]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit (see S. 537), [24FE]
———increase the annual contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts and include athletic equipment in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (see S. 243), [22JA]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1905), [30JY]
———modify and permanently extend qualified zone academy bonds to facilitate school renovation and construction and treat such bonds as specified tax credit bonds (see S. 1753), [13JY]
———modify certain safe harbor requirements to encourage small business to offer retirement plans and to allow individuals to save more (see S. 266), [27JA]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 324), [30JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 947), [15AP]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [26FE]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 1644), [23JN]
———permanently extend the tax treatment for certain Build America Bonds (see S. 1515), [4JN]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [3FE] (see S. 608), [27FE]
———prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving VA medical care for service-connected disabilities (see S. 1880), [28JY]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 949), [15AP]
———provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology (see S. 913), [14AP]
———provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities (see S. 2271), [10NO]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide for dependent care savings accounts (see S. 74), [7JA]
———provide for full expensing of tangible property (see S. 2350), [3DE]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [30AP]
———remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers subject to Federal excise taxes on distilled spirits, wine, and beer (see S. 904), [14AP]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 162), [13JA]
———restrict the insurance business exception to passive foreign investment company rules (see S. 1687), [25JN]
———treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1801), [16JY] (see S. 2202), [22OC]
Taxation; repeal percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines (see S. 2154), [7OC]
Telecommunications: promote availability of additional unlicensed spectrum for innovation and investment (see S. 2278), [10NO]
U.S. Cotton Futures Act: modify definition of cotton futures contracts (see S. 1655), [24JN]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: extend date after which interest earned on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund may be available for apportionment (see S. 722), [11MR]
Veterans: provide for coordination between TRICARE and eligibility to make contributions to health savings accounts (see S. 448), [11FE]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 89), [7JA]
Reports filed
Craft Beverage Bond Simplification Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 904) (S. Rept. 114–15), [14AP]
Ease Burden of Federal Tax Compliance on Small Businesses: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Electrify Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
Financial Regulatory Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1484), [2JN]
Improve Certain Education Savings Plans: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 335) (S. Rept. 114–56), [21MY]
Investment Tax Credit for Waste Heat to Power Technology: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 913) (S. Rept. 114–23), [14AP]
Philanthropic Enterprise Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 909) (S. Rept. 114–20), [14AP]
Real Estate Investment and Jobs Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 915) (S. Rept. 114–25), [14AP]
Small Business Energy Efficiency Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1756), [15SE]
Small Business Investment Capital Company Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 552), [10JN]
Tax Relief Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]
Women's Small Business Ownership Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2126), [8OC]

IOWA CITY, IA
Bills and resolutions
University of Iowa: anniversary of College of Law (see S. Res. 339), [18DE]

IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Claims: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
Dept. of State: submit to Congress a report on designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2094), [29SE]
———withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Foreign investments: extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
Foreign policy: condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]

———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
Foreign trade: reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
Human rights: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Iraq: require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya (see S. 1643), [23JN]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 99), [10MR]
Nisman, Alberto: offer condolences to family of Argentinian prosecutor, commend investigation of Argentine Israelite Mutual Association bombing, and call for investigation of death and Iranian involvement in bombing (see S. Res. 167), [5MY]
Nuclear weapons: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Senate Legal Counsel: direct to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (see S. Res. 333), [10DE]
U.N.: limit U.S. contributions if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
Cloture motions
Nuclear weapons: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
Reports filed
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
Require a Report on Actions To Secure the Safety and Security of Dissidents Housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1643), [25JN]

IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT REVIEW ACT
Bills and resolutions
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IRAN POLICY OVERSIGHT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2119), [1OC]

IRAN SANCTIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Iran: extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]

IRAQ, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]
———authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of State: making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]
Foreign policy: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
Immigration: ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
Refugees: require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya (see S. 1643), [23JN]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Messages
Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): President Obama, [11FE]
National Emergency Relative to the Stabilization of Iraq: President Obama, [19MY]
Reports filed
Require a Report on Actions To Secure the Safety and Security of Dissidents Housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1643), [25JN]

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY
Bills and resolutions
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]

IRRIGATION
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize early repayment of obligations within the Northport Irrigation District in Nebraska (see S. 1291), [12MY]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 14), [6JA]
Drought: provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
Native Americans: provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]

IRRIGATION REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION FOR INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR ECONOMIES (IRRIGATE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 438), [10FE]

IRS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2345), [2DE]

IRS BUREAUCRACY REDUCTION AND JUDICIAL REVIEW ACT
Cloture motions
Enact (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
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Enact (H.R. 1295), [18JN]

ISAKSON, JOHNNY ***(a Senator from Georgia)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
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Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [22JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [8OC]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 385), [5FE]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [11FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March,

which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [9JN]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [6OC]
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [15SE]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [22JA]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [26JA]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
Dept. of HHS: expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [28SE]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [4MY]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [26OC]
Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend authorization to replace existing medical center in Denver, CO, and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [17DE]
Drugs: exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [17MR]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 803), [19MR]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [25FE]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [10MR]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [18MY]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [8JY]
FDA: create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [25FE]
———extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [28JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 1116), [28AP]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [23JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [25MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
———terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [18JN]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [27OC]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [10JN]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
Georgia: authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land (see S. 1744), [9JY]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
———preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [23JY]
Insurance: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [10DE]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [24JN]
———establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [9DE]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]

Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [24FE]
Medicare: improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [18NO]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [28OC]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [4AU]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 187), [21MY]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [29OC]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [21MY]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
NIH: improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [22JN]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [21JA]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 145), [22AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [11JN]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [24SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [15AP]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [5FE]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 856), [24MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [11FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [17DE]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [10FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [19MY]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [17DE]
Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [25FE]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [24SE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [10FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2MR]
———modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (see S. 1660), [24JN]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [27FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), (see S. 608), [27FE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [4MR]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [13JY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [8JY]
———treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care (see S. 2218), [29OC]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [2JN]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [21MY]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [17DE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 32), [21JA]

Credit: revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 495), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend certain expiring provisions of administered law (see S. 2082), [25SE]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 319), [19NO]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
Fort Frederica National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 2024), [10SE]
Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 1661), [24JN]
Investments: require 401(k) plan sponsors to inform participants of projected monthly income expected at retirement based on current account balances (see S. 1317), [13MY]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: adjust boundary to include Wallis House and Harriston Hill (see S. 1930), [4AU]
Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [10JN]
Medicare: cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
———extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [3DE]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [28JA]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Mentoring Month: observance (see S. Res. 58), [29JA]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 324), [2DE]
National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 106), [19MR]
NLRB: reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
Ocmulgee National Monument: revise boundary and redesignate as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park (see S. 1696), [25JN]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 325), [2DE]
Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr., Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Gainesville, GA: designate (see S. 2396), [10DE]
Taxation: clarify treatment of locum tenens physicians as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages in underserved areas (see S. 2371), [8DE]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
World War II: commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [14AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Activities During the 113th Congress: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–156), [21OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Accountability Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1082), [19OC]
———Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1082) (S. Rept. 114–163), [3NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 833), [6AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Revoking of Bonuses Paid to Employees Involved in Electronic Medical Appointment Wait List Manipulations: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 627) (S. Rept. 114–148), [28SE]
Expenditures: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 32), [21JA]
Suicide Prevention for American Veterans (SAV) Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 203), [21JA]
———Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 203) (S. Rept. 114–34), [23AP]
21st Century Veterans Benefits Delivery Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1203) (S. Rept. 114–153), [19OC]
Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1493) (S. Rept. 114–122), [8SE]

ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA (ISIS) (TERRORIST ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]
———authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16JN]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
Immigration: suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Internationl law: express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
Messages
Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): President Obama, [11FE]
Reports filed
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]

ISRAEL, STATE OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Foreign trade: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
Jerusalem: recognize as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [7JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]

Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
———restrict funds (see S. 633), [3MR]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]
Reports filed
Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]

ITIN REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1397), [20MY]

JACKSON, MS
Bills and resolutions
Charles Clark U.S. Courthouse: designate (see S. 1034), [21AP]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House in Jackson, MS (see S. 2177), [8OC]

JACKSON, SUSIE
Bills and resolutions
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

JAMES K. POLK PRESIDENTIAL HOME STUDY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1483) (S. Rept. 114–136), [9SE]

JAPAN
Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Foreign policy: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Hawaii: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
World War II: commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]
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Tax Convention With Japan: President Obama, [13AP]

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Tule Lake National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2412), [17DE]

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JERUSALEM EMBASSY ACT
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Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [7JA]

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Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [7JA]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [7MY]
World War II: commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [22JA]
Reports filed
Commemorate Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Extermination Camp, Remember the Victims, and Honor the Legacy of the Survivors of the Holocaust: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 35), [28JA]
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]
Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]

JOBS AND PREMIUM PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 183), [16JA]

JOBS ORIGINATED THROUGH LAUNCHING TRAVEL (JOLT) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2091), [29SE]

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]

JOHNSON, JOHN A. (JACK)
Bills and resolutions
Crime: pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 6), [26FE]

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Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
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Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [5OC]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [17JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [11MR]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [16JA]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
———conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [9MR]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [13JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [2FE]

———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [22JY]
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Drugs: exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [7JY]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [15DE]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [10JN]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [10JN]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [19MY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [9JY]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [2JN]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [11JN]
———codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [4AU]
———identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]
———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments (see S. 614), [27FE]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [25JN]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [26FE]
Federal employees: prevent fraud by representative payees by prosecuting those who misuse Federal retirement funds (see S. 1576), [24JN]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310), [24JN]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [16DE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [12MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Germany: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [1OC]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
Insurance: provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [10DE]
Iran: prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Libraries: require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (see S. 558), [25FE]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24JN]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [5NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [12FE]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [9SE]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [12FE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [9FE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [12FE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Presidents of the U.S.: improve process of Presidential transition (see S. 1172), [30AP]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [27FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [8SE]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [4MY]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [30AP]

———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [12FE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [5OC]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [27AP]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [14DE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [11JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: repeal bans on military personnel carrying firearms on military bases and recruitment facilities (see S. 1821), [21JY]
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 33), [22JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———reduce duplication of information technology (see S. 1620), [18JN]
———secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats (see S. 1846), [23JY]
———submit a report to Congress on headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region (see S. 1638), [18JN]
———train personnel to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities (see S. 623), [3MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
District of Columbia: revise certain authorities of courts, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and Public Defender Service (see S. 1629), [18JN]
Federal agencies and departments: reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1522), [8JN]
———provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
FEMA: develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs relative to certain disaster relief and emergency assistance (see S. 2109), [30SE]
———establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Immigration: prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Jaster, Lisa: tribute (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Lieutenant Colonel James ''Maggie'' Megellas Post Office, Fond du Lac, WI: designate (see S. 1826), [22JY]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 1502), [4JN]
National security: develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [3DE]
Taxation: permit the Dept. of the Treasury and the SSA to disclose certain return information relative to identity theft (see S. 1323), [13MY]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
Reports filed
Activities During the 113th Congress: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–33), [20AP]
Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Border Jobs for Veterans Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1603) (S. Rept. 114–116), [5AU]
Bureau of the Census Authority To Conduct the Quarterly Financial Report Program Extension: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1868) (S. Rept. 114–157), [22OC]
Competitive Service Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1580) (S. Rept. 114–143), [15SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security Border Security Metrics Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1864) (S. Rept. 114–152), [8OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Interoperable Communications Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 615) (S. Rept. 114–53), [21MY]
Dept. of Transportation Sole Authority To Appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2093) (S. Rept. 114–170), [30NO]
Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2109) (S. Rept. 114–173), [7DE]
District of Columbia Courts, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1629) (S. Rept. 114–110), [3AU]
Eliminating Government-Funded Oil-Painting (EGO) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 310) (S. Rept. 114–93), [27JY]
Emergency Information Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1090) (S. Rept. 114–142), [15SE]
Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 991) (S. Rept. 114–151), [1OC]
Expenditures: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 33), [22JA]
Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 614) (S. Rept. 114–86), [21JY]
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
Federal Vehicle Repair Cost Savings Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (bill no.) (S. Rept. 114–59), [22MY]
Floresville Veterans Post Office Building, Floresville, TX: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 891), [24JN]
Gold Star Fathers Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 136) (S. Rept. 114–35), [5MY]
Grants Oversight and New Efficiency (GONE) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1115) (S. Rept. 114–169), [30NO]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1350), [24JN]
Human Trafficking Detection Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 460) (S. Rept. 114–46), [14MY]
Inspector General Empowerment Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 114–36), [5MY]
Inspector General Mandates Reporting Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2128) (S. Rept. 114–171), [30NO]
Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1180) (S. Rept. 114–73), [25JN]
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 179), [6MY]

James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building, Del City, OK: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 3059), [8OC]
Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531), [4AU]
———Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531) (S. Rept. 114–123), [8SE]
Lieutenant Colonel James ''Maggie'' Megellas Post Office, Fond du Lac, WI: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1826), [29JY]
Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office, St. Louis, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 324), [8OC]
Northern Border Security Review Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office, East Rochester, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1884), [8OC]
Postal Service Issuance of Semipostal Stamp To Support Breast Cancer Research: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1170) (S. Rept. 114–144), [17SE]
Preclearance Authorization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 998) (S. Rept. 114–180), [15DE]
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Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [16MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]
Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [7MY]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Crime: reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [9NO]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [30AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [17SE]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [22SE]
Dept. of Education: create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———extend eligibility for Federal student loans to certain short-term career and technical education programs (see S. 2064), [22SE]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]

———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [15JY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [19NO]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [29SE]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
———extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [26FE]
Dept. of State: improve Inspector General oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
Dept. of Transportation: designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]
———provide sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (see S. 2093), [29SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [15SE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [10NO]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [24SE]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [5AU]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [18DE]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [21SE]
———provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [11MR]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [5MY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [24SE]
FDA: establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [15AP]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [21MY]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [8OC]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [30AP]
Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA: designate the Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum (see S. 1468), [22MY]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [30NO]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [11MY]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [29JY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia (Spain): U.S. visit (see S. Res. 253), [15SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [4MR]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [29SE]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [7JY]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [3JN]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [24SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [10SE]
Nobel Prize: recognition of Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for peace (see S. Res. 330), [7DE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [30AP]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [1OC]

———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [30SE]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [9NO]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 718), [11MR]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [17DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [15AP]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [16JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
———tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [10NO]
———create a credit for foster families (see S. 664), [4MR]
———establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 2020), [9SE]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [9JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [27JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16JN]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Dept. of Education: allow the awarding of job training Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1900), [30JY]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
Dept. of HUD: modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
Drugs: establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, and establish a grant program relative to naloxone (see S. 2256), [5NO]
Education: provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
———support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
EPA: implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
Firearms: require sellers or transferors of firearms to take reasonable steps to ensure the recipient is not prohibited from possessing a firearm (see S. 2016), [9SE]
Native Americans: extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy, Chickahominy-Eastern Division, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond Tribes (see S. 465), [11FE]
Rockingham County, VA: remove use restriction on a certain parcel of land that was to be used for a child care center (see S. 1329), [13MY]
Simon, Robert E., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 285), [8OC]

KALSU, JAMES R.
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KATZMAN, JULIE
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Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [4MY]
Constitution—U.S.: restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [27JA]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [9DE]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [12MY]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), (see S. 1543), [10JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [12MY]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [27OC]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [23JN]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [28OC]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [8SE]
Dept. of Commerce: undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [9MR]
Dept. of Education: award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 2176), [8OC]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
Dept. of Energy: establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: award grants to States for development of innovative long-term services and support programs (see S. 2338), [14DE]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [16DE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [10JN]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [21JY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [10JN]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [22AP]
———reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 1615), [18JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [18NO]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [21SE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [4MR]
Dept. of State: making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [28OC]
Dept. of the Interior: restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [19MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [22JA]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 684), [23JN]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [7DE]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [8JY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [19NO]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
FCC: ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [23JN]
FDA: establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [19NO]
———improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
Federal agencies and departments: reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
Financial institutions: allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [28AP]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [11FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
FRS: establish advisory boards for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1963), [5AU]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [21MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [17MR]
———clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [1DE]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [10NO]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [23AP] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [28AP]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [8JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [29JA]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [29OC]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [16MR]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [4JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [10NO]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [10NO]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [16MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [28AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
Motor vehicles: limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [29AP]
———reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [3AU]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [9JA]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [4FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [7MY]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———modify definition of applicable large employer relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1415), [21MY]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [10NO]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [8JY]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [22MY]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [3MR]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [15AP]
———treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain defense base closure areas (see S. 1292), [12MY]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [13JY]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senior citizens: provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [18NO]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [22JN]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
———tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [25FE]
Taxation: expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [18MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [16JY]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [9SE]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [23MR]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [12MY]
———provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave (see S. 2354), [3DE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [18MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]

———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Telecommunications: promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [2FE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [24JN]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 331), [8DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Air pollution: clarify treatment of carbon emissions from forest biomass (see S. 1284), [11MY]
Dept. of Education: establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
Dept. of Energy: limit authority to approve certain proposals relative to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals (see S. 1237), [6MY]
Dept. of Justice: require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
FERC: consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and consumer benefits before approving or disapproving an application for a liquefied natural gas terminal (see S. 1242), [7MY]
———streamline licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects on existing dams (see S. 1338), [14MY]
Foreign trade: require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters or producers are involved in the investigation or review (see S. 1702), [25JN]
Immigration: permit aliens seeking asylum to be eligible for employment in the U.S. (see S. 1899), [30JY]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
Political campaigns: require all contributions over a certain amount be reported to the FEC within 48 hours (see S. 2212), [28OC]
Power resources: facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
Taxation: include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]

KING FELIPE VI AND QUEEN LETIZIA (SPAIN)
Bills and resolutions
U.S. visit (see S. Res. 253), [15SE]

KING KAMEHAMEHA
Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 3), [5FE]

KINGS POINT, NY
Bills and resolutions
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall after receipt of gift for renovation of such hall (see S. 143), [9JA]
Reports filed
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Improvements Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 143) (S. Rept. 114–51), [21MY]

KINGSTON, NY
Bills and resolutions
Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building: designate (see S. 2088), [28SE]
Reports filed
Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building, Kingston, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1442), [8OC]

KINNARD, DANIEL L.
Bills and resolutions
Daniel L. Kinnard Dept. of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Newark, OH: designate (see S. 1325), [13MY]

KIRK, MARK ***(a Senator from Illinois)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [22OC]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [4AU]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [30JY]
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1087), [27AP]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [26OC]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26OC]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [18MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [23JN]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 205), [18JN]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
———identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [6MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [3FE]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [4NO]
Crime: combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [11MY]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1520), [20OC]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [16JA]
———inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [30AP]
———making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26MR]
———ensure student data handled by private companies is protected (see S. 1322), [13MY]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [1JN]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [26JA]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships (see S. 1187), [4MY]
Dept. of HHS: enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [9NO]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [17NO]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 218), [9JN]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple

sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [16JY]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [9NO]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [15JN]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 2151), [9NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 1507), [4JN]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
Dept. of Labor: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [17NO]
Dept. of State: withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9SE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [29JA]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [10SE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [10DE]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [5OC]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [21SE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2130), [5OC]
EPA: expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [1JN]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [13AP]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [25SE]
———create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [29AP]
———ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [5OC]
———ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [1OC]
———extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [24SE]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [24MR]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [22OC]
Federal employees: provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [22OC]
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [14MY]
FEMA: require rulemaking to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance (see S. 870), [26MR]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [15AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [18MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
———protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 884), [16AP]
———preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [23AP]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [18MY]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [23JN]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [5NO]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Immigrant Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 216), [7JY]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [14MY]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [10DE]
Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [11MY]
———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [9JA]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [24JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [17SE]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
Lunar New Year: observance (see S. Res. 80), [12FE]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29OC]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [28OC]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [9MR]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [22JN]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [4MR]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [3AU]

———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [8JN]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [8DE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [8JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [10JN]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [7OC]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [22JN]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [20MY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [26FE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [25FE]
———require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [22JN]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [15SE]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [18NO]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Nepal: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Nisman, Alberto: offer condolences to family of Argentinian prosecutor, commend investigation of Argentine Israelite Mutual Association bombing, and call for investigation of death and Iranian involvement in bombing (see S. Res. 167), [5MY]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [24SE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [10JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [30JY]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [3AU]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [16NO]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Presidents of the U.S.: modify monetary allowance payable to a former President (see S. 1411), [21MY]
Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 270), [24SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [15AP]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [29JA]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [3NO]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 856), [24MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [10SE]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [18MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [15SE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [6AU]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [3MR]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [7OC]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [9SE]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
———combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [15JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [22JY]
———provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [23JN]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [17JN]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [22JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]
Armed Forces: amend laws relative to enlistment and consequences of certain service (see S. 2160), [7OC]
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [5AU]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies (see S. 2355), [3DE]
Crime: provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts (see S. 572), [25FE]
Danville, IL: provide for conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Danville Area Community College (see S. 1967), [5AU]
Dept. of Education: use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary and secondary schools (see S. 325), [30JA]
Dept. of HHS: designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]

———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
Dept. of Transportation: waive the state of good repair certification requirement for participants in the pilot program for expedited project delivery (see S. 1734), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [28JA]
Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
EPA: authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (see S. 1024), [21AP]
———prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
Eximbank: reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
Federal agencies and departments: review certain rules and regulations (see S. 846), [24MR]
Government Transformation Board: establish (see S. 2269), [10NO]
Immigration: ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
Korean Peninsula: resume family reunions between North and South Korea, allow Korean Americans to reunite with divided families in North Korea, and encourage peace (see S. Res. 190), [3JN]
Medicare: establish smart card pilot program (see S. 1871), [27JY]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
NIH: improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [19MR]
Nugent, Timothy: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1863), [27JY]
Privacy: require notification of information security breaches and enhance penalties for cyber criminals (see S. 1027), [21AP]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 1636), [18JN]
Roosevelt University: anniversary (see S. Res. 137), [16AP]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [29JA]
Small business: prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (see S. 1978), [5AU]
Taxation: exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE]
———improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 195), [20JA]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 850), [24MR] (see S. 946), [15AP]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Volunteer workers: provide for liability protection for organizations and entities (see S. 1684), [25JN]
Cloture motions
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [17MR], [19MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
Reports filed
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2029) (S. Rept. 114–57), [21MY]
KLOBUCHAR, AMY ***(a Senator from Minnesota)***
Appointments
Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group, [16MR]
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Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [10SE]
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [11MY]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [25SE]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: enhance mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 1152), [8DE]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2357), [8DE] (see S. 2393), [14DE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [23AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [23MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [16MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [28AP]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [17NO]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [19MR]
CPSC: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [27AP]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [22OC]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [19MY]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [5FE]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [9NO]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [19MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26MR]

———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [27JA]
Dept. of HHS: designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [7JY]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [27FE]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [3AU]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [6OC]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 218), [21JA]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [7DE]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [15DE]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [25SE]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [3FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [7JY]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [25MR]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
———report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [24MR]
Dept. of the Interior: use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [21AP]
Dept. of Transportation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [16MR]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [14AP]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [16NO]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [13JY]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [26JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [27JY]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [2JN]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [15JY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [26MR]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 225), [21JA]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [16JN]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [16SE]
———authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 760), [17MR]
———prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [1JN]
FDA: ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [30AP]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [15JY]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [5MY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [29AP]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [21OC]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
———facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [27AP]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [15JN]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [10MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [10JN]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide

funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [3NO]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [23JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [28JY]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [28JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [11MR]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [7OC]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [8DE]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [4FE]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [2JN]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [27JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [23MR]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [27OC]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [19OC]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [28AP]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [30SE]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [20MY]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [8JN]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [22JN]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [10MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
———improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [30NO]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 341), [18DE]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [18MY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [16JN]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [21JY]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [25JN]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [8SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [5MY]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [19MY]
Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 270), [24SE]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [30SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [23JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [13JA]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [14MY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [19MY]
———tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [8JY]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [23MR]
Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 315), [29JA]
———allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [15JY]
———clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 2308), [19NO]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]

———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [16MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [16MR]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [1JN]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [23FE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [27JY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [9FE]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [9MR]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [13MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [23AP]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [18MR]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [2JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [15DE]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [15DE]
———deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [14MY]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [27AP]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [15DE]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [13MY]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [8JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———expand health programs (see S. 674), [9MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [15SE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [6OC]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 1634), [18JN]
CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 2294), [17NO]
Citizenship: provide for automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals (see S. 2275), [10NO]
Consumers: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1234), [6MY]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Crime: protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1520), [4JN]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
Dept. of HHS: enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
Dept. of Justice: enhance the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program (see S. 2401), [15DE]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
Dept. of Transportation: improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
———require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 761), [17MR]
———waive copayment requirement for medical and hospital services in the case of certain billing errors and inform veterans of payment plan and waiver rights relative to untimely billing (see S. 2052), [17SE]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1327), [13MY]
FCC: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [19MR]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
Foreign trade: improve enforcement of trade laws (see S. 2299), [18NO]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: designate (see S. 179), [13JA]
Medicaid: extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 2118), [1OC]
Medicare: require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [26OC]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 59), [30JA]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
SSA: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 369), [4FE]
Surface Transportation Board: prohibit long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks without approval of the rail carrier's rail car storage plan (see S. 443), [10FE]
Taxation: provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 879), [26MR]
———treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1801), [16JY] (see S. 2202), [22OC]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]
Voting: require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 1139), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]

KNIFE OWNERS' PROTECTION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1315) (S. Rept. 114–121), [8SE]

KNOX, PA
Bills and resolutions
Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office: designate (see S. 231), [22JA]

KODIAK ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC.
Bills and resolutions
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]

Reports filed
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]

KONY, JOSEPH
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]

KOREA, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
Foreign trade: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 1747), [9JY] (see S. 2144), [6OC]
Korean Peninsula: resume family reunions between North and South Korea, allow Korean Americans to reunite with divided families in North Korea, and encourage peace (see S. Res. 190), [3JN]
Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: approve (see S.J. Res. 20), [28JY]
Immigration: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [10JN]
Korean Peninsula: resume family reunions between North and South Korea, allow Korean Americans to reunite with divided families in North Korea, and encourage peace (see S. Res. 190), [3JN]
Park Geun-hye: welcome Republic of Korea President upon U.S. visit and reaffirm importance of alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea (see S. Res. 194), [8JN] (see S. Res. 278), [6OC]
Messages
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: President Obama, [16JN]
Reports filed
Welcome Republic of Korea President Park Geun-hye Upon U.S. Visit and Reaffirm Importance of Alliance Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 278), [8OC]

KOREAN WAR *related term(s)* **WAR**
Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [5AU]

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL OF REMEMBRANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1982), [5AU]

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL, INC.
Bills and resolutions
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [5AU]

KRAVITZ, HAROLD
Prayers
Senate, [9JN]

LABELING *related term(s)* **PACKAGING; PRODUCT SAFETY**
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites (see S. 1359), [14MY]
CPSC: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of HHS: promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA] (see S. 1327), [13MY]
FDA: establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
———establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
———improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 1406), [20MY]
Federal agencies and departments: include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 281), [28JA]
Interstate commerce: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
Taxation: reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 1129), [29AP]
Reports filed
Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 142) (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]
E-Warranty Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1359) (S. Rept. 114–77), [7JY]

LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]

LABOR UNIONS *related term(s)* **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: address slowdowns, strikes, and lock-outs occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Civil liberties: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [7JA]
Crime: clarify the illegality of the use of violence to achieve objectives during a strike (see S. 62), [7JA]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Transportation: establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1257), [7MY]
Employment: assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
IRS: exempt from certain labor-management relations requirements (see S. 2245, 2246), [5NO]
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 332), [9DE]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [28SE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Messages
Veto of S.J. Res. 8, Disapprove NLRB Rule Relative to Representation Case Procedures: President Obama, [13AP]
Motions
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (S.J. Res. 8), [3MR], [5MY]
Reports filed
Port Performance Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1298) (S. Rept. 114–164), [5NO]
Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 248) (S. Rept. 114–140), [10SE]

LAFAYETTE, LA
Bills and resolutions
Crime: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]

LAKES
Bills and resolutions
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to pre-

vent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Dept. of Commerce: undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area (see S. 1824), [21JY]
EPA: authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (see S. 1024), [21AP]
———prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
———protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Pipelines: ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
National Sea Grant College Program Act Reauthorization and Amendment: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 764) (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]

LAKEWOOD, WA
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 2422), [18DE]

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA
Bills and resolutions
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 211), [21JA]

LANCE, ETHEL L.
Bills and resolutions
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT
Bills and resolutions
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]

LAND MANAGEMENT WORKFORCE FLEXIBILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1591), [17JN]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531), [4AU]
———Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1531) (S. Rept. 114–123), [8SE]

LAND USE
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: develop a cadastre of Federal real property to assist with land management, conservation, and development and identify land that no longer needs to be federally owned (see S. 1225), [6MY]
———establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 383), [5FE]
FCC: extend to private land use restrictions its rule relative to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications (see S. 1685), [25JN]
Glennallen, AK: convey reversionary interests of the U.S. in and to certain non-Federal land to Alaska Bible College (see S. 2018), [9SE]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Native Americans: prevent Indian tribes and tribal organizations that cultivate, manufacture, or distribute marijuana on Indian land from receiving Federal funds (see S. 1984), [5AU]
Nevada: provide for withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley (see S. 196), [20JA]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
Rockingham County, VA: remove use restriction on a certain parcel of land that was to be used for a child care center (see S. 1329), [13MY]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2FE]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
Tucson, AZ: provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land for purposes of economic development by conveyance of Federal reversionary interest (see S. 2379), [9DE]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Reports filed
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 209) (S. Rept. 114–149), [30SE]

LANGUAGES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]

LANKFORD, JAMES *(a Senator from Oklahoma)*
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [23MY]
Congressional-Executive Commission on China, [6AU]
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Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [21JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [21JY]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [21JY]
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [24SE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [30SE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [9SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]

Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [12JA]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [6MY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [10FE]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [29JA]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [9JY]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
Dept. of Transportation: rescind unused earmarks (see S. 1544), [9JY]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 234), [27JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [10NO]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [8JY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [15JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [3MR]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [9JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [24JN]
Federal agencies and departments: disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1109), [28AP]
———improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [21JY]
———postpone effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review (see S. 1927), [4AU]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———reduce operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal motor vehicle fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts (see S. 565), [25FE]
———require a notice and comment process for interpretative rules if there is a change to a previously issued rule (see S. 1487), [3JN]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1607), [18DE]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [22OC]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 499), [12FE]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
FEMA: develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs relative to certain disaster relief and emergency assistance (see S. 2109), [9DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [14AP]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [28SE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [21SE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [16NO]
Government regulations: provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [16JY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicare: designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [18DE]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [25FE]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [30JY]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 223), [14JY]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [12MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [28AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [5OC]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [28AP]
Oklahoma City, OK: anniversary of attack on Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building (see S. Res. 139), [16AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [27JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [30JY]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [28JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [12JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]

———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 1636), [7JY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [24JN]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [14JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Social Security: exclude certain medical sources of evidence in making disability determinations (see S. 1198), [5MY]
SSA: prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
———provide certain individuals with information on employment support services (see S. 1923), [4AU]
———provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions (see S. 1922), [4AU]
Taxation: provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [10MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [21JA]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [23AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 1798), [22SE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [28SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Federal agencies and departments: provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules (see S. 1820), [21JY]
———reform rulemaking process by only promulgating regulations that are necessary, maximize benefits, and provide the public an opportunity to participate in the process (see S. 1818), [21JY]
Federal employees: prevent fraud by representative payees by prosecuting those who misuse Federal retirement funds (see S. 1576), [15JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Native Americans: prevent Indian tribes and tribal organizations that cultivate, manufacture, or distribute marijuana on Indian land from receiving Federal funds (see S. 1984), [5AU]
———revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma (see S. 321), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Taxation: repeal the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources (see S. 2158), [7OC]

Cloture motions

Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [3FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]

Motions

Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]

Prayers

Senate, [23MY]

LAOS, PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]

LAREDO, TX

Bills and resolutions

George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: designate (see S. 612), [27FE]

Reports filed

George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Laredo, TX: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 612), [4MY]

LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION FEEDING DEVICE ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 407), [5FE]

LARKIN, FRANK J.

Bills and resolutions

Senate: election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper (see S. Res. 11), [6JA]
———notify the House of Representatives of election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 13), [6JA]
———notify the President of election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 12), [6JA]

LaSANE, KARLOS R., II

Appointments

Congressional Award Board, [19NO]

LASSEN COUNTY, CA

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of the Interior: take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria (see S. 1761), [14JY]

LATIN AMERICA

Bills and resolutions

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
Nisman, Alberto: offer condolences to family of Argentinian prosecutor, commend investigation of Argentine Israelite Mutual Association bombing, and call for investigation of death and Iranian involvement in bombing (see S. Res. 167), [5MY]

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Appointments

Conferees: H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]

Bills and resolutions

Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [22JY]
———strengthen protections for wild elephants, rhinoceroses, and other imperiled species through country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies and curtail demand for illegal wildlife products (see S. 2385), [10DE]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [17JN]
———enhance military facilities force protection (see S. 1835), [22JY]
———establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
———improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [29AP]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [8DE]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [15SE]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]
———eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup for status offenses which would not be judicial issues if the offender were not a juvenile (see S. 1850), [23JY]
———ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary con-

finement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
———extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
———identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]
———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
Civil liberties: limit authority to detain U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under authorizations for use of military force without charge or trial (see S. 24), [6JA]
———require the Federal Government to obtain warrants when conducting aerial surveillance (see S. 1595), [17JN]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1030), [21AP]
Constitution—U.S.: restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [26JA]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JA]
Corporations: establish criminal penalties for corporate officers failing to inform and warn of serious dangers posed by corporate actions or products (see S. 2140), [6OC]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 353), [3FE]
———ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal actions by amending prohibition on exercise of jurisdiction by U.S. Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts (see S. 1353), [14MY]
———provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 1418), [21MY]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
Crime: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]
———combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]
———impose criminal penalties for unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft (see S. 2249), [5NO]
———increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———prohibit intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs control (see S. 847), [24MR]
———prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [11JN]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1520), [4JN]
———provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
———provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts (see S. 572), [25FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
———provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable relative to tort claims arising out of rape (see S. 852), [24MR]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 449, 467), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
———specify state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind to strengthen criminal intent protections (see S. 2298), [18NO]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [5FE]
———prohibit the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens and lawful resident aliens (see S. 2195), [22OC]
———prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
———provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
———conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
———eliminate offsetting accounts available for use by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (see S. 1593), [17JN]
———establish Office for Community Partnerships (see S. 2369), [8DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———improve operation of Unmanned Aircraft System program (see S. 159), [13JA]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA] (see S. 1619), [18JN] (see S. 2130), (see S. 2131), [5OC]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
———reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 1015), [20AP] (see S. 1269), [11MY]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
———strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology (see S. 1873), [28JY]
———train personnel to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities (see S. 623), [3MR]
Dept. of Justice: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
———allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———enhance the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program (see S. 2401), [15DE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [13JA]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
———improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
———provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial serv-

ice providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
———provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
———require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
———strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 892), [26MR]
District of Columbia: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 319), [19NO]
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———combat heroin and methamphetamine trafficking across the Southern border of the U.S. (see S. 392), [5FE]
———combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
———end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA] (see S. 1327), [13MY]
———increase penalties for fentanyl trafficking (see S. 2027), [10SE]
———limit application of Federal laws to distribution and consumption of marijuana (see S. 2237), [4NO]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]
———reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors and eliminate increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base (see S. 1138), [29AP]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]
Families and domestic relations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
FBI: provide adequate whistleblower protections (see S. 2390), [10DE]
———use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
Federal agencies and departments: improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
———prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]
Federal aid programs: provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
Federal employees: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
———prevent fraud by representative payees by prosecuting those who misuse Federal retirement funds (see S. 1576), [15JN]
Financial institutions: establish standards for identity verification for non-U.S. persons opening bank accounts or applying for credit cards (see S. 52), [7JA]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
———ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [21OC]
———more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition (see S. 1308), [12MY]
———permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
———require sellers or transferors of firearms to take reasonable steps to ensure the recipient is not prohibited from possessing a firearm (see S. 2016), [9SE]
———revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes (see S. 2209), [27OC]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
Foreign trade: improve enforcement of trade laws (see S. 2299), [18NO]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]
———establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
Government regulations: require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
———provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]
Housing: require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
Human rights: treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [19NO]
———detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY] (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
———ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———expedite processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the U.S. (see S. 44), [7JA]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [14JY]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissible, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief (see S. 1120), [28AP]
———make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 68), [7JA]
———prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE] (see S. 754), [17MR]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Jones-Ayers, Georgia: tribute (see S. Res. 85), [25FE]

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Labor unions: clarify the illegality of the use of violence to achieve objectives during a strike (see S. 62), [7JA]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
———ensure Federal officers remain able to ensure their own safety and the safety of their families during a covered furlough (see S. 1162), [30AP]
Local government: encourage greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies (see S. 2168), [8OC]
Mental health: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
———strengthen system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 46), [7JA]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
———enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 59), [30JA]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [17MR]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
———protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 961), [15AP]
———require notification of information security breaches and enhance penalties for cyber criminals (see S. 1027), [21AP]
Privacy Act: extend protections relative to information shared with law enforcement to citizens of certain U.S. allies (see S. 1600), [17JN]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Race relations: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
Racial relations: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [29JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
SEC: extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
Securities: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
———provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Sex offenders: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
Social Security: prohibit an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for a felony from receiving various cash benefits (see S. 1758), [14JY]
Taiwan: develop a strategy to obtain observer status at the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (see S. 2426), [18DE]
Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
———improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
———increase the penalty for fraudulent 9-1-1 calls that result in an emergency response from law enforcement agencies (see S. 1018), [21AP]
Terrorism: provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
———require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
Vice Presidents of the U.S.: prohibit threats against former Vice Presidents and members of their families (see S. 250), [26JA]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 1599), [17JN]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [15JN]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
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Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), [17SE]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [18MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [30JA], [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), [8OC]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [3AU]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), [21MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [21MY], [22MY]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Reports filed
Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Border Jobs for Veterans Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1603) (S. Rept. 114–116), [5AU]
Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 295), [9FE]
Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1599), [16JY]

Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 754), [17MR]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 754) (S. Rept. 114–32), [15AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1619) (S. Rept. 114–68), [18JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security Border Security Metrics Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1864) (S. Rept. 114–152), [8OC]
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Authorization Extension: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 125), [26MR]
Human Trafficking Detection Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 460) (S. Rept. 114–46), [14MY]
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334), [28JY]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334) (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]
International Megan's Law To Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (H.R. 515), [18NO]
Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 178), [2MR]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization and Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1169) (S. Rept. 114–181), [15DE]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 665), [26MR]
Northern Border Security Review Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]
Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1576) (S. Rept. 114–95), [27JY]
Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment (SURVIVE) Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 1704) (S. Rept. 114–172), [3DE]
Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 2123), [26OC]
Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 166), [2MR]
Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1269), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1269) (S. Rept. 114–45), [13MY]
Transnational Drug Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 32), [17SE]
TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 719) (S. Rept. 114–111), [4AU]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC DATA STORED ABROAD ACT

Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 512), [12FE]

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Bills and resolutions
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [8DE]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [4FE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [15SE]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
Dept. of Justice: enhance the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program (see S. 2401), [15DE]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program (see S. 1108), [28AP]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
Federal employees: ensure Federal officers remain able to ensure their own safety and the safety of their families during a covered furlough (see S. 1162), [30AP]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
Immigration: improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———encourage greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies (see S. 2168), [8OC]
———increase the penalty for fraudulent 9-1-1 calls that result in an emergency response from law enforcement agencies (see S. 1018), [21AP]
———prohibit intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs control (see S. 847), [24MR]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
———provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
———require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]
———exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 279), [28JA] (see S. 322), [29JA] (see S. 916), [14AP]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [5FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55 (see S. 969), [16AP]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [27FE]
Telecommunications: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Cloture motions
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Motions
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (S. 1356), [10NO]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Authorization Extension: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 125), [26MR]
Don't Tax Our Fallen Public Safety Heroes Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 916) (S. Rept. 114–26), [14AP]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 665), [26MR]
TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 719) (S. Rept. 114–111), [4AU]

LAWRENCE, KS

Bills and resolutions
University of Kansas: anniversary (see S. Res. 272), [30SE]

LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT

Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 401), [5FE]

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Bills and resolutions
Bryan, Patricia Mack: appointment as Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 16), [6JA]
Dept. of Justice: promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
———provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
District of Columbia: revise certain authorities of courts, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and Public Defender Service (see S. 1629), [18JN]
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: improve attorney accountability to reduce frivolous lawsuits (see S. 401), [5FE]
Frankel, Morgan J.: appointment as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 17), [6JA]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in Care One Management, LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al. (see S. Res. 318), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in U.S. v. Jeffrey A. Sterling (see S. Res. 27), [16JA]
———direct to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (see S. Res. 333), [10DE]
University of Iowa: anniversary of College of Law (see S. Res. 339), [18DE]
Messages
Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty With Algeria: President Obama, [5OC]
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Reports filed
District of Columbia Courts, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1629) (S. Rept. 114–110), [3AU]
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Appointments
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1459), [22MY]
———reform taxation (see S. 1562), [19OC]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 1634), [18JN]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 594), [26FE]
Bahrain: prohibit arms sales (see S. 2009), [28SE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [21AP]
Colleges and universities: extend antitrust exemption for higher education institutions relative to the award of need-based educational aid (see S. 1482), [2JN]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [10SE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [7MY]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [16JY]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 353), [3FE]
———eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal actions by amending prohibition on exercise of jurisdiction by U.S. Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts (see S. 1353), [14MY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [17DE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [23FE]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [13JY]
———authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [21MY]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [22JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [8SE]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15SE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [9SE]
———establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [14DE]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [9SE]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Dept. of Justice: promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [12MR]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]
Dept. of the Interior: restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [19MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [6AU]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [30NO]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [19NO]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [10DE]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [30JY]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [1JN]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
FBI: provide adequate whistleblower protections (see S. 2390), [10DE]
FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]

Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [9NO]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [28SE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign trade: require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters or producers are involved in the investigation or review (see S. 1702), [25JN]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
Freedom of religion: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [20MY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [18MY]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [12MY]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [19MY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [7OC]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Library of Congress: establish a 10-year term for the Librarian of Congress (see S. 2162), [7OC]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [2JN]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [6MY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [3NO]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [23MR]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [9SE]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [21JY]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [18DE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [9MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [10SE]
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [12FE]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [29JA]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
———support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Power resources: stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [21JY]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [9DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [24FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 1730), [9JY]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Smithsonian Institution: provide for additional space for protection and preservation of national collections (see S. 2057), [17SE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [24JN]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [10SE]
Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 315), [8JN]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [28JY]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [6OC]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [8JY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]

———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 162), [13JA]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for Federal elections (see S. 1970), [3NO]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 1599), [17JN]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [7JY]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Constitution—U.S.: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
FCC: promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [13JY]
Immigration: extend and improve EB–5 immigrant investor visa program (see S. 1501), [3JN]
Insurance: clarify definition of nonadmitted insurer (see S. 1561), [11JN]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 1402), [20MY]
Political campaigns: clarify treatment of certain coordinated political action committee expenditures as contributions to candidates (see S. 1838), [22JY]
Privacy: prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
Rubenstein, David M.: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 3), [12JA]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Taxation: allow deduction equal to fair market value for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor (see S. 931), [14AP]
———disallow deductions for the payment of punitive damages (see S. 169), [13JA]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
———provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 932), [14AP]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Bills and resolutions relative to
President pro tempore: tribute for service and designation as President pro tempore emeritus (see S. Res. 6), [6JA]
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Messages
National Emergency Relative to Lebanon: President Obama, [29JY]
LEE, MIKE ***(a Senator from Utah)***
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [3JN]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Bankruptcy: provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation (see S. 1840), [22JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Bureau of Prisons: require the Director to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 1784), [19OC]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Colleges and universities: extend antitrust exemption for higher education institutions relative to the award of need-based educational aid (see S. 1482), [2JN]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]
Constitution—U.S.: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
———restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [27JA]
Consumers: restrict debt collection practices of certain debt collectors (see S. 2255), [5NO]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [21JY]
Crime: reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———specify state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind to strengthen criminal intent protections (see S. 2298), [18NO]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [3FE]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
Dept. of Energy: issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [8JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [27FE]
Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [5NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [28AP]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not

include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [13JY]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21JY]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [20OC]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
FTC: issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [9DE]
———provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [30AP]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
IRS: prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [2FE]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [2FE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [1OC]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [28AP]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [11FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [7JA]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Presidents of the U.S.: limit authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument (see S. 1416), [21MY]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate Rules: revise number of affirmative votes required to end debate on nominations (see S. Res. 67), [4FE]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [16MR]
———clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 53), [11MR]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [4FE]
Terrorism: designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [1DE]
———deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [18DE]
Utah: withdraw BLM lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [3JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 2), [6JA]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Education: expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
Dept. of HHS: improve Head Start Program by authorizing block grants to States for prekindergarten education (see S. 2290), [17NO]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]
Dept. of the Interior: sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels re-

duction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FRS: improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 1848), [23JY]
FTC: exercise authority relative to mergers under certain antitrust legislation and only in the same procedural manner as the Dept. of Justice exercises such authority (see S. 2102), [30SE]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
NLRB: modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [28SE]
Presidents of the U.S.: modify authority to declare national monuments (see S. 2004), [6AU]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Taxation: encourage use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 306), [29JA]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Motions
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [27FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [26JY]

LEGAL SERVICES CORP.
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT *related term(s)* **CONGRESS; HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; SENATE**
Bills and resolutions
Classified information: facilitate and enhance the declassification of information, including in the legislative branch (see S. 2121), [1OC]
Congress: end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1575), [15JN]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1571), [15JN]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1572), [15JN]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310, 323), [29JA]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [10SE]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
———reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
———suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
Reports filed
Eliminating Government-Funded Oil-Painting (EGO) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 310) (S. Rept. 114–93), [27JY]
Legislative Branch of the Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2250) (S. Rept. 114–64), [11JN]

LEVINSON, ROBERT
Bills and resolutions
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
———urge intensified cooperation on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 99), [10MR]

LEWISBERRY, PA
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to Red Land Little League baseball team (see S. Res. 249), [9SE] (see S. Res. 279), [6OC]

LIBERIA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
Immigration: adjust status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [7OC]

LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS SUCCESSION MODERNIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2162), [7OC]

LIBRARIES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
Fundraising: require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (see S. 558), [25FE]
Library of Congress: establish a 10-year term for the Librarian of Congress (see S. 2162), [7OC]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]
Taxation: allow deduction equal to fair market value for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor (see S. 931), [14AP]
Reports filed
Presidential Library Donation Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 558) (S. Rept. 114–65), [15JN]

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS *related term(s)* **CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE**
Appointments
Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, [7JA]
Bills and resolutions
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 126), [26MR]
Copyrights: expand availability to exemptions to prohibition on copyrighted technological protection measures to facilitate computer security research, personal device maintenance, and technological innovation (see S. 990), [16AP]
Librarian of Congress: establish a 10-year term (see S. 2162), [7OC]
Reports filed
Legislative Branch of the Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2250) (S. Rept. 114–64), [11JN]

LIBYA
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Immigration: prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]

LIFETIME INCOME DISCLOSURE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1317), [13MY]

LINCOLN, ABRAHAM ***(16th President of the United States)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]

LINCOLN COUNTY, NV
Bills and resolutions
BLM: validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]

Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]

LITERATURE *related term(s)* **ARTS AND HUMANITIES**
Bills and resolutions
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 308), [5NO]
Oregon Shakespeare Festival: anniversary (see S. Res. 89), [26FE]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]
Taxation: allow deduction equal to fair market value for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor (see S. 931), [14AP]

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC.
Bills and resolutions
Lewisberry, PA: tribute to Red Land Little League baseball team (see S. Res. 249), [9SE] (see S. Res. 279), [6OC]

LITTLE SHELL TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 35), [6JA]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 35) (S. Rept. 114–139), [10SE]

LIU, WENJIAN
Bills and resolutions
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]

LIU XIAOBO
Bills and resolutions
Liu Xiaobo Plaza, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 224), [21JY]

LIVERMORE, CA
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 2422), [18DE]

LIVING INDEPENDENTLY FOR EXTENDED TIME (LIFETIME) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2338), [1DE]

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, IL
Bills and resolutions
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]

LNG AND LPG EXCISE TAX EQUALIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 917), [14AP]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 917) (S. Rept. 114–27), [14AP]

LNG PERMITTING CERTAINTY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 33), [6JA]

LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]

LOBBYISTS
Bills and resolutions
Congress: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
FRS: prohibit members and staff from lobbying for or against legislation (see S. 2288), [17NO]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Political contributions: prohibit Members of Congress and candidates from soliciting campaign contributions while Congress is in session, eliminate bundling of large contributions, and reform registration process (see S. 1480), [2JN]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT *related term(s)* **FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
———S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: authorize Native regional and village corporations to establish energy assistance programs (see S. 1235), [6MY]
Armed Forces: establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Children and youth: improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Conservation of energy: study impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings and provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and local governments (see S. 1052), [22AP]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Dept. of Agriculture: prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered (see S. 1025), [21AP]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———improve privacy protections for students and their parents (see S. 1341), [14MY]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 2419), [17DE]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———provide grants to States for repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools (see S. 1505), [4JN]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
———recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools (see S. 476), [12FE]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
———strengthen and reauthorize the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (see S. 1075), [23AP]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
Dept. of Energy: conduct a study on energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities (see S. 1342), [14MY]
———coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
———obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]

Dept. of HHS: include county and municipal correctional facilities among medical facilities that qualify for designation as health professional shortage areas for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1051), [22AP]
Dept. of HUD: authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 65), [7JA]
———prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
———reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 2292), [17NO]
———renew certain Moving to Work demonstration program agreements (see S. 1530), [9JN]
Dept. of Justice: establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [13JA]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
———provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
Dept. of Labor: provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Dept. of the Interior: provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [28JA]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
Dept. of Transportation: establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———reform the surface transportation project delivery program (see S. 2258), [9NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
———reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
———restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
———revise certain authorities of courts, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and Public Defender Service (see S. 1629), [18JN]
Drugs: combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
———limit application of Federal laws to distribution and consumption of marijuana (see S. 2237), [4NO]
Education: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
———include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [7JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
———promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
EPA: carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———establish a program to defer designation of nonattaiment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
FAA: address increase of aircraft noise due to implementation of new flight paths under Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) (see S. 2406), [16DE]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
FCC: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
———limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 94), [7JA]
FEMA: provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
———require rulemaking to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance (see S. 870), [26MR]
Fire prevention: require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger (see S. 1100), [27AP]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
Government regulations: provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
Iran: reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———encourage greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies (see S. 2168), [8OC]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
———provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
———require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information

when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
Motor vehicles: protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 186), [21MY]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
NOAA: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
Oregon: designate certain BLM land as wilderness, authorize certain land exchanges, and convey certain BLM land to Wheeler County for economic and community development purposes (see S. 1255), [7MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Puerto Rico: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
———provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
———treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA] (see S. 316), [29JA]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Taxation: clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 910), [14AP] (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———permanently extend the tax treatment for certain Build America Bonds (see S. 1515), [4JN]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
Telecommunications: promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]
Tucson, AZ: provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land for purposes of economic development by conveyance of Federal reversionary interest (see S. 2379), [9DE]
Voting: provide that a voter who has previously registered in a State shall be allowed to update their address within the State up to Election Day (see S. 1952), [5AU]
———require availability of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting (see S. 1951), [5AU]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
———reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
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Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
Motions
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
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Airport Security Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 720) (S. Rept. 114–92), [23JY]
Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Authorization Extension: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 125), [26MR]
Dept. of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 286) (S. Rept. 114–60), [22MY]
Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1647) (S. Rept. 114–80), [15JY]
District of Columbia Courts, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1629) (S. Rept. 114–110), [3AU]
Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 611) (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization and Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1169) (S. Rept. 114–181), [15DE]
Knife Owners' Protection Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1315) (S. Rept. 114–121), [8SE]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 665), [26MR]
Special Rules Clarification for Accident and Health Plans of Certain Governmental Entities: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 910) (S. Rept. 114–21), [14AP]
Strengthening Education Through Research Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 227), [4FE]
Tax Relief Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]

LOCAL LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 144), [9JA]

LOCAL RADIO FREEDOM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24FE]

LOCATION PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2270), [10NO]

LONG BEACH, CA
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 833), [6AU]

LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]

LONGMAN, PHILLIP
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LOS ANGELES, CA
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 833), [6AU]

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA
Bills and resolutions
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]

LOUISIANA
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
Delta Regional Authority: add Vernon and Sabine Parishes, LA, to make such parishes eligible for Federal economic development grants (see S. 1791), [16JY]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 76), [7JA]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
Kisatchie National Forest: convey certain land (see S. 61), [7JA]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater

shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Moret, Calvin G.: tribute (see S. Res. 260), [21SE]

LOUISVILLE, KY
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 2422), [18DE]

LOWER FARMINGTON RIVER AND SALMON BROOK WILD AND SCENIC RIVER ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 329) (S. Rept. 114–182), [16DE]

LOW-INCOME SOLAR ACT
Bills and resolutions
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Bills and resolutions
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
Children and youth: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [10MR]
Forest Service: resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program (see S. 644), [3MR]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [8OC]

LUNAR NEW YEAR
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 80), [12FE]

MAINE
Bills and resolutions
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
NOAA: terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Bills and resolutions
Kansas City Royals (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 305), [4NO]

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
Bills and resolutions
Portland Timbers (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 336), [15DE]

MALAYSIA
Bills and resolutions
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]

MALDIVES, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Human rights: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]

MANCHIN, JOE, III ***(a Senator from West Virginia)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
Congressional Award Board, [25FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1459), [22MY]
ATF: prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [19MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [3MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 18), [9JY]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [4FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [29AP]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies (see S. 2355), [3DE]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [23MR]
———establish a full-service community schools grant program (see S. 1787), [16JY]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [20MY]
Dept. of Energy: authorize entrance into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relative to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology (see S. 1285), [11MY]
———establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) (see S. 893), [26MR]
———establish as lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law relative to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects (see S. 1293), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [14AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [10DE]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [28SE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Labor: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [10NO]
———ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
———extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [12MR]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [30JY]
Dept. of the Interior: restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [30AP]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2000), [5AU]
———enhance treatment of small businesses owned by veterans after the death of disabled veteran owners for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 296), [28JA]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [10JN]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 684), [10MR]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———modify treatment of agreements entered into to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services (see S. 739), [16MR]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [28JA]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [14DE]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [8SE]
Education: reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [2MR]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 234), [22JA]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and

reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 543), [24FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
FCC: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [5NO]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [28AP]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 343), [3FE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [20AP]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign trade: require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters or producers are involved in the investigation or review (see S. 1702), [25JN]
———require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress (see S. 1381), [19MY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
Government Transformation Board: establish (see S. 2269), [10NO]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [4MY]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [5NO]
Investments: protect the investment choices of American investors (see S. 1802), [16JY]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [19OC]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [21OC]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [23AP]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [23AP]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [7MY]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [8JN]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [18JN]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [16AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [5AU]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
———suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [1JN]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [22MY]
———improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [16SE]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [5AU]
Petroleum: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 869), [26MR]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22AP]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [29AP]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [30AP]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [11MY]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [11FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE]
Taxation: expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [16JN]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Wheeling Jesuit University: tribute to women's volleyball team (see S. Res. 342), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order

to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 327), [2FE]
Dept. of Energy: repeal certain programs and establish a coal technology program (see S. 1283), [11MY]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [11MY]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
FDA: establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [15AP]
Federal agencies and departments: create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [22JA]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: permit authorization of Federal agencies to accept certain payments relative to spectrum efficiency and reallocation (see S. 2227), [3NO]
SEC: provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1010), [20AP]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
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Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [3DE]
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Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]
MARINE RESOURCES
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Dept. of the Interior: reform administration of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2011), [9SE]
EPA: prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 105), [7JA]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
———promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1107), [28AP]
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Dept. of the Interior Outer Continental Shelf Administration Reform: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2011) (S. Rept. 114–137), [9SE]
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Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1326) (S. Rept. 114–158), [27OC]
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Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [8OC]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
AID: reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [10SE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [19OC]
———require that military working dogs be retired in the U.S. (see S. 1498), [16JY]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [29AP]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [29SE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [11FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [23FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [27JY]
Coastal zones: improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [7MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [7MY]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of

kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
———secure rights of artists of works of visual art to provide royalties (see S. 977), [16AP]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 447), [18MY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
CPSC: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [20OC]
Cuba: authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [21MY]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [15JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [23AP]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [22JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [28OC]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [8OC]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [20AP]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———fund Federal Pell Grant Program through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [22AP]
———increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [22AP]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [22AP]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [18JN]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
Dept. of Energy: establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [21MY]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [20OC]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [29SE]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [16NO]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [16JN]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
———prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [29AP]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of the Interior: permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure motor vehicle crash avoidance information is provided alongside of crashworthiness information where such information is made available to the public (see S. 1535), [10JN]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]
———incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [14MY]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [13JY]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Dept. (see S. 2210), [27OC]
———carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [4NO]
———establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [9FE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [27JA]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———increase amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients (see S. 2022), [24SE]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [30JY]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
———prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [7DE]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [11FE]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [22SE]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [23MR]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [4JN]

Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
FCC: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
FDA: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [4MR]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [22JY]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [9FE]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [26FE]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [24SE]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [30JY]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [17NO]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [14MY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FTC: prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]
———prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [14JY]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [21JY]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [30NO]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [18NO]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [30NO]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [10SE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [3NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [10SE]
———reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [8SE]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [30AP]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [19NO]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [25MR]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [8SE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [3AU]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [11MY]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [27OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [17DE]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [30SE]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [22JY]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [22OC]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
———support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [3AU]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [24JN]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [17SE]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]

———prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [27JA]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [15DE]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [2MR]
———prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [19MY]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [3NO]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22OC]
Roads and highways: expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects relative to financing (see S. 880), [26MR]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
SBA: improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [6OC]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [3JN]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Ships and vessels: remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [25FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [5AU]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [22JN]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
———establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [16JY]
———extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [17NO]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [4NO]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Telecommunications: promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [18DE]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 946), [21AP]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [6MY]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [8SE]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [12MY]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [9JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [15JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [25SE]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [8OC]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: implement (see S. 1251), [7MY]
BLM: increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charren, Peggy: tribute (see S. Res. 61), [2FE]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
Dept. of Defense: reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
———require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of Education: ensure student data handled by private companies is protected (see S. 1322), [13MY]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———ensure oil transported through the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline is used in domestic commerce to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil (see S. 188), [16JA]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of the Interior: establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———improve coal leasing (see S. 1340), [14MY]
———issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
Dept. of Transportation: require State motor vehicle departments and registration agencies to notify motor vehicle owners of open safety recalls and require compliance with such recalls prior to registration (see S. 617), [2MR]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Drugs: increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
———provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [11MR]
———provide grants to improve treatment of substance use disorders (see S. 1410), [21MY]
FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S.

airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]
FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
Firearms: develop and use technology for personalized handguns and require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the U.S. incorporate such technology (see S. 1474), [2JN]
GAO: conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms on electricity prices, supply, and competition in energy markets (see S. 1272), [11MY]
Health care professionals: require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [20MY]
Medicaid: require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance while such individual is an inmate of a public institution (see S. 1409), [21MY]
Motor vehicles: develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 176), [11MY]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
NRC: require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Privacy: require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
Public utilities: provide electric consumers the right to access certain electric energy information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage energy usage (see S. 1044), [22AP]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Taxation: clarify that tar sands are crude oil subject to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund per-barrel excise tax (see S. 187), [16JA]
———permanently extend the tax treatment for certain Build America Bonds (see S. 1515), [4JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 844), [24MR]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]

MARSHALL, THURGOOD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 610), [27FE]
Reports filed
Thurgood Marshall's Elementary School Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 610) (S. Rept. 114–129), [9SE]

MARSHALL ISLANDS, REPUBLIC OF THE
Bills and resolutions
Medicaid: restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]

MARTINEZ, CA
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: acquire land in Martinez, CA, for inclusion in John Muir National Historic Site (see S. 651), [4MR]

MARYLAND
Bills and resolutions
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: submit a report to Congress on headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region (see S. 1638), [18JN]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 521), [12FE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (see S. 2093), [29SE]
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 332), [9DE]
Towson University: anniversary (see S. Res. 338), [18DE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Transportation Sole Authority To Appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2093) (S. Rept. 114–170), [30NO]
President Street Station Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 521) (S. Rept. 114–126), [9SE]

MASSACHUSETTS
Bills and resolutions
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
NOAA: terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]

MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS PARITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1656), [24JN]

MATHEMATICS *related term(s)* **ENGINEERING; SCIENCE**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Reports filed
STEM Education Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 1020) (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]

MCCAIN, JOHN ***(a Senator from Arizona)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
Senate National Security Working Group, [24FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 2152), [4NO]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [17JN]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [8JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [8JY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [16JY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]

Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [24JN]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [2MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by BLM (see S. 2380), [9DE]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———improve accountability of employees (see S. 290), [28JA]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [22JY]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [18NO]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [10NO]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [22JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a joint uniform formulary for systemic pain and psychotropic drugs critical to transitioning treatment of an individual between Depts. (see S. 1721), [8JY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [28AP]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [24JN]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [17SE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [13JY]
Federal agencies and departments: provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [11MY]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by non-residents (see S. 498), [22AP]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA: designate the Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum (see S. 1468), [22MY]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [25FE]
———detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [30JY]
Kaibab National Forest: clarify mapping error to allow the purchase of certain lands by Young Life (organization) (see S. 1592), [17JN]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [30NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [19OC]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicare: provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [9DE]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [16DE]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Mongolia: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [1JN]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National security: develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [19NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [15JN]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [26OC]

NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [29JY]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [30JY]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [29JY]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [26JA]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [29JY]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [19NO]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Presidents of the U.S.: limit authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument (see S. 1416), [21MY]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [5AU]
Roads and highways: extend Interstate Route 11 (see S. 842), [24MR]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [3DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [25FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts (see S. 2414), [17DE]
———tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [12MY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [29JY]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Transportation: ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [10NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Tucson, AZ: provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land for purposes of economic development by conveyance of Federal reversionary interest (see S. 2379), [9DE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [19MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Arizona: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]
Budget: exempt the Dept. of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration (see S. 2303), [18NO]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [8DE]
Burma: commend free and fair elections, call for peaceful transfer of power, and support efforts to pursue national unity (see S. Res. 320), [19NO]
Committee on Armed Services (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 53), [29JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: disapprove rule on inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes, including catfish (see S.J. Res. 27), [7DE] (see S.J. Res. 28), [10DE]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1118), [28AP] (see S. 1376), [19MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———improve operation of Unmanned Aircraft System program (see S. 159), [13JA]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
———strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology (see S. 1873), [28JY]
Dept. of Justice: improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park (see S. 782), [18MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: eliminate sunset date and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program (see S. 1991), [5AU]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
FAA: address increase of aircraft noise due to implementation of new flight paths under Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) (see S. 2406), [16DE]
Federal agencies and departments: reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
Gambling: prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts (see S. 152), [13JA]
Immigration: detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY]
———reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 6), [26FE]
Law enforcement: prohibit intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs control (see S. 847), [24MR]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, express condolences for death, condemn and call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 96), [4MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 121), [8JA]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
Taxation: allow a temporary dividends received deduction from a controlled foreign corporation for certain taxable years (see S. 397), [5FE]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [28OC], [30OC]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
Motions
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (S. 1356), [10NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [7OC]
Reports filed
Activities During the 113th Congress: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–7), [13AP]
Dept. of Defense Appropriations for Military Activities, Prescribing Personnel Strengths, and Military Construction: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. 1376) (S. Rept. 114–49), [19MY]
Detaining Terrorists To Protect America Act: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. 165), [23FE]

Expenditures: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. Res. 53), [29JA]

MCCASKILL, CLAIRE ***(a Senator from Missouri)***

Appointments

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees, [9MR]

Attendance

Present, [8JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]

Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [7DE]

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]

Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]

Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]

Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]

Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [23FE]

———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [14AP]

———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]

Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]

———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]

Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [3NO]

Corps of Engineers: undertake remediation oversight of West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, MO (see S. 2306), [19NO]

Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency: submit a report to Congress on Inspector General mandates (see S. 2128), [5OC]

Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [7DE]

———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]

Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]

Crime: stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [5FE]

Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [20MY]

———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [23AP]

Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]

Dept. of Agriculture: repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [28JY]

Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]

Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [5FE]

———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [20OC]

Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]

———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]

———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [28SE]

Dept. of Energy: require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [30AP]

Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [2DE]

———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]

Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [17NO]

Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [12MR]

Dept. of the Interior: restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE]

Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [22AP]

Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [4MR]

———rescind unused earmarks (see S. 1544), [22JN]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [10DE]

———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]

———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [24JN]

———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]

Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]

Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [28OC]

District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [23JY]

Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [9SE]

Education: support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]

Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [22JA]

EPA: establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]

———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [8SE]

Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]

FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]

———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]

FDA: establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [9SE]

Federal agencies and departments: identify and prevent improper payments and identify strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing use of agency charge cards (see S. 1616), [18JN]

———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]

———limit authority to award bonuses to employees (see S. 742), [16MR]

———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [4MY]

———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]

———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]

———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [26FE]

Federal employees: make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 303), [22MY]

———provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1591), [17JN]

FEMA: establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]

———establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [26FE]

Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]

Foreign trade: facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [26MR]

France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]

———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]

Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]

Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]

Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]

Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [26FE]

Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]

Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [5NO]

IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]

Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]

ITC: establish a process for consideration of temporary duty suspensions (see S. 998), [16AP]

Kansas City Royals (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 305), [4NO]

Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]

Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]

Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [3MR]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [23MR]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [4MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Members of Congress: eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 17), [6JA]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [1JN]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 606), [16AP]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [14MY]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 264), [22SE]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [24SE]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [9SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [14JY]
Omar N. Bradley Foundation: authorize the transfer of certain items to the descendants of Omar N. Bradley (see S. 267), [23JN]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [24SE]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [2DE]
———improve provision of postal services to rural areas (see S. 1742), [9JY]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [1OC]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [7JY]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senior citizens: provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [25FE]
———exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 136), [16AP]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [26FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
———tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [28OC]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———modify certain safe harbor requirements to encourage small business to offer retirement plans and to allow individuals to save more (see S. 266), [16MR]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [5NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Telecommunications: promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [23JY]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [3NO]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: terminate any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower (see S. 788), [18MR]
Electric power: clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act to generate or transmit electricity may not be considered a violation of environmental laws or regulations (see S. 848), [24MR]
Harry S. Truman Union Station, Washington, DC: designate (see S. 1247), [7MY]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 260), [27JA]
Law enforcement: provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
Medicare: provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [29AP]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 787), [18MR]
Taxation: protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
Telephones: improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
Whistleblowing: enhance protection for contractor and grantee employees (see S. 795), [18MR]
———extend protections for defense contractor employees to employees of contractors of elements of the intelligence community (see S. 794), [18MR]
MCCONNELL, MITCH ***(a Senator from Kentucky)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [9JY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22SE]
Burma: commend free and fair elections, call for peaceful transfer of power, and support efforts to pursue national unity (see S. Res. 320), [19NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for unveiling of marble bust of Vice President Richard B. Cheney (see S. Con. Res. 24), [5NO]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]

Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JA]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [27JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [12MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [28JA]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 803), [19MR]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 234), [22JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
France: tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Horse Protection Act: provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicare: provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [5MY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [15SE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [3DE]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [18NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [11MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
Taxation: improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [25FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Adams, Julie E.: election as Sec. of the Senate (see S. Res. 8), [6JA]
———notify the House of Representatives of election as Sec. of the Senate (see S. Res. 10), [6JA]
———notify the President of election as Sec. of the Senate (see S. Res. 9), [6JA]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Bryan, Patricia Mack: appointment as Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 16), [6JA]
Bureau of Prisons: require the Director to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 1784), [16JY]
Committees of the Senate: majority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [6JA] (see S. Res. 21), [7JA] (see S. Res. 23), [8JA]
Congress: adjournment (see S. Con. Res. 19), [24JN]
———notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [6JA]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Dept. of HHS: prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MR]
Dove, Laura C.: election as Sec. for the Majority of the Senate (see S. Res. 14), [6JA]
EPA: disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
Frankel, Morgan J.: appointment as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 17), [6JA]
Hatch, Senator: election as President pro tempore (see S. Res. 3), [6JA]
———notify the House of Representatives of election as President pro tempore (see S. Res. 5), [6JA]
———notify the President of election as President pro tempore (see S. Res. 4), [6JA]
House of Representatives: notify that a quorum of the Senate is present (see S. Res. 2), [6JA]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 625), [3MR]
Larkin, Frank J.: election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 11), [6JA]
———notify the House of Representatives of election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 13), [6JA]
———notify the President of election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 12), [6JA]
Leahy, Senator: tribute for service as President pro tempore and designation as President pro tempore emeritus (see S. Res. 6), [6JA]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
Ritchie, Donald A.: designate as Historian Emeritus of the Senate (see S. Res. 147), [22AP]
Senate: fixing the hour of daily meeting (see S. Res. 7), [6JA]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in Care One Management, LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al. (see S. Res. 318), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in U.S. v. Jeffrey A. Sterling (see S. Res. 27), [16JA]
———direct to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (see S. Res. 333), [10DE]
Taxation: exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits (see S. 1179), [4MY]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
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Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE], [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
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———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
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Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), [6OC], [7OC]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
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———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [6MY], [7MY], [28OC], [30OC]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (S. 599), [19NO]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), [21MY]
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (S.J. Res. 8), [5MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [8SE], [15SE], [22SE], [24SE]
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Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [21MY], [22MY]
Senate: request attendance of absent Senators, [27JY]
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Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
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MEDICARE ACCESS TO REHABILITATION SERVICES ACT
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MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE NEGOTIATION ACT
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———notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [6JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 109), [7JA]
Constitutional amendments: limit congressional terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310, 323), [29JA]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: designate (see S. 692), [10MR]
Income: eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 17), [6JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
———reduce pay for failure to adopt a concurrent budget resolution which does not provide for a balanced budget (see S. 493), [12FE]
———suspend salary during a Government shutdown (see S. 2074), [24SE]
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: designate (see S. 179), [13JA]
Leahy, Senator: tribute for service as President pro tempore and designation as President pro tempore emeritus (see S. Res. 6), [6JA]
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
———prohibit Members of Congress and candidates from soliciting campaign contributions while Congress is in session, eliminate bundling of large contributions, and reform registration process (see S. 1480), [2JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 87), [7JA]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]
Political campaigns: reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 325), [2DE]
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———modify process for amending or adopting Senate Rules (see S. Res. 123), [26MR]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
———require Senate to be in session during a Government shutdown and compel presence of Senators (see S. Res. 101), [12MR]
Stokes, Louis: tribute (see S. Res. 265), [22SE]
Taxation: prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 252), [26JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
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Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [16NO]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [16SE]
———require that military working dogs be retired in the U.S. (see S. 1498), [16JY]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: enhance mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 1152), [7DE]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2357), [7DE] (see S. 2393), [14DE]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [26MR]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [18MY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [14AP]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [17SE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [20MY]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 757), [8JY]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7JY]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [15SE]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [17SE]

———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [7DE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [8OC]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [7DE]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [24JN]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [10SE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [16AP]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [16MR]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [5OC]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of HHS: provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [21JY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [17SE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
———provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [24JN]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [30JY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [21SE]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [30JY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [15SE]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [5AU]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [8JN]
Drugs: promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [12MY]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [8JN]
FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [28SE]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 2035), [19NO]
FEMA: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [15SE]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [13AP]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [7MY]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [29AP]
Investments: protect the investment choices of American investors (see S. 1802), [16JY]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [5AU]
———extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [16SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [16JY]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [11MR]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [7MY]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [23AP]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [9JY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 114), [25MR] (see S. Res. 128), [26MR]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Oswaldo Payá Way, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 226), [27JY]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]

———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [20MY]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [11FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Securities: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [12FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [24JN]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [15DE]
Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building, Waldwick, NJ: designate (see S. 994), [21AP]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [30JY]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [16AP]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [6MY]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [6AU]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), (see S. 608), [27FE]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [13MY]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [11FE]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 946), [15AP]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [5FE]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [22SE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [25JN]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [3NO]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [27JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Afghanistan: support enhanced accountability for U.S. assistance (see S. 1875), [28JY]
Armed Forces: allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 1249), [7MY]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Children and youth: promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
Consumers: provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts (see S. 2315), [19NO]
Dept. of HHS: establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
Dept. of Labor: establish America Star program to recognize companies that make American-made products and incentivize companies to implement better workforce support, hiring practices, conditions, and compensation (see S. 938), [14AP]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
Dept. of the Interior: permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
Dept. of Transportation: enhance rail safety and provide for safe transport of hazardous materials (see S. 1114), [28AP]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Education: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
EPA: improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FEMA: prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 406), [5FE]
Firearms: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
FTC: establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 2413), [17DE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 1747), [9JY]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———make changes to home health face-to-face encounter requirements (see S. 1650), [23JN]
Mortgages: establish programs to encourage use of shared equity mortgage modifications (see S. 1582), [16JN]
National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 187), [21MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct

transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 276), [28JA]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Rutgers University: anniversary (see S. Res. 311), [9NO]
SBA: establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [23FE]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]

MENS REA REFORM ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 2298), [18NO]

MENTAL HEALTH

Bills and resolutions

Armed Forces: provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge (see S. 1567), [11JN]
———require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 646), [3MR]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]
———eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup for status offenses which would not be judicial issues if the offender were not a juvenile (see S. 1850), [23JY]
———ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
———protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Crime: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]
Dept. of Education: improve requirements for alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 528), [12FE]
———permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 516), [12FE]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Justice: establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [13JA]
———provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Dept. (see S. 2210), [27OC]
———carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———develop and publish an action plan for improving vocational rehabilitation services and assistance (see S. 2106), [30SE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [23MR]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———make permanent authority to transport individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 603), [26FE]
———require an independent review of the process by which assessments of cognitive impairments resulting from traumatic brain injury are made relative to awarding disability compensation (see S. 244), [22JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: conduct a pilot program to assess feasibility and advisability of expanding use of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine (see S. 714), [11MR]
———designate certain non-departmental mental health care providers as providers who have particular knowledge of provision of mental health care to Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 717), [11MR]
———establish a joint uniform formulary for systemic pain and psychotropic drugs critical to transitioning treatment of an individual between Depts. (see S. 1721), [8JY]
———improve provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans (see S. 715), [11MR]
———provide behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserves based on need and expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling (see S. 832), [23MR]
Diseases: strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
Drugs: provide grants to improve treatment of substance use disorders (see S. 1410), [21MY]
———reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 636), [3MR]
Education: support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
———make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
———strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
Flowers: recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
———treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
Medicare: cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [22JY]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———improve access to mental health services (see S. 2173), [8OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 1494), [3JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 106), [19MR]
National Schizencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 181), [19MY]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 276), [28JA]
Public welfare programs: ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care (see S. 2166), [8OC]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [29JA]
Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]

Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 789), [18MR]
World Mental Health Day: observance (see S. Res. 284), [8OC]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
Motions
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (S. 599), [19NO]
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Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
Improving Access to Emergency Psychiatric Care Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 599) (S. Rept. 114–101), [30JY]
Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1893), [1OC]
Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [1DE]
Suicide Prevention for American Veterans (SAV) Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 203), [21JA]
———Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 203) (S. Rept. 114–34), [23AP]
MENTAL HEALTH AND SAFE COMMUNITIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2002), [5AU]
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Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1893), [1OC]
MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS ACT
Bills and resolutions
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MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER TREATMENT AND CRIME REDUCTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
Reports filed
Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
MERCHANT MARINE INDUSTRY *related term(s)* **CARGO TRANSPORTATION; SHIPS AND VESSELS**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [15JY]
MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD
Bills and resolutions
Federal employees: provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Postal Service: extend right of appeal to certain employees (see S. 606), [26FE]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
MERKLEY, JEFF ***(a Senator from Oregon)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Congressional-Executive Commission on China, [11FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [7OC]
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1459), [22MY]
———reform taxation (see S. 1562), [5AU]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [30NO]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: enhance mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 1152), [15DE]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [26FE]
———sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [17MR]
Bahrain: prohibit arms sales (see S. 2009), [27OC]
Bankruptcy: require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [15JY]
BIA: manage the Coquille Forest in accordance with laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land (see S. 816), [19MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [27OC]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Citizenship: provide for automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals (see S. 2275), [10NO]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [23AP]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [28AP]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [6MY]
Consumers: provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts (see S. 2315), [19NO]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JA]
Corps of Engineers: transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see S. 1979), [7OC]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [8SE]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [1DE]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [1DE]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [11FE]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [23JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [17SE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [28SE]
———publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [29JY]
———require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [11MR]
Dept. of Defense: reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [19MR]
———establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [9JY]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
Dept. of Energy: coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
———establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [8JY]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
Dept. of HHS: designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [28SE]

———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Justice: establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [28AP]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [6MY]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [29JA]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [27FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [3NO]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 814), [19MR]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 815), [19MR]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 817), [19MR]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [28AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [21SE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [10JN]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1257), [7MY]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [29JA]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [10DE]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [19NO]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [13MY]
———exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [18DE]
Education: reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [18MR]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [29JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [29AP]
FAA: establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [21SE]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [4JN]
FCC: ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [14AP]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [5NO]
FDA: establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [17NO]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [29JY]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal agencies and departments: provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis (see S. 1199), [12MY]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [7JY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [23JY]
———reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [8JN]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 818), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [7DE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [18MY]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [24JN]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [1DE]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [17NO]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [16NO]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [20OC]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [1JN]
———reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [29SE]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [19MR]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [17JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]

———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [17JN]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [4MY]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [7OC]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [4JN]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [9NO]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [7JY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [17JN]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [23JN]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week: designate (see S. Res. 303), [3NO]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [10SE]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [7OC]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [20OC]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [22MY]
Oregon: clarify the Cooper Spur land exchange in the Mount Hood Wilderness (see S. 2069), [22SE]
———designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
———withdraw certain land in Curry and Josephine Counties from coverage under public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws (see S. 346), [3FE]
Oregon Shakespeare Festival: anniversary (see S. Res. 89), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Pope Francis: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Portland Timbers (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 336), [15DE]
Postal Service: improve provision of postal services to rural areas (see S. 1742), [10NO]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [15DE]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
Public lands: reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [28OC]
Roads and highways: expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects relative to financing (see S. 880), [26MR]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [10MR]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [8JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [25JN]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
Senior citizens: provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [5NO]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [19OC]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [18MR]
———establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [24JN]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 340), [3FE]
———recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [15AP]
Taxation: allow deductions and credits relative to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law (see S. 987), [16AP]
———clarify that tar sands are crude oil subject to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund per-barrel excise tax (see S. 187), [16JA]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [23AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [14MY]
———extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [2JN]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [29JA]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [16JN]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [1JN]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [24JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [16NO]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [27JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
Colleges and universities: require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
Dept. of Education: allow a choice between a fixed amount student loan repayment plan or an income-driven student loan repayment plan for all borrowers (see S. 1948), [5AU]

———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1166), [30AP]
Dept. of Energy: establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1275), [11MY]
Dept. of Transportation: enhance transportation programs to connect people to jobs, schools, and other essential services through a multimodal transportation network (see S. 2008), [6AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Education: improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
EPA: establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program (see S. 1394), [20MY]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
Foreign trade: require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include requirements relative to paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods (see S. 735), [12MR]
Medicare: provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers (see S. 1132), [29AP]
National Nurses Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 178), [12MY]
Oregon: designate certain BLM land as wilderness, authorize certain land exchanges, and convey certain BLM land to Wheeler County for economic and community development purposes (see S. 1255), [7MY]
Power resources: stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Public Health Service: designate the Chief Nurse Officer as the National Nurse for Public Health (see S. 1205), [6MY]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Senate Rules: limit debate on motions to proceed (see S. Res. 122), [26MR]
———modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 120), [26MR]
———modify process for amending or adopting Senate Rules (see S. Res. 123), [26MR]
———provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments (see S. Res. 121), [26MR]
———provide for timely consideration of nominations (see S. Res. 118), [26MR]
———provide for timely establishment of conference committees (see S. Res. 119), [26MR]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
Taxation: exclude from gross income any discharge of student loan indebtedness (see S. 1947), [5AU]
Women: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]

MESQUITE, NV
Bills and resolutions
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]

METHANE HYDRATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Power resources: provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy (see S. 1215), [6MY]

MEXICO, UNITED STATES OF
Appointments
Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group, [16MR]
Bills and resolutions
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Dept. of HHS: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
Drugs: combat heroin and methamphetamine trafficking across the Southern border of the U.S. (see S. 392), [5FE]
Foreign aid: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 46), [7JA]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
Immigration: expedite processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the U.S. (see S. 44), [7JA]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Law enforcement: prohibit intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs control (see S. 847), [24MR]
Power resources: require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
Rio Grande City, TX: provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Co., to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande river (see S. 2143), [6OC]
Reports filed
Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]

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MIAMI, FL
Bills and resolutions
King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia (Spain): U.S. visit (see S. Res. 253), [15SE]

MICHIGAN
Bills and resolutions
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]

MICROLOAN MODERNIZATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1857), [15SE]

MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF
Bills and resolutions
Medicaid: restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]

MIDDLE CLASS HEALTH BENEFITS TAX REPEAL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2045), [17SE]

MIDDLE EAST
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]
———authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16JN]
Bahrain: prohibit arms sales (see S. 2009), [6AU]
Dept. of Energy: ensure oil transported through the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline is used in domestic commerce to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil (see S. 188), [16JA]
Dept. of State: making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]
———offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
———report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2094), [29SE]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
———withhold percentage of operating budget until issuance of report on Iran's human rights record (see S. 1627), [18JN]
Immigration: prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
———extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their

families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [26MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
———require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya (see S. 1643), [23JN]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
———promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [7JA]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [16JY]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 99), [10MR]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
———restrict funds (see S. 633), [3MR]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
———restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
———limit U.S. contributions if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
———prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]
Cloture motions
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
Messages
Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): President Obama, [11FE]
National Emergency Relative to Foreign Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process: President Obama, [21JA]
National Emergency Relative to Lebanon: President Obama, [29JY]
National Emergency Relative to the Stabilization of Iraq: President Obama, [19MY]
National Emergency Relative to Yemen: President Obama, [13MY]
Reports filed
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
Require a Report on Actions To Secure the Safety and Security of Dissidents Housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1643), [25JN]
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
U.S.-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1789), [27OC]

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Bills and resolutions
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT
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Hunting and trapping: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 90), [7JA]

MIKULSKI, BARBARA A. ***(a Senator from Maryland)***
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Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [10SE]
———require that military working dogs be retired in the U.S. (see S. 1498), [14JY]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [21SE]
Armed Forces: provide a period for relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families (see S. 2137), [21OC] (see S. 2403), [15DE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Bowie State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 24), [8JA]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [9FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Carson, Rachel: tribute (see S. Res. 142), [21AP]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [24JN]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [22SE]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [18JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [8SE]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10SE]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [24SE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [29JY]
———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [26MR]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15SE]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [27OC]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [16JY]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 418), [17MR]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [18JN]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [14AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for vet-

erans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [30JY]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [30NO]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [11JN]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [26MR]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 610), [27FE]
———conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [8JY]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 521), [12FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1720), [8JY]
Dept. of Transportation: amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [9SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [29SE]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [19MY]
———establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [12FE]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [8SE]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [17JN]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [28OC]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [28JY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [16SE]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [16MR]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [3AU]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [8OC]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [9SE]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal agencies and departments: strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [21SE]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: ensure that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (see S. 2033), [15SE]
———increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [5FE]
———prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [28SE]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Firearms: protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
———require sellers or transferors of firearms to take reasonable steps to ensure the recipient is not prohibited from possessing a firearm (see S. 2016), [21SE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [5NO]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [7MY]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [27JY]
Immigration: establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator: establish to coordinate efforts to secure release of U.S. persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism (see S. 1652), [23JN]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [30JY]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [8SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———encourage greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies (see S. 2168), [29OC]
———mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [29AP]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [14MY]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [10DE]
———improve access to mental health services (see S. 2173), [8OC]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [16AP]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [15JN]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [9MR]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [5OC]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]

Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [9JA]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [8SE]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14JY]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [25JN]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [13JY]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [3NO]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [24FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [7JY]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [8DE]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 879), [26MR]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 174), [23JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [10DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Towson University: anniversary (see S. Res. 338), [18DE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [15AP]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 946), [20AP]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [26FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [5OC]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Weinstein, Warren: express condolences to family and commemorate life and work (see S. Res. 169), [5MY]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [5OC]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [27JY]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———expand health programs (see S. 674), [4MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [21OC]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
American Visionary Art Museum: anniversary of opening (see S. Res. 317), [18NO]
CARE (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 321), [19NO]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Dept. of HHS: ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [4AU]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 1507), [4JN]
Dept. of HUD: renew certain Moving to Work demonstration program agreements (see S. 1530), [9JN]
Dept. of Transportation: provide sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (see S. 2093), [29SE]
Education: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 332), [9DE]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [5AU]
———prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [29JA]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 789), [18MR]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
World War II: commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [22JA]
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MILITARY SEQUESTER FLEXIBILITY ACT
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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORP.
Bills and resolutions
Africa: develop a plan for each sub-Saharan country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements (see S. 1379), [19MY]
Foreign aid: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
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BLM: increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———grant rights-of-way on Federal land under the Mineral Leasing Act (see S. 1196), [5MY]
———improve coal leasing (see S. 1340), [14MY]
———improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
MINERAL LEASING ACT FOR ACQUIRED LANDS
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Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
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MINING AND MINERAL RESOURCES
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
———reinstate certain mining claims (see S. 1395), [20MY]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
Benefits: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
BLM: increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]
Dept. of Energy: collect information on critical energy supplies and establish a Working Group on Energy Markets (see S. 1420), [21MY]
———promote mapping and development of geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk exploration wells, improve technology, and demonstrate use in large scale thermal applications (see S. 1155), [30AP]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [22MY]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
———grant rights-of-way on Federal land under the Mineral Leasing Act (see S. 1196), [5MY]
———improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
———provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts (see S. 154), [13JA]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Nevada: provide for withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley (see S. 196), [20JA]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Oregon: withdraw certain land in Curry and Josephine Counties from coverage under public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws (see S. 346), [3FE]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Public lands: modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
———reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
Safety: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
Strategic materials: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
Taxation; repeal percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines (see S. 2154), [7OC]
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Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
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Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [26OC]
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Bills and resolutions
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: designate (see S. 179), [13JA]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Reports filed
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 179), [6MY]
North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 403) (S. Rept. 114–125), [9SE]
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Bills and resolutions
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR] (see S. 2070), [22SE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [26MR] (see S. 2200), [22OC]
Colleges and universities: strengthen minority-serving institutions (see S. 2317), [19NO]
Dept. of Education: create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
Dept. of HHS: raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Health: provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
SBA: increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]

Reports filed
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]

MISSING CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]

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Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]

MISSISSIPPI
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 76), [7JA]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1943), [5AU]

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]

MISSOURI
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Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]

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Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1986), [5AU]

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Bills and resolutions
Centennial Monetary Commission: establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the ten dollar bill (see S. 1613), [18JN]
———convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [14AP]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1508), [4JN] (see S. 1720), [8JY]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]
———terminate the U.S. Mint Presidential $1 Coin Program (see S. 95), [7JA]
Education: improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
Federal agencies and departments: reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
FRS: improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 1848), [23JY]
Immigration: impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 79), [7JA]

MONGOLIA
Bills and resolutions
Democracy: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [1JN]
Reports filed
Mongolia First Democratic Elections Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 189), [10DE]

MONROE COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]

MONTANA
Bills and resolutions
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [11JN]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]
East Rosebud Creek: designate segments for inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1577), [15JN]
EPA: establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program (see S. 1394), [20MY]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
Native Americans: extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 35), [6JA]
Reports filed
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Reinstatement and Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Clark Canyon Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1103) (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]
Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 35) (S. Rept. 114–139), [10SE]

MONTEREY COUNTY, CA
Bills and resolutions
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]

MONTGOMERY, AL
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Reports filed
Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS
Bills and resolutions
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]
California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for unveiling of marble bust of Vice President Richard B. Cheney (see S. Con. Res. 24), [5NO]
Chaffee County, CO: clarify effect of designating certain Federal land as a national monument (see S. 972), [16AP]
Crime: prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]
Dinosaur National Monument Day: designate (see S. Res. 271), [28SE]
Escambia County, FL: convey certain property formerly part of Santa Rosa National Monument and conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (see S. 770), [18MR]
Fort Frederica National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 2024), [10SE]
Government regulations: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
———require congressional approval, provide restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments (see S. 437), [10FE]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [5AU]
National Teachers Hall of Fame: designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators (see S. 2061), [21SE]
Nevada: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 232), [22JA]
Ocmulgee National Monument: revise boundary and redesignate as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park (see S. 1696), [25JN]
Presidents of the U.S.: limit authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument (see S. 1416), [21MY]
———modify authority to declare national monuments (see S. 2004), [6AU]
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
Reports filed
Cerros del Norte Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1240) (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]

MOOGALIAN, MARK
Bills and resolutions
France: tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]

MOORE, FRANK
Bills and resolutions
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]

MORALITY AND ETHICS
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, per-

form, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 219), [21JA] (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
Families and domestic relations: constitutional amendment relative to definition of marriage (see S.J. Res. 12), [23AP]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [30AP]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [23AP]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Taxation: provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 43), [7JA]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Motions
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Present, [8JA]
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Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [8JY]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [29SE]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [11FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 1315), [20OC]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [16SE]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [21OC]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [2DE]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [16JA]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
———require a study on feasibility of establishing Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail (see S. 479), [21OC]
———take certain land into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians in California (see S. 175), [21SE]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [18MR]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [21AP]
———establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [7MY]
———expand requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and improve oversight of fiduciaries (see S. 2316), [19NO]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [16JA]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 241), [22JA]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [10SE]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [21SE]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
———issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17SE]

FCC: extend to private land use restrictions its rule relative to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications (see S. 1685), [17NO]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [26JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
Federal employees: provide leave to a new employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at a certain percentage for purposes of undergoing treatment for such disability (see S. 242), [22JA]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [2JN]
———provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [18DE]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [8DE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [9FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [22AP]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Kansas City Royals (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 305), [4NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [23MR]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29JA]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [16JN]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [9JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [11JN]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [22OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [7JY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [20OC]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [2JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [3JN]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [24FE]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [22JN]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [9DE]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [19MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [15DE]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [14JY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [8JY]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
———protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
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National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28SE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [7MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [9SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [19MY]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [27JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [27JY] (see S. 1881), [30JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [27JY]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [2DE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [13AP]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license

or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [2JN]
———extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit (see S. 1361), [18MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [11MR]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (see S. 1660), [8JY]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [22AP]
———provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations (see S. 942), [3DE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [19MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [4MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: prohibit listing northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 655), [23MR]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [18DE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [11MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [17NO]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]

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Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1800), [16JY]
Armed Forces: repeal bans on military personnel carrying firearms on military bases and recruitment facilities (see S. 1823), [21JY]
Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 1543), [10JN]
Dept. of the Interior: reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for certain Indian tribes (see S. 1931), [4AU]
Dept. of Transportation: establish a bus state of good repair program (see S. 1813), [21JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]
———establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program (see S. 563), [25FE]
———improve accountability of employees (see S. 290), [28JA]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [25FE]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
———provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions (see S. 927), [14AP]
Fort Scott National Historic Site: modify boundary (see S. 2087), [28SE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
Motor vehicles: clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination (see S. 1692), [25JN]
National Entrepreneurs' Day: designate (see S. Res. 314), [17NO]
National Teachers Hall of Fame: designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators (see S. 2061), [21SE]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
OMB: authorize additional uses of the Spectrum Relocation Fund (see S. 2211), [27OC]
SBA: carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses (see S. 1862), [26JY] (see S. 1870), [27JY]
Taxation: provide refundable credit for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (see S. 1023), [21AP]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
University of Kansas: anniversary (see S. Res. 272), [30SE]
Veterans: provide for coordination between TRICARE and eligibility to make contributions to health savings accounts (see S. 448), [11FE]

Cloture motions

Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR]
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE], [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]

Reports filed

Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1800) (S. Rept. 114–82), [16JY]

MORAN, JOHN E.

Bills and resolutions

Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center, Great Falls, MT: designate (see S. 719), [11MR]

MORET, CALVIN G.

Bills and resolutions

Tribute (see S. Res. 260), [21SE]

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1743), [9JY]

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY WHISTLEBLOWER ACT

Reports filed

Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 114–13), [13AP]

MOTOR VEHICLES *related term(s)* **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

Appointments

Conferees: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]

Bills and resolutions

Agriculture: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
Alcohol Responsibility Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 196), [9JN]
Consumers: develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
———protect from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
Dept. of Defense: improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]
Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
———expand Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and U.S. flagged vessels and return unspent funds and loan proceeds to reduce the national debt (see S. 1181), [4MY]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]

———create National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [21MY]
———ensure motor vehicle crash avoidance information is provided alongside of crashworthiness information where such information is made available to the public (see S. 1535), [10JN]
———establish a bus state of good repair program (see S. 1813), [21JY]
———establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
———foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1581), [16JN]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
———increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
———reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
———reform the surface transportation project delivery program (see S. 2258), [9NO]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
———require State motor vehicle departments and registration agencies to notify motor vehicle owners of open safety recalls and require compliance with such recalls prior to registration (see S. 617), [2MR]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 319), [19NO]
EPA: expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
Federal agencies and departments: reduce operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal motor vehicle fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts (see S. 565), [25FE]
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: reform (see S. 1669), [24JN]
Government: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased (see S. 427), [10FE]
Government regulations: clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination (see S. 1692), [25JN]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 2322), [19NO]
Idaho: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Law enforcement: provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
———provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 560), [25FE]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
Power resources: modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Privacy: limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22AP]
Renewable energy: promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure (see S. 1053), [22AP]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]
———extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY] (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Safety: establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, and help consumers identify recalled tires (see S. 1741), [9JY]
———prescribe safety standards for autocycles and related equipment (see S. 685), [10MR]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 256), [15SE]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
Whistleblowing: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
Reports filed
Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1647) (S. Rept. 114–80), [15JY]
Driver Privacy Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 766) (S. Rept. 114–147), [28SE]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Federal Vehicle Repair Cost Savings Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 565) (S. Rept. 114–59), [22MY]
Knife Owners' Protection Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1315) (S. Rept. 114–121), [8SE]
Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 114–13), [13AP]

MOUNT HOOD COOPER SPUR LAND EXCHANGE CLARIFICATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2069), [22SE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2069) (S. Rept. 114–191), [16DE]

MOUNTAINS
Bills and resolutions
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]
Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area: establish (see S. 13), [6JA]
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: adjust boundary to include Wallis House and Harriston Hill (see S. 1930), [4AU]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 319), [29JA]
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1690), [25JN]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]

MOVE AMERICA ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1186), [4MY]

MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY ACT (MAP–21)
Bills and resolutions
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY] (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Reports filed
Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1647) (S. Rept. 114–80), [15JY]

MUELLER, KAYLA J.
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]

MULBERRY, FL
Reports filed
Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office, Mulberry, FL: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1326), [24JN]

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]

MURKOWSKI, LISA *(a Senator from Alaska)*
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
———S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 2152), [8OC]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [18DE]
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans (see S. 1955), [8SE]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [8SE]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [3NO]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [5FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]

———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
Coast Guard: provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard (see S. 1386), [19MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [3JN]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [25JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of Energy: extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
Dept. of HHS: ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [3NO]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [27OC]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [8DE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [14AP]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Justice: enhance the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program (see S. 2401), [15DE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [11FE]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
———provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]
Dept. of the Interior: provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [28JA]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Dept. of Transportation: establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [17MR]
———improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16JY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [16JY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [28OC]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [5NO]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [28OC]
Education: reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [19MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [27FE]
FDA: establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [8SE]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [20AP]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [18NO]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [4FE]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [16JN]
Insurance: provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [10DE]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [8SE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [7JY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [19MR]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicaid: provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [23JN]
Medicare: ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [24MR]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [22JN]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [17SE]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [3AU]
Mongolia: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [28JY]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]

National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [25JN]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [8SE]
———improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [19MR]
NOAA: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
———reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [18NO]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [18NO]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [21JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [17JN]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [3FE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
Petroleum: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Puerto Rico: provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [1OC]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 856), [24MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [16JN]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [16JY]
———exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [21AP]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [28AP]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [21JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———reduce the rate of tax on certain distilled spirits (see S. 1444), [16JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Transportation Security Administration: exempt certain flights in Hawaii and Alaska from increased aviation security service fees (see S. 712), [11MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [7JY]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [9SE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [5MY]
Women: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [30SE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Alaska: authorize Native regional and village corporations to establish energy assistance programs (see S. 1235), [6MY]
———convey certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (see S. 2421), [17DE]
———exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
———provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf region and make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative (see S. 1278), [11MY]
———reinstate certain mining claims (see S. 1395), [20MY]
———retain and provide for future use of certain land on Point Spencer, support missions and duties of the Coast Guard, and convey certain Point Spencer lands to Bering Straits Native Corp., and the State (see S. 1316), [13MY]
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims (see S. 872), [26MR]
Alexander Creek, AK: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]
BLM: establish a program to enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities (see S. 1230), [6MY]
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 39), [26JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 147), [12JA]
Corps of Engineers: provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation: modify accreditation standards to prevent the standards from negatively impacting Alaska Native and American Indian teacher candidates (see S. Res. 301), [30OC]
Dept. of Energy: authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———develop an implementation strategy to promote development of hybrid micro-grid systems for isolated communities (see S. 1227), [6MY]
———establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide financial awards to entities that develop and demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in high-cost regions (see S. 1346), [14MY]
———improve loan guarantee program for innovative technologies (see S. 1223), [6MY]
———submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions with National Laboratories (see S. 1229), [6MY]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]
Dept. of the Interior: develop a cadastre of Federal real property to assist with land management, conservation, and development and identify land that no longer needs to be federally owned (see S. 1225), [6MY]
———reform administration of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2011), [9SE]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: reverse designation of certain communities in Alaska as nonrural (see S. 1154), [30AP]
Electric power: provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and provide for

the examination of the effects of net metering (see S. 1219), [6MY]
EPA: modify provision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relative to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites (see S. 1701), [25JN]
FAA: clarify whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status (see S. 387), [5FE]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
———modify certain requirements relative to trial-type hearings for certain license applications (see S. 1236), [6MY]
———provide reports on electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address procurement of electric capacity resources (see S. 1222), [6MY]
———require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system (see S. 1221), [6MY]
Fish and fishing: reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
———strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Forest Service: resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program (see S. 644), [3MR]
Glennallen, AK: convey reversionary interests of the U.S. in and to certain non-Federal land to Alaska Bible College (see S. 2018), [9SE]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve: designate wilderness as Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area (see S. 873), [26MR]
Medicare: establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional approval, provide restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments (see S. 437), [10FE]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 319), [29JA]
National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]
Native Americans: facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1443), [21MY]
Natural Gas Act: modify a provision relating to civil penalties (see S. 1216), [6MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 2114), [1OC]
Power resources: establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, establish a FERC Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and modify terms of Federal rights-of-way for electric transmission systems (see S. 1217), [6MY]
———improve distribution of energy in the U.S. (see S. 1220), [6MY]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy (see S. 1215), [6MY]
———reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate (see S. 1224), [6MY]
Ships and vessels: remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [4FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: require congressional notification for certain operations and determine options available for the continued operation (see S. 1231), [6MY]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
Women: provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [28OC], [30OC]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [20JA], [22JA]
Reports filed
Activities During the 113th Congress: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–6), [25MR]
Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 1324) (S. Rept. 114–194), [16DE]
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Bureau of Reclamation Authorization of Use of Active Capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1305) (S. Rept. 114–135), [9SE]
Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]
Cerros del Norte Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1240) (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]
Clarify Mapping Error To Allow the Purchase of Certain Kaibab National Forest Lands by Young Life (organization): Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1592) (S. Rept. 114–186), [16DE]
Crags, Colorado Land Exchange Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 2223) (S. Rept. 114–196), [16DE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1941) (S. Rept. 114–188), [16DE]
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
Dept. of the Interior Outer Continental Shelf Administration Reform: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2011) (S. Rept. 114–137), [9SE]
Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 1554) (S. Rept. 114–195), [16DE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1942) (S. Rept. 114–189), [16DE]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 720) (S. Rept. 114–130), [9SE]
Expenditures: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. Res. 39), [26JA]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
FERC Reinstatement and Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Clark Canyon Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1103) (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]
Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 373) (S. Rept. 114–193), [16DE]
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Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 873) (S. Rept. 114–131), [9SE]
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]
Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 329) (S. Rept. 114–182), [16DE]
Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2069) (S. Rept. 114–191), [16DE]
National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]
North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 403) (S. Rept. 114–125), [9SE]
President Street Station Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 521) (S. Rept. 114–126), [9SE]
Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act: Committee on Energy and

Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 583) (S. Rept. 114–127), [9SE]
Thurgood Marshall's Elementary School Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 610) (S. Rept. 114–129), [9SE]
Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Phase III Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1694) (S. Rept. 114–187), [16DE]

MURPHY, CHRISTOPHER ***(a Senator from Connecticut)***

Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [19NO]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [7OC]
AID: reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [15SE]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [22OC]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [16SE]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge (see S. 1567), [16NO]
———sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [16MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [9FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
———clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [8JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]
Colleges and universities: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 1908), [30JY]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [14MY]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [8JN]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [6OC]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [2DE]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [17SE]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [16JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [4MR]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [9SE]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [18MY]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [16SE]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [22SE]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1022), [21AP]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [19MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26MR]
———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [28SE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [16MR]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [29OC]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [27FE]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [19NO]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [9MR]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [29AP]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [14MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [2DE]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [3FE]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 1507), [23JN]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [23JN]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [4MR]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [20OC]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, TN, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1483), [15JN]
Dept. of Transportation: incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [21AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [17SE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [16JA]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [4MY]

Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [5AU]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [5FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [24SE]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [17DE]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10MR]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [19NO]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [28SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [2JN]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [1DE]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Investments: require 401(k) plan sponsors to inform participants of projected monthly income expected at retirement based on current account balances (see S. 1317), [13MY]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [18NO]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [20OC]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [20AP]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [11JN]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [17MR]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [18DE]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [25FE]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [24SE]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [20OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [24SE]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [20OC]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [28JY]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
———protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [22OC]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [17SE]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 156), [30AP]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
Naval Submarine Base New London, CT: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [14MY]
———express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [8OC]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [24SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure

their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 270), [24SE]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [7DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [26FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [18JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [13AP]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [16SE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [15JY]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [15DE]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [16JN]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]
Taxation: make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [19MR]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [29OC]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
———treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care (see S. 2218), [29OC]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [16SE]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [21JY]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [15JN]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [22JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [28JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Buy American Act: amend relative to certain waivers and domestic content percentage requirements and provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements (see S. 2167), [8OC]
Coast Guard: mint coins in commemoration (see S. 985), [16AP]
Colleges and universities: provide for higher education reform (see S. 1355), [14MY]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 26), [6JA]
Dept. of Education: establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 516), [12FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [15JY]
Dept. of Justice: fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
———provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
Employment: prohibit employers from requiring low-wage workers to enter into non-compete covenants and require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into such covenants (see S. 1504), [4JN]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 329), [2FE]
FCC: reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
Interagency Task Force on Short-Lived Climate Pollution Mitigation: establish (see S. 2076), [24SE]
Medicaid: encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
Privacy Act: extend protections relative to information shared with law enforcement to citizens of certain U.S. allies (see S. 1600), [17JN]
Schools: require States to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [19MR]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Taxation: allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors (see S. 973), [16AP]
World Mental Health Day: observance (see S. Res. 284), [8OC]
Motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [3DE]

MURRAY, CAMILLE
Prayers
Senate, [17SE]

MURRAY, PATTY ***(a Senator from Washington)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
———S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [16NO]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [17SE]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [22OC]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [21SE]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2357), [7DE] (see S. 2393), [14DE]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]

Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [19NO]
———prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 447), [11FE]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [17MR]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [17SE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [22AP]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [17NO]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [18JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [20OC]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [5AU]
———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]
———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [3NO]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [3NO]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [28JY]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [8OC]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [10FE]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
———improve Federal Pell Grant Program (see S. 1062), [27AP]
———improve requirements for alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 528), [12FE]
———permit alternate standards and assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (see S. 516), [12FE]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of HHS: prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [5AU]
———reauthorize certain trauma care programs (see S. 763), [17MR]
Dept. of HUD: modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [19NO]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
———prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [20AP]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [13JY]
———establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of the Interior: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [28AP]
Dept. of Transportation: improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1105), [28AP]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [18NO]
———make permanent authority to transport individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 603), [26FE]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [8JN]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [28OC]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [15SE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [18MY]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
FDA: establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Firearms: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [23JN]
Flowers: recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [17MR]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [8OC]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve

Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [7MY]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [7OC]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
———increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [13JA]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [23AP]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [3NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 338), [23AP] (see S. 2165), [8OC]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [5NO]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [27JY]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10NO]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists (see S. 2259), [9NO]
———improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by certain Federally qualified providers (see S. 1456), [22MY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [9SE]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [17DE]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [17SE]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [10DE]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
———improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [17DE]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1690), [25JN]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 111), [25MR]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [17SE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [22JY]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [8SE]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [3NO]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
SBA: establish Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program (see S. 1934), [4AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [26MR]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
———require States to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [19MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [23FE]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [21JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [18NO]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [21AP]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [13MY]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions

of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [3AU]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [10SE]
Yakima River: authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project to improve water management in the Yakima River basin (see S. 1694), [25JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking: establish (see S. 991), [16AP]
Corps of Engineers: transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see S. 1979), [5AU]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10JN]
Dept. of Education: establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [19MR]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
Dept. of HHS: publish physical activity recommendations (see S. 1793), [16JY]
Dept. of Transportation: provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
Federal agencies and departments: provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis (see S. 1199), [5MY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 1494), [3JN]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Social Security: enhance benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
Space policy: promote development of a U.S. commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space (see S. 976), [16AP]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
Taxation: enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
Veterans: waive minimum period of continuous active duty for homeless veterans to receive benefits and furnish benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases under other than honorable conditions (see S. 1731), [9JY]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Women: ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———expand health programs (see S. 674), [4MR]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
Motions
Medicare: repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (H.R. 2), [14AP]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (H.R. 2), [14AP]

MUSEUMS
Appointments
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, [26MR]
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [11FE]
Bills and resolutions
American Visionary Art Museum: anniversary of opening (see S. Res. 317), [18NO]
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
National Museum of the American People: support formation of a bipartisan Presidential commission to study establishment (see S. Con. Res. 23), [7OC]
New York, NY: establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center (see S. 509), [12FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Rubenstein, David M.: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 3), [12JA]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Smithsonian Institution: provide for additional space for protection and preservation of national collections (see S. 2057), [17SE]
Taxation: allow deduction equal to fair market value for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor (see S. 931), [14AP]
Reports filed
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]

MUSIC AND DANCE *related term(s)* **ARTS AND HUMANITIES**
Appointments
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees, [11FE], [25FE]
Bills and resolutions
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [4MR]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Medora, ND: anniversary of Medora Musical (see S. Res. 220), [9JY]
Taxation: allow deduction equal to fair market value for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor (see S. 931), [14AP]
———extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances (see S. 364), [4FE]

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]

MYRICK, GARY B.
Bills and resolutions
Senate: election as Sec. for the Minority (see S. Res. 15), [6JA]

NASHEED, MOHAMED
Bills and resolutions
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]
Health: provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22AP]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 2014), [9SE]

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Hubble Space Telescope: anniversary (see S. Res. 149), [23AP]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
Science: prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Space policy: promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [12MY]
Technology: report on requirements and risks in connection with use of radioisotopic power systems for

space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit (see S. 1829), [22JY]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]
U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1297) (S. Rept. 114–88), [22JY]
NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
NATIONAL ALL SCHEDULES PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPORTING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
NATIONAL ALL SCHEDULES PRESCRIPTION ELECTRONIC REPORTING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Corp. for National and Community Service: establish National Service for Schools Program (see S. 2428), [18DE]
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
Appointments
Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, [9MR], [10MR], [25MR], [26MR]
Bills and resolutions
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
GSA: convey certain Federal property in Alaska to Anchorage, AK (see S. 1492), [3JN]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
FOIA Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 337), [9FE]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 337) (S. Rept. 114–114), [23FE]
NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
Bills and resolutions
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS
Bills and resolutions
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR AUXILIARIES
Bills and resolutions
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 132), [26MR]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR AUXILIARIES WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 132), [26MR]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
Bills and resolutions
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
NATIONAL AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
Golden State Warriors (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 206), [18JN]
NATIONAL BISON DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
NATIONAL BLADDER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 187), [21MY]
NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 56), [29JA]
NATIONAL BLUE ALERT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 665), [4MR]
Reports filed
Provisions: (S. 665), [26MR]
NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS
Bills and resolutions
Taxation: provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
NATIONAL BRAIN ANEURYSM AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 176), [11MY]
NATIONAL CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 70), [5FE] (see S. Res. 341), [18DE]
NATIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 261), [22SE]
NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 51), [28JA]
NATIONAL CEMETERIES *related term(s)* **CEMETERIES AND FUNERALS**
Bills and resolutions
BLM: transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [29OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: conduct a study on the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries (see S. 695), [10MR]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 331), [8DE]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [30SE], [5NO], [18DE]
Reports filed
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2029) (S. Rept. 114–57), [21MY]
NATIONAL CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 289), [19OC]
NATIONAL CHILD AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 223), [14JY]
NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 41), [26JA]
Ohio State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 50), [28JA]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to women's soccer team (see S. Res. 334), [14DE]
Providence College: tribute to men's ice hockey team (see S. Res. 138), [16AP]
Wheeling Jesuit University: tribute to women's volleyball team (see S. Res. 342), [18DE]
NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 114), [25MR] (see S. Res. 128), [26MR]
NATIONAL CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 115), [25MR]
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY
Appointments
Members, [2FE]
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
Appointments
Members, [11FE]
NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Financial institutions: hold public hearings and receive comments from the public on its budget (see S. 924), [14AP]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Government regulations: ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BUDGET TRANSPARENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 924), [14AP]

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Mission and goals: support (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
NATIONAL DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 308), [5NO]
NATIONAL DIABETES CLINICAL CARE COMMISSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 586), [26FE]
NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
NATIONAL DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
NATIONAL EMBLEMS
Bills and resolutions
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [15SE]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Reports filed
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Reports filed
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
———reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy (see S. 1274), [11MY]
Motor vehicles: promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure (see S. 1053), [22AP]
NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURS' DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 314), [17NO]
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
FERC: provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 264), [22SE]
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Firearms: provide that silencers would be treated the same as long guns relative to registration and transfer laws (see S. 2236), [4NO]
NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 487), [12FE]
NATIONAL FLORENCE CRITTENTON MISSION
Bills and resolutions
National Critteton Foundation: rename (see S. 1727), [9JY]
NATIONAL FOOD PROTEIN-INDUCED ENTEROCOLITIS SYNDROME (FPIES) AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Bills and resolutions
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION
Bills and resolutions
National Forest Foundation Act: reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]
NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]
NATIONAL FORESTS
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
Arapaho National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 1295), [12MY]
Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Colorado: authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties (see S. 1941), [5AU]
———require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest (see S. 1942), [5AU]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand authority to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance management and resolve minor encroachments (see S. 1712), [7JY]
———publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [28AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Forest Service: provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
Georgia: authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land (see S. 1744), [9JY]
Idaho: establish certain wilderness areas and authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System and BLM lands in central Idaho (see S. 583), [26FE]
Kisatchie National Forest: convey certain land (see S. 61), [7JA]
National Forest Foundation Act: reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
New Mexico: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Reports filed
Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 1324) (S. Rept. 114–194), [16DE]
Crags, Colorado Land Exchange Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 2223) (S. Rept. 114–196), [16DE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1941) (S. Rept. 114–188), [16DE]
Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 1554) (S. Rept. 114–195), [16DE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1942) (S. Rept. 114–189), [16DE]
North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 403) (S. Rept. 114–125), [9SE]
Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 583) (S. Rept. 114–127), [9SE]
NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
NATIONAL GUARD
Bills and resolutions
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connec-

tion with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 895), [26MR]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 594), [26FE]
Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center, Great Falls, MT: designate (see S. 719), [11MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: provide behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserves based on need and expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling (see S. 832), [23MR]
Firefighters: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
———require report on location of C–130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units (see S. 1625), [18JN]
Immigration: provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
State Partnership Program: modify and extend (see S. 1126), [29AP]
Taxation: extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
Veterans: provide for coordination between TRICARE and eligibility to make contributions to health savings accounts (see S. 448), [11FE]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Motions
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [30SE], [5NO], [18DE]
Reports filed
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2029) (S. Rept. 114–57), [21MY]

NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 281), [7OC]

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS EXPANSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1051), [22AP]

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Drunken driving: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
Motor vehicles: develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
Roads and highways: provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]

NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATION AND RECORDS COMMISSION
Appointments
Members, [26FE]

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Bills and resolutions
Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 205), [18JN]

NATIONAL HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY
Bills and resolutions
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Colleges and universities: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
Science: prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Reports filed
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [29JA]
Armed Forces: require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 646), [3MR]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [5NO]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [29JY]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1391), [20MY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Diseases: improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 1064), [23AP]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
Health: prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 156), [30AP]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216, 222), [21JA]
Office of Research on Women's Health: anniversary (see S. Res. 242), [5AU]
Rehabilitation research: improve, coordinate, and enhance (see S. 800), [19MR]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 2014), [9SE]
Tourette syndrome: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities (see S. 276), [28JA]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]

NATIONAL KINSHIP CARE MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 266), [22SE]

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Employment: assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
Labor unions: deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———modify authority relative to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices (see S. 2084), [28SE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Reports filed
Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 248) (S. Rept. 114–140), [10SE]

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]

Employment: assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Government regulations: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Income: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
Labor unions: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
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———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
Reform: end partisanship, provide oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encourage timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
Motions
Government regulations: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (S.J. Res. 8), [3MR], [5MY]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 288), [28JA]

NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 117), [26MR]

NATIONAL LOBSTER DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 58), [29JA]

NATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 111), [25MR]

NATIONAL MULTIMODAL FREIGHT POLICY AND INVESTMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1680), [25JN]

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]

NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]

NATIONAL NURSE-MANAGED HEALTH CLINIC WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 303), [3NO]

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 178), [12MY]

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES *related term(s)* **DOMESTIC POLICY**
Bills and resolutions
Budget: cut and cap Federal spending and enact balanced budget constitutional amendment (see S. 2182), [19OC]
Dept. of Education: invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
Dept. of HHS: publish physical activity recommendations (see S. 1793), [16JY]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [7JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Health: improve access to primary care services (see S. 1989), [5AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 77), [7JA] (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
Power resources: improve distribution of energy in the U.S. (see S. 1220), [6MY]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 789), [18MR]
Cloture motions
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Messages
National Drug Control Strategy: President Obama, [17NO]
Motions
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [8SE], [15SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [14JY], [22JY], [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), conference report, [3DE]
———use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [1DE], [3DE]
Reports filed
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Hire More Heroes Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (H.R. 22) (S. Rept. 114–3), [12FE]

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management (see S. 2325), [19NO]
———establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
———improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
Federal employees: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 105), [7JA]

———promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1107), [28AP]
———terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]
Great Lakes: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters (see S. 1956), [5AU]
Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project: codify (see S. 1343), [14MY]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Tsunamis: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (H.R. 34) (see S. 533), [23FE]
Weather: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]
———establish regional weather forecast offices (see S. 1573), [15JN]
Reports filed
National Sea Grant College Program Act Reauthorization and Amendment: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 764) (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]
National Weather Service Improvement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1573) (S. Rept. 114–154), [19OC]
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]
Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 34) (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR RARE DISORDERS
Bills and resolutions
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]

NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]

NATIONAL PARK ACCESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 145), [12JA]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE *related term(s)* **NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**
Bills and resolutions
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]
Appropriations: observe centennial through increased funding (see S. 2257), [5NO]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]
Dept. of the Interior: acquire land in Martinez, CA, for inclusion in John Muir National Historic Site (see S. 651), [4MR]
———conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 610), [27FE]
———conduct a special resource study of the John P. Parker House in Ripley, OH (see S. 541), [24FE]
———designate the Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 521), [12FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area (see S. 1824), [21JY]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1591), [17JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Fort Scott National Historic Site: modify boundary (see S. 2087), [28SE]
Idaho: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
———provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [2FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2164), [7OC] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC] (see S. 2318), [19NO]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
Ocmulgee National Monument: revise boundary and redesignate as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park (see S. 1696), [25JN]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 718), [11MR]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
States: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 211), [21JA]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Tule Lake National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2412), [17DE]
U.S. Civil Rights Network: establish (see S. 2309), [19NO]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Reports filed
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]
President Street Station Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 521) (S. Rept. 114–126), [9SE]
Thurgood Marshall's Elementary School Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 610) (S. Rept. 114–129), [9SE]

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2257), [5NO]

NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS *related term(s)* **PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**
Bills and resolutions
Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area: include Livingston County, IL, Jonesboro, IL, and Freeport, IL (see S. 1662), [24JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]
Dept. of the Interior: acquire land in Martinez, CA, for inclusion in John Muir National Historic Site (see S. 651), [4MR]
———designate the Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 521), [12FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, TN, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1483), [2JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
Historic buildings and sites: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1943), [5AU]
Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area: establish (see S. 13), [6JA]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: adjust boundary to include Wallis House and Harriston Hill (see S. 1930), [4AU]
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve: designate wilderness as Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area (see S. 873), [26MR]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]

Mount Denali: designate (see S. 319), [29JA]
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1690), [25JN]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
———observe centennial through increased funding (see S. 2257), [5NO]
———refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Ocmulgee National Monument: revise boundary and redesignate as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park (see S. 1696), [25JN]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 211), [21JA]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
Veterans: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Reports filed
James K. Polk Presidential Home Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1483) (S. Rept. 114–136), [9SE]
Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 873) (S. Rept. 114–131), [9SE]
National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]
President Street Station Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 521) (S. Rept. 114–126), [9SE]

NATIONAL PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 156), [30AP]

NATIONAL PHENYLKETONURIA AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 324), [2DE]

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]

NATIONAL POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]

NATIONAL POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]

NATIONAL PREGNANCY CENTER WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]

NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]

NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER COUNCIL ON SCREENING, EARLY DETECTION, ASSESSMENT, AND MONITORING OF PROSTATE CANCER
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 216, 222), [21JA]

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 186), [21MY]

NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 106), [19MR]

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
Bills and resolutions
FEMA: enter into agreement with National Research Council to study urban flooding (see S. 1481), [2JN]

NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]

NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 151), [23AP]

NATIONAL SCHIZENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 181), [19MY]

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10JN]
———improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [22JY]
———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL
Bills and resolutions
Natural resources: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Bills and resolutions
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Education: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
Science: prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
———support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Sustainable Chemistry Program: implement (see S. 1447), [21MY]
Reports filed
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]
STEM Education Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 1020) (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
Reports filed
Reauthorize and Amend: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 764) (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]

NATIONAL SECURITY *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE; ESPIONAGE; STRATEGIC MATERIALS; TERRORISM**
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [3FE], [11FE]
Conferees: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, [3FE]
Senate National Security Working Group, [12FE], [24FE]
Bills and resolutions
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: approve (see S.J. Res. 20), [28JY]
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]
———authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16JN]
———provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
———sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
Budget: exempt the Dept. of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration (see S. 2303), [18NO]
———provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [8DE]
Classified information: facilitate and enhance the declassification of information, including in the legislative branch (see S. 2121), [1OC]

Crime: prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1118), [28AP] (see S. 1376), [19MY]
———develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers (see S. 1478), [2JN]
———improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]
———making appropriations (see S. 1558), [11JN] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
———prohibit the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens and lawful resident aliens (see S. 2195), [22OC]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 300), [29JA] (see S. 327), [2FE]
———provide with authority to transfer funds in order to mitigate the effects of a sequestration of available departmental funds (see S. 813), [19MR]
———reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
———require a report on future mix of aircraft platforms (see S. 1477), [2JN]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———collect information on critical energy supplies and establish a Working Group on Energy Markets (see S. 1420), [21MY]
———provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———establish Office for Community Partnerships (see S. 2369), [8DE]
———establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]
———improve and permit recovery of costs incurred for preclearance operations activities in foreign countries and at foreign airports (see S. 2430), [18DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA] (see S. 1619), [18JN] (see S. 2130), (see S. 2131), [5OC]
———permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]
———reduce duplication of information technology (see S. 1620), [18JN]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
———secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats (see S. 1846), [23JY]
———strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology (see S. 1873), [28JY]
Dept. of Justice: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
———allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
Dept. of State: authorize appropriations (see S. 1635), [18JN]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
Electric power: protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [14AP]
Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———improve Federal network security and authorize and enhance an existing intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian Federal networks (see S. 1869), [27JY]
———prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]
———require Inspectors General and GAO to report on use of logical access controls and other security practices to safeguard information on Federal computer systems (see S. 1990), [5AU]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
FEMA: establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Homeland security: enhance (see S. 542), [24FE]
Immigration: ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 47), [7JA]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Intelligence services: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1705), [7JY]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (see S. 456), [11FE] (see S. 754), [17MR]
———require Presidents' annual budget submissions to include the total dollar amount requested for intelligence or intelligence-related activities of the Government (see S. 1307), [12MY]
Iran: reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
Joint Inquiry Into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001: require declassification of certain redacted information (see S. 1471), [1JN]
Law enforcement: develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
Naval Submarine Base New London, CT: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Petroleum: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]
Power resources: modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
———require notification of information security breaches and enhance penalties for cyber criminals (see S. 1027), [21AP]
Privacy Act: extend protections relative to information shared with law enforcement to citizens of certain U.S. allies (see S. 1600), [17JN]
SEC: require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Senate: review procedures ensuring an employee in the office of Senators on committees requiring access to top secret information may obtain security clearances needed to have access to such information (see S. 1569), [11JN]
Terrorism: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [22JA]
———deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]

———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
———provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
———improve the Federal Flight Deck Officers program (see S. 1594), [17JN]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE], [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Terrorism: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Messages
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and China Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: President Obama, [21AP]
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: President Obama, [16JN]
Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): President Obama, [11FE]
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2001: President Obama, [10SE]
National Emergency Relative to the Stabilization of Iraq: President Obama, [19MY]
National Emergency Relative to Zimbabwe: President Obama, [3MR]
Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism Funding Designation: President Obama, [4MR]
Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism Funding Emergency Designation: President Obama, [1OC]
Proposed Rescission of Cuba Designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism: President Obama, [14AP]
Motions
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [31MY], [10JN], [9JY], [7OC]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), [16JN], [22SE], [3NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [30JA], [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [21MY], [22MY]
Terrorism: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), [21MY]
Reports filed
Airport Security Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 720) (S. Rept. 114–92), [23JY]
Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 754), [17MR]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 754) (S. Rept. 114–32), [15AP]
Dept. of Defense Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1558) (S. Rept. 114–63), [11JN]
Dept. of Defense Appropriations for Military Activities, Prescribing Personnel Strengths, and Military Construction: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. 1376) (S. Rept. 114–49), [19MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1619) (S. Rept. 114–68), [18JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security Border Security Metrics Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1864) (S. Rept. 114–152), [8OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Interoperable Communications Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 615) (S. Rept. 114–53), [21MY]
Dept. of State Appropriations: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1635), [18JN]
Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1180) (S. Rept. 114–73), [25JN]
Intelligence Services Appropriations: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1705), [7JY]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1705) (S. Rept. 114–83), [16JY]
Northern Border Security Review Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]
Preclearance Authorization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 998) (S. Rept. 114–180), [15DE]

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
Bills and resolutions
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]

NATIONAL SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]

NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 235), [29JY]

NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 59), [30JA]

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]

NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME
Bills and resolutions
National Memorial to Fallen Educators: designate (see S. 2061), [21SE]

NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 75), [12FE]

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
FCC: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
Internet: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Telecommunications: permit authorization of Federal agencies to accept certain payments relative to spectrum efficiency and reallocation (see S. 2227), [3NO]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
FCC: provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: permit authorization of Federal agencies to accept certain payments relative to spectrum efficiency and reallocation (see S. 2227), [3NO]

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2577) (S. Rept. 114–75), [25JN]

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]

NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]

NATIONAL VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP] (see S. 1950), [5AU]

———provide that a voter who has previously registered in a State shall be allowed to update their address within the State up to Election Day (see S. 1952), [5AU]

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
Bills and resolutions
NOAA: codify the Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project (see S. 1343), [14MY]
Safety: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
Weather: establish regional weather forecast offices (see S. 1573), [15JN]
Reports filed
National Weather Service Improvement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1573) (S. Rept. 114–154), [19OC]

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1573) (S. Rept. 114–154), [19OC]

NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER APPRECIATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
Bills and resolutions
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Dept. of the Interior: enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [23AP]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]

NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN'S SAFETY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 184) (S. Rept. 114–37), [11MY]

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
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Observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 710), [11MR]
Reports filed
Reauthorization: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710) (S. Rept. 114–117), [5AU]
Reauthorize: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710), [4JN]

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Native Americans: reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]

NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1912), [30JY]

NATIVE AMERICANS
Bills and resolutions
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe: restore opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair (see S. 1457), [22MY]
Alaska: authorize Native regional and village corporations to establish energy assistance programs (see S. 1235), [6MY]
———convey certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (see S. 2421), [17DE]
———retain and provide for future use of certain land on Point Spencer, support missions and duties of the Coast Guard, and convey certain Point Spencer lands to Bering Straits Native Corp., and the State (see S. 1316), [13MY]
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans (see S. 1955), [5AU]
———provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims (see S. 872), [26MR]
Alexander Creek, AK: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [15SE]
———provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros (see S. 1845), [23JY]
Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
BIA: manage the Coquille Forest in accordance with laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land (see S. 816), [19MR]
———secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Budget: exempt the Indian Health Service, BIA, and certain other programs for Indians from budget sequestration (see S. 1497), [3JN]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]
Children and youth: provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
———provide tribal demonstration projects for integration of early childhood development and education, including Native language and culture (see S. 2304), [18NO]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation: modify accreditation standards to prevent the standards from negatively impacting Alaska Native and American Indian teacher candidates (see S. Res. 301), [30OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]
Dept. of Education: provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
———provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1983), [5AU]
———convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 814), [19MR]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 815), [19MR]
———convey land to be held in trust for certain Indian tribes in Nevada (see S. 1436), [21MY]
———designate the Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 383), [5FE]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 817), [19MR]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [28JA]
———reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
———reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for certain Indian tribes (see S. 1931), [4AU]
———require a study on feasibility of establishing Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail (see S. 479), [12FE]
———take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria (see S. 1761), [14JY]
———take certain Federal lands located in Tuolumne County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (see S. 1822), [21JY]
———take certain land into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians in California (see S. 175), [13JA]
———take parcels of Federal land into trust for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in New Mexico (see S. 986), [16AP]
———transfer land to be held in trust for Moapa Band of Paiutes in Nevada (see S. 1986), [5AU]
Dept. of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1645), [23JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]
Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
Drugs: prevent Indian tribes and tribal organizations that cultivate, manufacture, or distribute marijuana on Indian land from receiving Federal funds (see S. 1984), [5AU]
Education: improve (see S. 410), [9FE]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [20MY]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
Families and domestic relations: require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings (see S. 184), [16JA]
Federal aid programs: facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1443), [21MY]
FERC: improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
Gambling: prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts (see S. 152), [13JA]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 818), [19MR]

Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Irrigation: provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Languages: promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
Montana: extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 35), [6JA]
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1690), [25JN]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Labor Relations Act: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands (see S. 248), [22JA]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 710), [11MR]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to Navajo water rights settlement (see S. 501), [12FE]
North Carolina: provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe (see S. 2285), [17NO]
Ocmulgee National Monument: revise boundary and redesignate as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park (see S. 1696), [25JN]
Oklahoma: revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe (see S. 321), [29JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 2114), [1OC]
———exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1771), [15JY]
Roads and highways: enhance tribal road safety (see S. 1776), [15JY]
Taxation: allow allocation of certain renewable energy tax credits to Indian tribes (see S. 1749), [13JY]
———exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
———extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit (see S. 1361), [18MY]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 947), [15AP]
———recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs (see S. 835), [23MR]
Travel and tourism: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
Veterans: allow Indian Health Service to pay for Indian or Alaska Native veterans' copayments at Dept. of Veterans Affairs facilities (see S. 2417), [17DE]
———provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
Virginia: extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy, Chickahominy-Eastern Division, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond Tribes (see S. 465), [11FE]
Voting: protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
Reports filed
Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 986) (S. Rept. 114–114), [4AU]
Commission on Native Children Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 246) (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Dept. of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1645) (S. Rept. 114–70), [23JN]
Dept. of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 286) (S. Rept. 114–60), [22MY]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 209) (S. Rept. 114–149), [30SE]
Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 465) (S. Rept. 114–141), [10SE]
Keep the Promise Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 152) (S. Rept. 114–199), [18DE]
Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 35) (S. Rept. 114–139), [10SE]
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Incorporation Charter Revocation: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 321) (S. Rept. 114–40), [11MY]
Native American Children's Safety Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 184) (S. Rept. 114–37), [11MY]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act Reauthorization: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710), [4JN]
———Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 710) (S. Rept. 114–117), [5AU]
New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 501) (S. Rept. 114–41), [11MY]
Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment (SURVIVE) Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 1704) (S. Rept. 114–172), [3DE]
Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 248) (S. Rept. 114–140), [10SE]

NATIVE EDUCATOR SUPPORT AND TRAINING (NEST) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1928), [4AU]

NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION ACT
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NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL
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Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]

NATURAL GAS *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**
Bills and resolutions
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
BLM: establish a program to enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities (see S. 1230), [6MY]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
———establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1063), [22AP]
———limit authority to approve certain proposals relative to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals (see S. 1237), [6MY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [11MY]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Dept. of Transportation: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1581), [16JN]
FERC: consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and consumer benefits before approving or disapproving an application for a liquefied natural gas terminal (see S. 1242), [7MY]
———provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
Natural Gas Act: modify a provision relating to civil penalties (see S. 1216), [6MY]
Outer Continental Shelf: increase energy exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]

———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy (see S. 1215), [6MY]
———reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate (see S. 1224), [6MY]
———require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Public lands: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [6JA]
Taxation: eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 948), [15AP]
———extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 344), [3FE] (see S. 917), [14AP]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]

Reports filed

LNG and LPG Excise Tax Equalization Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 917) (S. Rept. 114–27), [14AP]

NATURAL GAS ACT

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Courts: modify a provision relating to civil penalties (see S. 1216), [6MY]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———limit authority to approve certain proposals relative to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals (see S. 1237), [6MY]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
FERC: consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and consumer benefits before approving or disapproving an application for a liquefied natural gas terminal (see S. 1242), [7MY]

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bills and resolutions

Air pollution: clarify treatment of carbon emissions from forest biomass (see S. 1284), [11MY]
Alaska: provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf region and make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative (see S. 1278), [11MY]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]
———authorize use of active capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [12MY]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Coastal zones: improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Conservation of natural resources: provide for advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities (see S. 1485), [2JN]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
Dept. of Energy: authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———conduct study on technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber (see S. 1432), [21MY]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1983), [5AU]
———carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 1078), [23AP]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———coordinate Federal and State permitting processes relative to construction of new surface water storage projects on Federal lands and designate Bureau of Reclamation as lead agency (see S. 1533), [9JN]
———develop a cadastre of Federal real property to assist with land management, conservation, and development and identify land that no longer needs to be federally owned (see S. 1225), [6MY]
———grant rights-of-way on Federal land under the Mineral Leasing Act (see S. 1196), [5MY]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
———reform administration of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2011), [9SE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
———provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program (see S. 886), [26MR]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
Forests: expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives (see S. 1691), [25JN]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
National Park Service: observe centennial through increased funding (see S. 2257), [5NO]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to Navajo water rights settlement (see S. 501), [12FE]
———protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———promote geothermal energy (see S. 1057), [22AP]
———reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate (see S. 1224), [6MY]
Public lands: reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
Space policy: promote development of a U.S. commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space (see S. 976), [16AP]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: require congressional notification for certain operations and determine options available for the continued operation (see S. 1231), [6MY]
———suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 82), [7JA]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]

Cloture motions
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Authorization of Use of Active Capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1305) (S. Rept. 114–135), [9SE]
Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]
Dept. of the Interior Outer Continental Shelf Administration Reform: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2011) (S. Rept. 114–137), [9SE]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 501) (S. Rept. 114–41), [11MY]
Water Resources Research Act Grants Reauthorization and Applied Water Supply Research Regarding Water Resources Research and Technology Institutes: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 653) (S. Rept. 114–48), [18MY]

NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE NEW LONDON, CT
Bills and resolutions
History: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]

NAZI PARTY—WORLD WAR II
Bills and resolutions
World War II: commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [22JA]
Reports filed
Commemorate Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Extermination Camp, Remember the Victims, and Honor the Legacy of the Survivors of the Holocaust: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 35), [28JA]

NEBRASKA
Bills and resolutions
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize early repayment of obligations within the Northport Irrigation District in Nebraska (see S. 1291), [12MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Dept. of the Interior: require a study on feasibility of establishing Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail (see S. 479), [12FE]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Messages
Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
Motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [22JA]
Reports filed
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]

NEED-BASED EDUCATIONAL AID ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1482), [2JN]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1482), [9JY]

NELSON, BILL *(a Senator from Florida)*
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
———H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
Senate National Security Working Group, [12FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16DE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [5FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites (see S. 1359), [14MY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [18JN]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [4NO]
Corps of Engineers: deauthorize Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project (see S. 124), [8JA]
Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
CPSC: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [7JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [18DE]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [4AU]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [25FE]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student centers (see S. 604), [26FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [24FE]
———require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [18DE]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
Dept. of the Interior: permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [27OC]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [4MR]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 650), [10JN]
———incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [18MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [26JA]
Diseases: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [26FE]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [26JA]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [16NO]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [23FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]

Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [4AU]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Immigration: reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [10NO]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 868), [14AP]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Jones-Ayers, Georgia: tribute (see S. Res. 85), [25FE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [5OC]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [27AP]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 349), [3FE]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———apply secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified set-aside provisions (see S. 1514), [4JN]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24MR]
———cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal screening test (see S. 2262), [10NO]
———extend certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on establishment of certain hospitals and facilities (see S. 2108), [1OC]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [11MY]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [13MY]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [8SE]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [18NO]
Medicare/Medicaid: make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [10SE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [8SE]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [14MY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 235), [29JY]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [10SE]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [10SE]
NOAA: codify the Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project (see S. 1343), [14MY]
———promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [25JN]
———reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [10FE]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [1OC]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [10NO]
Railroads: improve highway-rail grade crossing safety (see S. 532), [26FE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [22MY]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
Space policy: promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [12MY]
Surface Transportation Board: establish as independent and make more efficient and accessible by increasing investigative authority, improving rate review timelines and advancing important proceedings (see S. 808), [24MR]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [11MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [5AU]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [8JN]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [2DE]
———modify certain safe harbor requirements to encourage small business to offer retirement plans and to allow individuals to save more (see S. 266), [27JA]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 324), [30JA]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [18DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [5OC]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [21JA]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [6OC]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Coastal zones: improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 757), [17MR]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
Dept. of Transportation: increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit

Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [16AP]
FCC: prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
Firearms: reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain non-removable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
Haiti: extend trade preferences for certain imported articles (see S. 503), [12FE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Immigration: protect U.S. jobs by reducing number of visas available under H–1B non-immigrant worker visa program and prioritize allocation of such visas based on salary (see S. 2365), [8DE]
King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia (Spain): U.S. visit (see S. Res. 253), [15SE]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 99), [10MR]
Medicare: apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1488), [3JN]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [30AP]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
Privacy: protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
Taxation: temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty (see S. 2346), [2DE]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]

NEMTSOV, BORIS
Bills and resolutions
Russia: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
———commend Russian opposition efforts, express condolences for death, condemn and call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 96), [4MR]

NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]

NEPAL, FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Earthquakes: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
Foreign aid: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
Foreign trade: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [7JA]

NEPAL RECOVERY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1882), [29JY]

NEPAL TRADE PREFERENCES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 81), [7JA]

NET PRICE CALCULATOR IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2150), [7OC]

NETANYAHU, BENJAMIN (PRIME MINISTER, ISRAEL)
Bills and resolutions
Israel: welcome Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]

NEVADA
Bills and resolutions
BLM: validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey land to be held in trust for certain Indian tribes in Nevada (see S. 1436), [21MY]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
———transfer land to be held in trust for Moapa Band of Paiutes in Nevada (see S. 1986), [5AU]
Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 232), [22JA]
Public lands: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
———provide for withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley (see S. 196), [20JA]
Roads and highways: extend Interstate Route 11 (see S. 842), [24MR]
Tarkanian, Jerry: tribute (see S. Res. 78), [12FE]

NEVADA NATIVE NATIONS LAND ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1436), [21MY]

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Bills and resolutions
Rutgers University: anniversary (see S. Res. 311), [9NO]

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (FOOTBALL TEAM)
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Bills and resolutions
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
NOAA: terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]

***NEW HORIZONS* (spacecraft)**
Bills and resolutions
Space policy: congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]

NEW JERSEY
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
Rutgers University: anniversary (see S. Res. 311), [9NO]

NEW LONDON, CT
Bills and resolutions
Naval Submarine Base New London, CT: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]

NEW MEXICO
Bills and resolutions
Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of the Interior: sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
———take parcels of Federal land into trust for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in New Mexico (see S. 986), [16AP]
Drought: provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
Native Americans: make technical corrections to Navajo water rights settlement (see S. 501), [12FE]
Public lands: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
White Sands Missile Range: anniversary (see S. Res. 107), [23MR]
Reports filed
Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 986) (S. Rept. 114–114), [4AU]
Cerros del Norte Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1240) (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]
New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 501) (S. Rept. 114–41), [11MY]

NEW MEXICO NAVAJO WATER SETTLEMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 501) (S. Rept. 114–41), [11MY]

NEW ORLEANS, LA
Bills and resolutions
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
Moret, Calvin G.: tribute (see S. Res. 260), [21SE]

NEW YORK, NY
Bills and resolutions
African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center: establish (see S. 509), [12FE]
Armed Forces: sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
FRS: require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 530), [23FE]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: designate (see S. 692), [10MR]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]
Terrorism: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]

Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2001: President Obama, [10SE]
Reports filed
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1350), [24JN]

NEW YORK (STATE)
Bills and resolutions
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area (see S. 1824), [21JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: designate (see S. 692), [10MR]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Reports filed
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 833), [6AU]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1350), [24JN]
National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]

NEW ZEALAND
Bills and resolutions
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]

NEWARK, OH
Bills and resolutions
Daniel L. Kinnard Dept. of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic: designate (see S. 1325), [13MY]

NEWS MEDIA
Bills and resolutions
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24FE]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [18MR]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 152), [28AP] (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
Reports filed
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]

NEWSPAPERS *related term(s)* **NEWS MEDIA**
Bills and resolutions
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]

NEXT GENERATION HIGH SCHOOLS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 696), [10MR]

NEXT GENERATION RESEARCH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2014), [9SE]

NIGER, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Nigeria: eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]

NIGERIA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Terrorism: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
———eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
Reports filed
Develop a Strategy To Protect Nigerian Civilians and Eliminate Threat Posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1632), [29JY]

9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]

NISMAN, ALBERTO
Bills and resolutions
Argentina: offer condolences to family of Argentinian prosecutor, commend investigation of Argentine Israelite Mutual Association bombing, and call for investigation of death and Iranian involvement in bombing (see S. Res. 167), [5MY]

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT
Appointments
Conferees: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered (see S. 1025), [21AP]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (see S. 1177), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Motions
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
Reports filed
Every Child Achieves Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1177), [30AP]

NO TAX WRITE-OFFS FOR CORPORATE WRONGDOERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 169), [13JA]

NOBEL PRIZE
Bills and resolutions
Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet: recipients for peace (see S. Res. 330), [7DE]

NOISE POLLUTION *related term(s)* **POLLUTION**
Bills and resolutions
FAA: address increase of aircraft noise due to implementation of new flight paths under Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) (see S. 2406), [16DE]

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *related term(s)* **CHARITIES; TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**
Bills and resolutions
CARE (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 321), [19NO]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1570), [11JN]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———create a partnership with the Corp. for National and Community Service to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
Dept. of Labor: phase out issuance of special wage certificates to entities providing employment to disabled individuals at rates of pay below the Federal minimum wage (see S. 2001), [5AU]
Dept. of the Interior: enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
Education: include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Mortgages: clarify that organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals (see S. 1344), [14MY] (see S. 2085), [28SE]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Forest Foundation Act: reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]
National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week: designate (see S. Res. 303), [3NO]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [16AP]
Taxation: exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised (see S. 909), [14AP]
———facilitate program-related investments by private foundations (see S. 2313), [19NO]
———prohibit modification or amendment of standards and regulations governing substantiation of charitable contributions (see S. 2370), [8DE]
———provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations (see S. 942), [15AP]
———provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked (see S. 400), [5FE] (see S. 918), [14AP]

Tax-exempt organizations: provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status if the IRS delays acting on applications (see S. 1728), [9JY]
Reports filed
IRS Processing of 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) Applications for Tax-Exempt Status Submitted by ''Political Advocacy'' Organizations From 2010–2013: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–119), [5AU]
Notice for Organizations That Include Charities Is Essential (NOTICE) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 918) (S. Rept. 114–28), [14AP]
Philanthropic Enterprise Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 909) (S. Rept. 114–20), [14AP]
SCORE for Small Business Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1000), [10JN]

NORFOLK, VA
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]

NORMAN, CHRIS
Bills and resolutions
France: tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]

NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1228), [6MY]

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO)
Bills and resolutions
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [3DE]
Reports filed
Romania Diplomatic Relations With the U.S. Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 326), [10DE]

NORTH CAROLINA
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
Dept. of Transportation: designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
Native Americans: provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (see S. 2285), [17NO]
OMB: consider Brunswick County, NC, to be part of the same statistical area as Wilmington, NC (see S. 1157), [30AP]
Roads and highways: designate certain route segments of the National Highway System in North Carolina as high priority corridors (see S. 983), [16AP]
Smith, Dean E.: tribute (see S. Res. 79), [12FE]
Reports filed
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]

NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL ROUTE ADJUSTMENT ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 403) (S. Rept. 114–125), [9SE]

NORTH DAKOTA
Bills and resolutions
Medora, ND: anniversary of Medora Musical (see S. Res. 220), [9JY]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 41), [26JA]

NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI
Bills and resolutions
Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building: designate (see S. 2073), [24SE]

NORTH KOREA SANCTIONS AND POLICY ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2144), [6OC]

NORTH KOREA SANCTIONS ENFORCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1747), [9JY]

NORTHERN ARIZONA LAND EXCHANGE AND VERDE RIVER BASIN PARTNERSHIP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Kaibab National Forest: clarify mapping error to allow the purchase of certain lands by Young Life (organization) (see S. 1592), [17JN]
Reports filed
Clarify Mapping Error To Allow the Purchase of Certain Kaibab National Forest Lands by Young Life (organization): Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1592) (S. Rept. 114–186), [16DE]

NORTHERN BORDER SECURITY REVIEW ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1808), [21JY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]

NOTICE FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT INCLUDE CHARITIES IS ESSENTIAL (NOTICE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 918), [14AP]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 918) (S. Rept. 114–28), [14AP]

NOTICE OF OBSERVATION TREATMENT AND IMPLICATION FOR CARE ELIGIBILITY (NOTICE) ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1349) (S. Rept. 114–107), [30JY]

NUCLEAR ENERGY *related term(s)* **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION; NUCLEAR WEAPONS; POWER RESOURCES; RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES**
Bills and resolutions
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: approve (see S.J. Res. 20), [28JY]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
China: express disfavor regarding the proposed U.S.-China nuclear cooperation agreement (see S.J. Res. 19), [15JY]
Dept. of Energy: assess capability to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at departmental sites (see S. 1363), [18MY]
———obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
NRC: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 58), [7JA]
———ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]
———prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Power resources: modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Cloture motions
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
Messages
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and China Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: President Obama, [21AP]
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: President Obama, [16JN]
Reports filed
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION *related term(s)* **NUCLEAR ENERGY**
Bills and resolutions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
Federal-State relations: obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]
Government regulations: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 58), [7JA]
Safety: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Cloture motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), [6OC], [7OC]

Reports filed
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2028) (S. Rept. 114–54), [21MY]

NUCLEAR TERRORISM CONVENTIONS IMPLEMENTATION AND SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1318), [13MY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]

NUCLEAR WASTE ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 854), [24MR]

NUCLEAR WASTE INFORMED CONSENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 691), [10MR] (see S. 1825), [22JY]

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Energy: obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
NRC: require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]

NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE IRAN ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]

NUCLEAR WEAPONS *related term(s)* **NUCLEAR ENERGY; WEAPONS**
Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [12FE], [24FE]
Bills and resolutions
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: approve (see S.J. Res. 20), [28JY]
Dept. of Defense: reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
History: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
———extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 1747), [9JY] (see S. 2144), [6OC]
———urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
New Mexico: anniversary of White Sands Missile Range (see S. Res. 107), [23MR]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Terrorism: provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
U.N.: limit U.S. contributions if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
World War II: commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]
Cloture motions
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
Messages
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and China Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: President Obama, [21AP]
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: President Obama, [16JN]
Protocol to the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia: President Obama, [27AP]
Reports filed
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]
Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]

NUGENT, TIMOTHY
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award (see S. 1863), [27JY]

NYE COUNTY, NV
Bills and resolutions
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]

OAKLAND, CA
Bills and resolutions
Golden State Warriors (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 206), [18JN]

OBAMACARE OPT-OUT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 121), [8JA]

OBAMACARE TAXPAYER BAILOUT PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 123), [8JA]

OBERSTAR, JAMES L. ***(a former Representative from Minnesota)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: designate (see S. 179), [13JA]
Reports filed
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 179), [6MY]

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH *related term(s)* **SAFETY**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
———issue occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard (see S. 2408), [16DE]
———prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Government regulations: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]

OCEANS
Bills and resolutions
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: implement (see S. 1251), [7MY]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
Coast Guard: provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard (see S. 1386), [19MY]
———strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
———extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
———improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal

ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Dept. of Energy: award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———reform administration of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2011), [9SE]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Dept. of Transportation: amend certain maritime programs (see S. 1326), [13MY]
EPA: improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
———develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
———promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]
———terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]
Outer Continental Shelf: increase energy exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Power resources: stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
Reports filed
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1251) (S. Rept. 114–120), [8SE]
Dept. of the Interior Outer Continental Shelf Administration Reform: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2011) (S. Rept. 114–137), [9SE]
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334), [28JY]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334) (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]
Maritime Administration Enhancement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1326) (S. Rept. 114–158), [27OC]
Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 34) (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
Bills and resolutions
Brunswick County, NC: consider to be part of the same statistical area as Wilmington, NC (see S. 1157), [30AP]
Budget: establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Computers: issue a directive on management of software licenses (see S. 2340), [2DE]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
Dept. of Transportation: rescind unused earmarks (see S. 1544), [10JN]
Federal agencies and departments: modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———postpone effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review (see S. 1927), [4AU]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [28JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———require periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (see S. 1067), [23AP]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Government regulations: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
Spectrum Relocation Fund: authorize additional uses (see S. 2211), [27OC]
Messages
Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism Funding Designation: President Obama, [4MR]
Reports filed
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 282) (S. Rept. 114–71), [24JN]

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
Bills and resolutions
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT *related term(s)* **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**
Bills and resolutions
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
Federal employees: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 87), [7JA]
Motions
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (S. 1356), [10NO]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]

OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL
Bills and resolutions
Federal employees: provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY
Bills and resolutions
Government regulations: ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
Bills and resolutions
Immigration: require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR MONITORING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]

OFFICE OF THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
Bills and resolutions
Africa: develop a plan for each sub-Saharan country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements (see S. 1379), [19MY]
Chief Manufacturing Negotiator: create (see S. 758), [17MR]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
Interagency Trade Enforcement Center: make permanent (see S. 758), [17MR]

Israel: promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [12FE]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995) (S. Rept. 114–42), [12MY]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]

OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [16AP]

OFFSHORE REINSURANCE TAX FAIRNESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1687), [25JN]

OHIO
Bills and resolutions
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]
Ohio State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 50), [28JA]
Stokes, Louis: tribute (see S. Res. 265), [22SE]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]

OHIO & ERIE CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR ACT
Bills and resolutions
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 50), [28JA]

OIL POLLUTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]

OKLAHOMA
Bills and resolutions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Dept. of the Interior: require a study on feasibility of establishing Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail (see S. 479), [12FE]
Native Americans: revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma (see S. 321), [29JA]
Oklahoma City, OK: anniversary of attack on Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building (see S. Res. 139), [16AP]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Messages
Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
Motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [22JA]
Reports filed
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Incorporation Charter Revocation: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 321) (S. Rept. 114–40), [11MY]

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
Bills and resolutions
Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building: anniversary of attack (see S. Res. 139), [16AP]
William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Courthouse: designate (see S. 261), [27JA]
Reports filed
William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Courthouse, Oklahoma City, OK: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 261), [4MY]

OLDER AMERICANS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
———provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]
Reports filed
Reauthorize: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 192), [3FE]

OMAR N. BRADLEY FOUNDATION
Bills and resolutions
History: authorize the transfer of certain items to the descendants of Omar N. Bradley (see S. 267), [27JA]

OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT
Bills and resolutions
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Dept. of Justice: enhance the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program (see S. 2401), [15DE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program (see S. 1108), [28AP]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Reports filed
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Authorization Extension: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 125), [26MR]

OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
New Mexico: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
Oregon: clarify the Cooper Spur land exchange in the Mount Hood Wilderness (see S. 2069), [22SE]
Washington County, UT: clarify laws relative to designation of a northern transportation route (see S. 1783), [15JY]

ONLINE COMPETITION AND CONSUMER CHOICE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 40), [7JA]

OPIOID OVERDOSE REDUCTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 707), [11MR]

OPIOID SAFETY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1641), [22JN]

OREGON
Bills and resolutions
BIA: manage the Coquille Forest in accordance with laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land (see S. 816), [19MR]
BLM: designate certain BLM land as wilderness, authorize certain land exchanges, and convey certain BLM land to Wheeler County for economic and community development purposes (see S. 1255), [7MY]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 814), [19MR]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 815), [19MR]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 817), [19MR]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
EPA: establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program (see S. 1394), [20MY]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [30AP]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 818), [19MR]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Oregon Shakespeare Festival: anniversary (see S. Res. 89), [26FE]
Portland Timbers (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 336), [15DE]
Public lands: clarify the Cooper Spur land exchange in the Mount Hood Wilderness (see S. 2069), [22SE]
———designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
———withdraw certain land in Curry and Josephine Counties from coverage under public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws (see S. 346), [3FE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]

OREGON AND CALIFORNIA LANDS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]

OREGON COASTAL LAND ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 814), [19MR]

ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE
Bills and resolutions
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
———commend Russian opposition efforts, express condolences for death, condemn and call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 96), [4MR]
Reports filed
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
Bills and resolutions
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]

ORPHAN PRODUCT EXTENSIONS NOW ACCELERATING CURES AND TREATMENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1421), [21MY]
OUTDOOR RECREATION JOBS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2219), [29OC]
OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf region and make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative (see S. 1278), [11MY]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
Coastal zones: improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———reform administration of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2011), [9SE]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 105), [7JA]
Gulf of Mexico: increase energy exploration and production (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
Power resources: free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Reports filed
Dept. of the Interior Outer Continental Shelf Administration Reform: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2011) (S. Rept. 114–137), [9SE]
OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf region and make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative (see S. 1278), [11MY]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORP.
Bills and resolutions
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]
Reports filed
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1725) (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]
Electrify Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
OZONE REGULATORY DELAY AND EXTENSION OF ASSESSMENT LENGTH (ORDEAL) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 640), [3MR]
PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS
Bills and resolutions
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
PACKAGING *related term(s)* **LABELING**
Bills and resolutions
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing candy-flavored controlled substances to minors (see S. 724), [12MR]
Dept. of HHS: require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
FDA: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
Taxation: reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 1129), [29AP]
Reports filed
Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 142) (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]
PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1553), [11JN]
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Enact (H.R. 36): motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
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PAKISTAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Weinstein, Warren: express condolences to family and commemorate life and work (see S. Res. 169), [5MY]
PALAU, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Medicaid: restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
PALESTINIANS
Bills and resolutions
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
———restrict funds (see S. 633), [3MR]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]
Reports filed
Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]
PALMERA PINEDA, JUVENAL O.R.
Bills and resolutions
Colombia: oppose requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal O.R. Palmera Pineda, also known as ''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the U.S. as a part of the Colombian peace process (see S. Res. 208), [23JN]
PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
PANAMA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
San Diego, CA: anniversary of 1915 Panama-California Exposition and establishment of Balboa Park (see S. Con. Res. 15), [4MY]
PANAMA CANAL
Bills and resolutions
San Diego, CA: anniversary of 1915 Panama-California Exposition and establishment of Balboa Park (see S. Con. Res. 15), [4MY]
PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Small business: suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 86), [7JA]
PARK GEUN-HYE (PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF KOREA)
Bills and resolutions
Korea, Republic of: welcome President upon U.S. visit and reaffirm importance of alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea (see S. Res. 194), [8JN] (see S. Res. 278), [6OC]
Reports filed
Welcome Republic of Korea President Park Geun-hye Upon U.S. Visit and Reaffirm Importance of Alliance Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 278), [8OC]
PARKER, JOHN P.
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the John P. Parker House in Ripley, OH (see S. 541), [24FE]
PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 145), [22AP]
PARKS, ROSA
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS *related term(s)* **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**
Bills and resolutions
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]

Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by BLM (see S. 2380), [9DE]
———maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch, ID (see S. 1777), [15JY]
Fort Frederica National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 2024), [10SE]
Kaibab National Forest: clarify mapping error to allow the purchase of certain lands by Young Life (organization) (see S. 1592), [17JN]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [2FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2164), [7OC] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC] (see S. 2318), [19NO]
Land use: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1943), [5AU]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
San Diego, CA: anniversary of 1915 Panama-California Exposition and establishment of Balboa Park (see S. Con. Res. 15), [4MY]
Reports filed
Clarify Mapping Error To Allow the Purchase of Certain Kaibab National Forest Lands by Young Life (organization): Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1592) (S. Rept. 114–186), [16DE]

PASSPORTS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Homeland Security: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 1507), [4JN]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
National security: enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]

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BLM: validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]
Courts: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Economy: strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
Motor vehicles: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts (see S. 560), [25FE]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 1402), [20MY]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Science: amend laws to promote basic research, stimulate publication of scientific documents, encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, and improve transfer of technology to the private sector (see S. 926), [14AP]
Reports filed
Protecting American Talent and Entrepreneurship (PATENT) Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1137), [8SE]

PATENTS FOR HUMANITY PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1402), [20MY]

PATIENT ACCESS AND MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2425), [18DE]

PATIENT ACCESS TO DISPOSABLE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1253) (S. Rept. 114–105), [30JY]

PATIENT FREEDOM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1531), [9JN]

PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
Business and industry: modify definition of applicable large employer relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1415), [21MY]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
Drugs: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
Employment: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
Federal employees: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
———repeal certain provisions that have the effect of rationing health care (see S. 1718), [8JY]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Independent Payment Advisory Board: repeal provisions (see S. 141), [8JA]
Insurance: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 97), [7JA]
———enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment (see S. 1653), [23JN]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 121), [8JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1771), [15JY]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options (see S. 531), [23FE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide a transition plan for individuals impacted by implementation (see S. 673), [4MR]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [25JN]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
———provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]

———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
———require disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax (see S. 2432), [18DE]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 87), [7JA]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Investments: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
Medicaid: extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
Native Americans: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 2114), [1OC]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]
Repeal (see S. 77), [7JA] (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Taxation: expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), (see S. 157), [13JA] (see S. 844), [24MR]
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Insurance: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
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Insurance: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [8SE], [15SE], [22SE], [24SE]
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———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), conference report, [3DE]
———use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [1DE], [3DE]
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Hire More Heroes Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (H.R. 22) (S. Rept. 114–3), [12FE]

PATRIOT EMPLOYER TAX CREDIT ACT
Bills and resolutions
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PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS (ORGANIZATION)
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Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 331), [8DE]

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American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 294), [22OC]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
Flowers: recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Vietnam Veterans Day: designate (see S. Res. 130), [26MR]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2001: President Obama, [10SE]

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Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]

PAUL, RAND *(a Senator from Kentucky)*
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Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Bureau of Prisons: require the Director to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 1784), [16JY]
Centennial Monetary Commission: establish (see S. 1786), [16JY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup for status offenses which would not be judicial issues if the offender were not a juvenile (see S. 1850), [23JY]
———ensure juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities (see S. 1965), [5AU]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1030), [21AP]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [21JY]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JA]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [18JN]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [4NO]
———specify state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind to strengthen criminal intent protections (see S. 2298), [18NO]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [24FE]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [25FE]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 327), [2FE]
Dept. of Education: prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [4FE]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [10MR]
Dept. of Justice: establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [20AP]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [16JY]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for

improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [30AP]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [17MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Horse Protection Act: provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 1161), [30AP]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [3MR]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicare: establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [19MR]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [2MR]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [9FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Taxation: allow deductions and credits relative to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law (see S. 987), [25JN]
———exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits (see S. 1179), [4MY]
———increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care by providing incentives for doctors to provide uncompensated care (see S. 1521), [30SE]
———provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses (see S. 180), [16JA]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [26OC]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [3JN]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 89), [6OC]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: permit members to possess firearms on military installations in accordance with applicable State law (see S. 1839), [22JY]
Budget: cut and cap Federal spending and enact balanced budget constitutional amendment (see S. 2182), [19OC]
Census: provide for more accurate and complete enumeration of Armed Forces members in any tabulation of total population (see S. 652), [4MR]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 13), [23AP]
———end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1575), [15JN]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1571), [15JN]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1572), [15JN]
Constitution—U.S.: restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [26JA]
Corps of Engineers: modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 837), [23MR]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 353), [3FE]
Crime: seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens and lawful resident aliens (see S. 2195), [22OC]
———prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 300), [29JA]
———provide with authority to transfer funds in order to mitigate the effects of a sequestration of available departmental funds (see S. 813), [19MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
District of Columbia: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 2359), [3DE]
Drugs: reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors and eliminate increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base (see S. 1138), [29AP]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 855), [24MR]
FCC: disapprove rule regulating broadband Internet access (see S.J. Res. 14), [28AP]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]
Firearms: provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution has no force or effect (see S. 2434), [18DE]
Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act: repeal certain provisions relative to reporting on foreign assets and investments (see S. 663), [4MR]
FRS: prohibit members and staff from lobbying for or against legislation (see S. 2288), [17NO]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Immigration: increase the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants and reauthorize the EB–5 regional center program (see S. 2122), [1OC]
———prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY]
Joint Inquiry Into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001: require declassification of certain redacted information (see S. 1471), [1JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
Palestinian Authority: prohibit U.S. assistance until request to join International Criminal Court is withdrawn (see S. 34), [6JA]
———restrict funds (see S. 633), [3MR]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY]
Power resources: provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers (see S. 889), [26MR]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
Senate Rules: provide sufficient time for legislation to be read (see S. Res. 100), [12MR]
Taxation: expand interest deduction on education loans, extend and expand deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate contribution limit on Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 1973), [5AU]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———provide for full expensing of tangible property (see S. 2350), [3DE]
Transportation Security Administration: improve the Federal Flight Deck Officers program (see S. 1594), [17JN]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated

agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC]
Voting: secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 457), [11FE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [26MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [3DE]

PAY WORKERS A LIVING WAGE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1832), [22JY]

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Oswaldo Payá Way, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 226), [21JY]

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Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 862), [25MR]

PEACE
Bills and resolutions
Colombia: oppose requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal O.R. Palmera Pineda, also known as ''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the U.S. as a part of the Colombian peace process (see S. Res. 208), [23JN]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Korean Peninsula: resume family reunions between North and South Korea, allow Korean Americans to reunite with divided families in North Korea, and encourage peace (see S. Res. 190), [3JN]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Foreign Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process: President Obama, [21JA]

PEACE CORPS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Reports filed
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1725) (S. Rept. 114–79), [9JY]

PEDIGO, DENNIS, JR.
Bills and resolutions
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]

PELL GRANT COST OF TUITION ADJUSTMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1061), [22AP]

PELL GRANT PROTECTION ACT
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Enact (see S. 1060), [22AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
Lewisberry, PA: tribute to Red Land Little League baseball team (see S. Res. 249), [9SE] (see S. Res. 279), [6OC]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to women's soccer team (see S. Res. 334), [14DE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 211), [21JA]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
University of Pennsylvania: anniversary of Perelman School of Medicine (see S. Res. 127), [26MR]

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to women's soccer team (see S. Res. 334), [14DE]

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORP.
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Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Reports filed
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PENSIONS *related term(s)* **EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT (ERISA); INCOME**
Bills and resolutions
Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
———make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16MR]
———increase amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients (see S. 2022), [10SE]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [16AP]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: prevent fraud by representative payees by prosecuting those who misuse Federal retirement funds (see S. 1576), [15JN]
———provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [30AP]
Investments: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
———provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
———require 401(k) plan sponsors to inform participants of projected monthly income expected at retirement based on current account balances (see S. 1317), [13MY]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [17SE]
Presidents of the U.S.: modify monetary allowance payable to a former President (see S. 1411), [21MY]
Puerto Rico: provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 99), [7JA]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———enhance benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
———establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 20), [6JA]
———protect system and improve benefits (see S. 1904), [30JY]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 1940), [5AU]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [11MR]
———clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 2308), [19NO]
———establish tax-preferred Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts (see S. 1262), [7MY]
———expand personal and retirement savings by allowing employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic individual retirement accounts (see S. 245), [22JA]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [30AP]
———modify certain safe harbor requirements to encourage small business to offer retirement plans and to allow individuals to save more (see S. 266), [27JA]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 324), [30JA]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [5FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55 (see S. 969), [16AP]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [27JA]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Cloture motions
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
Messages
Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission Recommendations: President Obama, [30AP]
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Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN]
Reports filed
Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1576) (S. Rept. 114–95), [27JY]
Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 1493) (S. Rept. 114–122), [8SE]

PERDUE, DAVID ***(a Senator from Georgia)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [6AU], [11SE]
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents, [21MY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [24FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
CFTC: specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions (see S. 876), [4MY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [26JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [26JA]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [28SE]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [19NO]
Crime: specify state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind to strengthen criminal intent protections (see S. 2298), [18NO]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [29JY]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [17MR]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [26JA]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [29JY]
———curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [11JN]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [3NO]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [26MR]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [28JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 234), [22JA]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [26JA]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 236), [9MR]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 1116), [30AP]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 499), [3MR]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [23FE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [20AP]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [20AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [20AP]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [13JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [16NO]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [28JY]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [10FE]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [15JY]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [8DE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [18JN]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]

Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [10SE]
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: adjust boundary to include Wallis House and Harriston Hill (see S. 1930), [4AU]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 2144), [3NO]
———urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [4JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [15DE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [18MY]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [14DE]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [19NO]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 59), [30JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [28AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [28AP]
Nobel Prize: recognition of Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for peace (see S. Res. 330), [7DE]
Ocmulgee National Monument: revise boundary and redesignate as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park (see S. 1696), [25JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [27JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [9JA]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [28AP]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [19NO]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [19MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 1636), [18JN]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [3NO]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr., Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Gainesville, GA: designate (see S. 2396), [10DE]
Smithsonian Institution: provide for additional space for protection and preservation of national collections (see S. 2057), [17SE]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [27FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [15DE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [13MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [10NO]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [5MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of State: improve Inspector General oversight through notification of allegations of misconduct by employees, assurance of independence of information technology systems, and reporting on foreign post inspections (see S. 1527), [8JN]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [19MY]
Georgia: authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land (see S. 1744), [9JY]
U.S. Cotton Futures Act: modify definition of cotton futures contracts (see S. 1655), [24JN]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), [18DE]

PERMANENT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CHOICE CARD ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1991), [5AU]

PERRY POINT, MD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 2422), [18DE]

PERRYVILLE, AR
Bills and resolutions
Harold George Bennett Post Office: designate (see S. 1678), [25JN]

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS SAFETY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1014), [20AP]

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Medicaid: restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]

PESQUEIRA, MARIA SOCORRO
Appointments
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, [26MR]

PESTICIDES *related term(s)* **AGRICULTURE**
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
Government regulations: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Reports filed
Sensible Environmental Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]

PETERS, GARY C. ***(a Senator from Michigan)***
Appointments
Congressional-Executive Commission on China, [11FE]
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, [26MR]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors, [13MY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 2152), [27OC]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [5AU]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [21SE]
———require that military working dogs be retired in the U.S. (see S. 1498), [30JY]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [9NO]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 587), [26FE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [22AP]
Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [15DE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [13AP]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [14MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [20MY]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [14MY]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [14MY]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [11JN]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [4MR]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [10NO]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 294), [22OC]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [4NO]
———establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [29AP]
———undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of Defense: improve energy savings (see S. 1528), [18JN]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [2JN]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [30NO]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [17DE]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [29JY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [24JN]
———conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
———develop and disseminate evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately (see S. 205), [21JA]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [19NO]
———reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 1615), [18JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [1DE]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [27FE]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [26FE]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [19OC]
———report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [18MR]
Dept. of the Interior: restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of the Treasury: reauthorize the State Small Business Credit Initiative (see S. 1901), [30JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [6OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [22AP]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16AP]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [5AU]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [16JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members re-

quiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [4AU]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [6AU]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [24SE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [21SE]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [21SE]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [23AP]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [4AU]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [4NO]
FCC: revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
Federal agencies and departments: provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [5FE]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [18DE]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1591), [25JN]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
GAO: require authorizing committees to hold annual hearings on GAO investigative reports on the identification, consolidation, and elimination of duplicative Government programs (see S. Res. 102), [17MR]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [6OC]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
———protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [18MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [22MY]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [1JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [15AP]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [28OC]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [20AP]
———reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [5AU]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [24MR]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [13JY]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [9JY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [13JY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [29OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [4JN]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [28JY]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [3JN]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [5OC]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [24SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16DE]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [17SE]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [25MR]

OMB: issue a directive on management of software licenses (see S. 2340), [2DE]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [7DE]
Pensions: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [21OC]
Pipelines: provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [25JN]
Postal Service: improve provision of postal services to rural areas (see S. 1742), [9JY]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [4MR]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
———establish Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program (see S. 1934), [4AU]
———expand participation in the Microloan Program (see S. 1857), [28JY]
———improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [6OC]
———improve the Microloan Program (see S. 1445), [24JN]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [29AP]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [23AP]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [6OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [1JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [25JN]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [23AP]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [5MY]
Space policy: promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [12MY]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [18MR]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [29JY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [13AP]
———facilitate program-related investments by private foundations (see S. 2313), [19NO]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [30AP]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [3JN]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [14MY]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [5NO]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [30AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [21MY]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4MR]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 174), [28JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [18MR]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [5OC]
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [19MY]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [29JY]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [30JY]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [17DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [8SE]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
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Armed Forces: provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge (see S. 1567), [11JN]
Credit: provide removal of default information from a borrower's credit report relative to certain rehabilitated private education loans (see S. 1309), [12MY]
Dept. of Energy: provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
Federal agencies and departments: reduce operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal motor vehicle fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts (see S. 565), [25FE]
Kettles, Charles S.: award Medal of Honor (see S. 2250), [5NO]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
OMB: establish expedited procedures for congressional consideration of ''Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings'' report (see S. 759), [17MR]
Pipelines: ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
Taxation: extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
———reduce the rate of tax on certain distilled spirits (see S. 1444), [21MY]
Transportation: provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]

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Transmittals
Alabama: constitutional convention, [10DE]
Arizona: commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the U.S., [23JY]
———confirm State law determines the scope of rights-of-way for the construction of highways across public lands, [3JN]
———Dept. of Veterans Affairs review of disability rating process, [23JY]
———disposal of Federal lands within Arizona's borders directly to the State, [23JY]
———exempt military bases from Endangered Species Act regulations and restrictions, [20AP]
———focus future Mexican Wolf introductions to Northern Sierra Madre Occidental Mountain Range, halt additional introduction, and shift management to the State, [23JY]
———increase Customs field office personnel at ports of entry in Nogales, Douglas, and San Luis, AZ, [20AP]
———Keystone XL Pipeline approval, [23JY]
———Mohave County Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, [23JY]
———oppose Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument, [23JY]
———oppose implementation of technology and emissions reduction rules for new and existing electrical generating units, [20AP]
———Payment in Lieu of Taxes program and Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act funding, [20AP]

———21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act, [20AP]
———urge EPA to refrain from reducing the ozone concentration standard, [23JY]
———Waters of the U.S. Regulatory Overreach Protection Act, [23JY]
California: amend GI Bill of Rights to make benefits available, with all appropriate safeguards, to all veterans for use as startup capital in the establishment of first businesses, [22OC]
———anniversary of enactment of Title IX, [22OC]
———continue to secure citizens' right to vote and eliminate any racial discrimination in voting, [8DE]
———develop solution to financial issues that arise from operation of marijuana industry, [8DE]
———establish Federal guarantees to support responsible sale of postearthquake bonds by financially sound residential-earthquake-insurance programs operated by several States on actuarially sound basis, [23JY]
———Eximbank reauthorization, [23JY]
———Foster Care Tax Credit Act, [3NO]
———immigration reform, [6MY]
———Land and Water Conservation Fund reauthorization, [8DE]
———Older Americans Act reauthorization, [22OC]
———prohibit sale or display of Confederate flag on Federal property and urge States to prohibit use of Confederate flag, [8DE]
———recognize military value of California's defense installations and disproportionate sacrifices made in previous base realignment and closure rounds, [23JY]
———reform Official Poverty Measure, [8DE]
———repeal FDA ban on blood donations from homosexual men, [8DE]
———State of California Year of Commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923, [22OC]
———urge reform of patent enforcement, [22OC]
California State Lands Commission: California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act, [23JY]
Clarksville, TN: Fort Campbell, KY, troop levels, [25FE]
Delaware: reaffirm relationship with Taiwan, [22OC]
Georgia: encourage representation of diverse populations of different racial and ethnic backgrounds in clinical research and dedicate additional community resources to increase awareness of clinical trials, [23JY]
Idaho: dreissenid monitoring and prevention funding, [30AP]
Illinois: Older Americans Act reauthorization, [22OC]
———review national tariff policy on steel goods, [3JN]
Illinois citizen: constitutional convention, [29JA], [28JY], [16SE], [10DE]
Iowa: repeal authority conferred on Iowa of jurisdiction over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Meskwaki Settlement, [23JY]
Lauderhill, FL: condemn Dominican Republic impending mass deportation of Haitian immigrants, [26OC]
Louisiana: adopt policies that will help with stability and viability of domestic shrimp industry, including support for Imported Seafood Safety Standards Act, [22OC]
———amend employer shared responsibility provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to eliminate penalties on school districts, [28JY]
———commend legislation permanently setting Medicare sustainable growth rate, [13JY]
———constitutional amendment to require balanced budget, [12JA]
———designate Grambling State University as Dept. of Agriculture land-grant institution, [13JY], [23JY]
———eliminate crude oil export ban, [21JY]
———Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act, [13JY]
———rectify revenue sharing inequities between coastal and interior energy producing States, [22OC]
———reestablish right-of-way through Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge in order to provide access to property owned by Avoyelles Parish School Board, [22OC]
———regulate airline baggage fees and processes, [28JY], [22OC]
———restoration of trade relations with Cuba for rice, [13JY]
Madisonville, KY, Mayor: Fort Campbell, KY, troop levels, [10FE]
Maine: expansion of Maine rivers' fish hatchery operations and curtailment or suspension of wild Atlantic salmon fishery off of Greenland, [16JN]
———help all veterans from all wars and conflicts to the extent necessary, [23JY]
———reform Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions, [16AP]
Massachusetts: address potential crisis in the Dominican Republic that could render thousands of Dominicans of Haitian descent stateless, [22OC]
———condemn all forms of anti-Semitism, [16AP]
———Presidential Youth Council, [6MY]
———reaffirm friendship with Taiwan, [22OC]
Michigan: agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program, [3NO]
———allow additional refugee visas for displaced Iraqis with preference for placement in Michigan, [8JN]
———encourage Forest Service to issue owners of privately-held hunting camps on leased acres within Ottawa National Forest special use authorization under Recreation Resident Program, [22OC], [8DE]
———ensure replacement aircraft are assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base to compensate for elimination of A–10 fleet, [6MY]
———establish national, uniform, and scientifically-based label program for genetically modified food, [16JN], [22OC]
———Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding, [22OC], [8DE]
———halt illegal dumping of foreign steel into U.S. market, [3NO]
———implement measures at the Brandon Road lock and dam to prevent Asian carp migration to the Great Lakes, [16JN]
———improve military vehicle safety from rollover accidents funding, [28OC]
———oppose EPA efforts to regulate grills and barbecues, [22OC], [8DE]
———prevent Asian carp migration to the Great Lakes, [16JN]
———repeal country-of-origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken, [8DE]
———Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act, [8DE]
———Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act, [8DE]
———support Corps of Engineers plans to upgrade Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, [3DE]
———support National Breast Cancer Coalition goal to end breast cancer by 2020, [8DE]
———support State management of gray wolves and remove Western Great Lakes gray wolf from the endangered species list, [4MR]
———Yucca Mountain, NV, nuclear waste disposal site funding, [16AP]
Minneapolis, MN: Executive orders on immigration, [25FE]
Missouri: repeal excise tax on medical devices, [13JY]
———support increased importation of oil from Canadian oil sands and approve newly routed Trans-Canada Keystone XL pipeline, [22OC]
Nevada: allow State to manage the common raven population, [8JN]
———allow States to establish daylight saving time as standard time, [22JN]
———facilitate Lake Tahoe Basin hazardous fuels treatment projects contractors payments, [20AP]
New Orleans, LA, City Council: Voting Rights Act anniversary, [22OC]
North Dakota: constitutional amendment to require balanced budget, [23AP], [30AP]
Ohio: Dept. of Energy and NRC establishment of rules relative to environmentally friendly energy, [4AU]
———Dept. of the Treasury funding for Save the Dream Ohio initiative to provide assistance to homeowners at risk of foreclosure, [18NO]
———F–35 Joint Strike Fighter technology funding, [10FE]
Pennsylvania: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month, [16JN]
———impose tariffs on imported anthracite coal, [22OC]
———reverse Army decisions relative to National Guard helicopters and troop levels, [22OC]
Puerto Rico: restore diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba, [23JY]
Rockland County, NY, Legislature: Crude-by-Rail Safety Act, [3JN]
———rail transport of hazardous liquids, [23AP]
———strengthen guidelines for distribution of Medicaid services and prevent Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse, [28JY]
———Volunteer Emergency Responders Tax Deduction Act, [6MY]
San Francisco, CA, Board of Supervisors: recognize anniversary of munitions explosion and exonerate sailors unjustly blamed and convicted of mutiny following the Port Chicago disaster, [26OC]
South Dakota citizen: constitutional amendment to require balanced budget, [8OC]
Texas citizen: constitutional amendment clarifying that a declaration of martial law, or a suspension of writ of habeas corpus does not prevent Presidential and congressional elections from proceeding as scheduled, [19NO]
———constitutional amendment to establish procedures to remove President of the U.S. by means of a national recall election, [4AU]
———constitutional amendment to require three-fifths vote of both houses of Congress to approve any declaration of martial law, or suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, by the President, [3NO]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin and mandate keeping Alexander Hamilton on the $10 paper currency denomination, [21JY]
Tompkins County, NY, Legislature: Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement ratification, [6MY]
Washington: support conversion of Washington National Guard 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team into Stryker Brigade Combat Unit, [8JN]
———Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [8JN]
Watertown, WI: constitutional amendment reversing Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. FEC on corporate political contributions used for political speech, [30AP]
Wyoming: eliminate freeze on longer combination vehicles and consent to creation of voluntary compact between Western States to establish standards for such vehicles, [6MY]
———prevent and remediate damage from wild free-roaming feral horses and develop fertility control methods to reduce populations, [6MY]

PETROLEUM *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf region and make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative (see S. 1278), [11MY]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
BLM: establish a program to enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities (see S. 1230), [6MY]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Coastal zones: improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]

Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
———authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
———ensure oil transported through the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline is used in domestic commerce to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil (see S. 188), [16JA]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [11MY]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
FERC: provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
Foreign trade: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
Outer Continental Shelf: increase energy exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Pipelines: ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
———provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate (see S. 1224), [6MY]
———require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [6JA]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: require congressional notification for certain operations and determine options available for the continued operation (see S. 1231), [6MY]
———suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 82), [7JA]
Taxation: clarify that tar sands are crude oil subject to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund per-barrel excise tax (see S. 187), [16JA]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 948), [15AP]
———extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 344), [3FE] (see S. 917), [14AP]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
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PHARMACEUTICALS *related term(s)* **DRUGS**
Bills and resolutions
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [5AU]
Business and industry: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1906), [30JY]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 2019), [9SE]
Consumers: ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
———require children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs be vaccinated (see S. 486), [12FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 172), [13JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a joint uniform formulary for systemic pain and psychotropic drugs critical to transitioning treatment of an individual between Depts. (see S. 1721), [8JY]
Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]
Drugs: address prescription opioid and heroin abuse (see S. 1134), [29AP]
———establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, and establish a grant program relative to naloxone (see S. 2256), [5NO]
———improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [21MY]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]
———promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
———provide grants to improve treatment of substance use disorders (see S. 1410), [21MY]
———reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 636), [3MR]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
———create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
———establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [15AP]
———extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [21MY]
———extend the rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program (see S. 1878), [28JY]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 1406), [20MY]
FTC: issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
Government regulations: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
Health: provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
———recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Health care professionals: require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [20MY]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
Medicaid: encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
Medicare: apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1488), [3JN]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]
———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans relative to certain categories or classes of drugs (see S. 648), [4MR]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [28JA]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [14MY]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
Women: ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
Reports filed
Electronic Health Fairness Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1347) (S. Rept. 114–106), [30JY]
Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 481), [1OC]
Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1893), [1OC]

PHILADELPHIA, PA
Bills and resolutions
University of Pennsylvania: anniversary of Perelman School of Medicine (see S. Res. 127), [26MR]

PHILANTHROPIC ENTERPRISE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 909), [14AP]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 909) (S. Rept. 114–20), [14AP]

PHILIPPINES, REPUBLIC OF THE
Bills and resolutions
Arms sales: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Dept. of Defense: establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 151), [13JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend authority for operation of regional office in Manila, Philippines (see S. 2062), [21SE]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]

PHOENIX, AZ
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]

PIERSON, DARYL R.
Bills and resolutions
Officer Daryl R. Pierson Post Office, East Rochester, NY: designate (see S. 823), [19MR]
Reports filed
Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office, East Rochester, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1884), [8OC]

PILOT'S BILL OF RIGHTS 2
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 571), [9DE]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 571) (S. Rept. 114–198), [18DE]

PINCKNEY, CLEMENTA
Bills and resolutions
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

PINSON, AMANDA N.
Reports filed
Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office, St. Louis, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 323), [8OC]

PIPELINE MODERNIZATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1208), [6MY]

PIPELINE REVOLVING FUND AND JOB CREATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1209), [6MY]

PIPELINES *related term(s)* **NATURAL GAS; PETROLEUM**
Bills and resolutions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]

Dept. of Energy: ensure oil transported through the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline is used in domestic commerce to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil (see S. 188), [16JA]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
FERC: consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and consumer benefits before approving or disapproving an application for a liquefied natural gas terminal (see S. 1242), [7MY]
———provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 151), [23AP]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Power resources: free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
———require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
Safety: ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
———provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
States: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
Taxation: clarify that tar sands are crude oil subject to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund per-barrel excise tax (see S. 187), [16JA]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Messages
Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
Motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [22JA]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2577) (S. Rept. 114–75), [25JN]
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC.
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
Funding: prohibit (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
Cloture motions
Funding: prohibit (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Motions
Funding: prohibit (S. 1881), [30JY]

PLYMOUTH, MA
Bills and resolutions
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [8JY]

POCALYKO, KATHRYN
Prayers
Senate, [22OC]

POINT SPENCER LAND CONVEYANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1316), [13MY]

POLAND, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
World War II: commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [22JA]
Reports filed
Commemorate Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Extermination Camp, Remember the Victims, and Honor the Legacy of the Survivors of the Holocaust: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 35), [28JA]

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES
Bills and resolutions
FCC: revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
Political campaigns: clarify treatment of certain coordinated political action committee expenditures as contributions to candidates (see S. 1838), [22JY]
———provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———reform system of public financing of Presidential elections (see S. 1176), [30AP]
———require all contributions over a certain amount be reported to the FEC within 48 hours (see S. 2212), [28OC]
Political ethics: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
———provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———reform system of public financing of Presidential elections (see S. 1176), [30AP]
FCC: revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
Lobbyists: prohibit Members of Congress and candidates from soliciting campaign contributions while Congress is in session, eliminate bundling of large contributions, and reform registration process (see S. 1480), [2JN]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]
Political ethics: clarify treatment of certain coordinated political action committee expenditures as contributions to candidates (see S. 1838), [22JY]
———require all contributions over a certain amount be reported to the FEC within 48 hours (see S. 2212), [28OC]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]

POLITICAL ETHICS
Bills and resolutions
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Courts: provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 1418), [21MY]
Federal agencies and departments: strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
———provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
FRS: prohibit members and staff from lobbying for or against legislation (see S. 2288), [17NO]
IRS: establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
———prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
———terminate employment of employees who take certain official actions for political purposes (see S. 941), [15AP]
Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 1959), [5AU]
———prohibit Members of Congress and candidates from soliciting campaign contributions while Congress is in session, eliminate bundling of large contributions, and reform registration process (see S. 1480), [2JN]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]
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———require all contributions over a certain amount be reported to the FEC within 48 hours (see S. 2212), [28OC]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 120), [26MR]
———provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments (see S. Res. 121), [26MR]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Cloture motions
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Motions
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [6MY], [7MY], [28OC], [30OC]

POLITICAL PARTIES
Bills and resolutions
IRS: establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
———prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
———terminate employment of employees who take certain official actions for political purposes (see S. 941), [15AP]
NLRB: reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 120), [26MR]
———provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments (see S. Res. 121), [26MR]

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Bills and resolutions
Education: express importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools (see S. Res. 150), [23AP]

POLK, JAMES K. ***(11th President of the United States)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, TN, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1483), [2JN]
Reports filed
James K. Polk Presidential Home Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1483) (S. Rept. 114–136), [9SE]

POLK COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]

POLLUTION *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**
Bills and resolutions
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Coastal zones: improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
EPA: authorize States to restrict interstate waste imports and impose a higher fee on out-of-State waste (see S. 1953), [5AU]
———carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———establish a program to defer designation of nonattainment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
———modify provision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relative to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites (see S. 1701), [25JN]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Interagency Task Force on Short-Lived Climate Pollution Mitigation: establish (see S. 2076), [24SE]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Pope Francis: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Roads and highways: require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Taxation: extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]

POPE FRANCIS
Bills and resolutions
Cuba: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
Ecology and environment: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]

POPULATION
Bills and resolutions
Census: include a question to ascertain U.S. citizenship and immigration status in each decennial census questionnaire (see S. 49), [7JA]
———provide for more accurate and complete enumeration of Armed Forces members in any tabulation of total population (see S. 652), [4MR]
Dept. of Education: require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]

PORNOGRAPHY
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Reports filed
Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 295), [9FE]

PORT PERFORMANCE ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1298) (S. Rept. 114–164), [5NO]

PORTLAND, OR
Bills and resolutions
National Florence Crittenton Mission: rename as the National Critteton Foundation (see S. 1727), [9JY]
Portland Timbers (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 336), [15DE]

PORTLAND TIMBERS (SOCCER TEAM)
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 336), [15DE]

PORTMAN, ROB ***(a Senator from Ohio)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [10SE]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [29SE]
———outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [22SE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]

Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [21OC]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 2070), [16DE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2200), [17DE]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [5MY]
Crime: combat human trafficking (see S. 140), [8JA]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [22SE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [26OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [28OC]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [19NO]
———allow the awarding of job training Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1900), [16DE]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [1DE]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [19NO]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [28JA]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [9DE]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [4MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [30JY]
Dept. of HUD: amend definition of ''homeless person'' to include certain homeless children and youth (see S. 256), [27JA]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [23JN]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [20MY]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [16AP]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA]
Education: provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
EPA: authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (see S. 1024), [21AP]
———carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———publish a health advisory and submit reports relative to microcystins in drinking water (see S. 462), [11FE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [27JY]
Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 282), [5FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [4MY]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [8JN]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1367), [18MY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [18MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [23FE]
———provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions (see S. 927), [19NO]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [9SE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign trade: facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [23JN]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
———require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [30SE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [7OC]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]

Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [27JY]
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [28JY]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [10DE]
———provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [28JY]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [11MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [4NO]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [2FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
———promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [2MR]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 260), [27JA]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [24SE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicaid: provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [8JN]
———facilitate increased coordination and alignment between public and private sector relative to quality and efficiency measures (see S. 1427), [22JN]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [9SE]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [30JA]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [5MY]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [22OC]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [30NO]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
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National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National security: enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [30NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [3DE]
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [12FE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Ohio State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 50), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [5AU]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [1OC]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [24SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [3NO]
Ships and vessels: exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
Stokes, Louis: tribute (see S. Res. 265), [22SE]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 340), [3FE]
———recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [15AP]
Taxation: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 2308), [19NO]
———exempt aircraft management services from excise taxes imposed on transportation by air (see S. 2092), [29SE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [28JY]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [27AP]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [5FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [28AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]

Armed Forces: require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 646), [3MR]
Budget: appropriately determine the budgetary effects of energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 765), [17MR]
Children and youth: enable State child protective services systems to improve identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking (see S. 656), [4MR] (see S. 1028), [21AP]
———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA] (see S. 749), [17MR]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [8JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JN]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 449), [11FE]
Daniel L. Kinnard Dept. of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Newark, OH: designate (see S. 1325), [13MY]
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: rename Aviation Center as National Museum (see S. 1007), [20AP]
Dept. of Education: award Early College Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1106), [28AP]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns (see S. 2424), [18DE]
EPA: provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
Federal agencies and departments: reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 2006), [6AU]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1607), [18JN]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
IRS: clarify use of credentials by enrolled agents (see S. 422), [10FE]
———ensure that employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights (see S. 943), [15AP]
———terminate employment of employees who take certain official actions for political purposes (see S. 941), [15AP]
ITC: establish a process for consideration of temporary duty suspensions (see S. 998), [16AP]
Medicare: apply secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified set-aside provisions (see S. 1514), [4JN]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [14JY]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [30SE]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
NASA: report on requirements and risks in connection with use of radioisotopic power systems for space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit (see S. 1829), [22JY]
Nonprofit organizations: clarify that organizations such as Habitat for Humanity can accept donated mortgage appraisals (see S. 1344), [14MY] (see S. 2085), [28SE]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
Pensions: make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building, Grove City, OH: designate (see S. 1596), [17JN]
Taxation: extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [12FE]
———free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations (see S. 942), [15AP]
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Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
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Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
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Sister Ann Keefe Post Office, Providence, RI: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 651), [6MY]
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Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building, Waldwick, NJ: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 994), [6MY]
Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building, Kingston, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1442), [8OC]

POVERTY *related term(s)* **HOMELESS; HUNGER**

Bills and resolutions

Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [29JA]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
CARE (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 321), [19NO]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Children and youth: improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
Colleges and universities: extend antitrust exemption for higher education institutions relative to the award of need-based educational aid (see S. 1482), [2JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
Delta Regional Authority: add Vernon and Sabine Parishes, LA, to make such parishes eligible for Federal economic development grants (see S. 1791), [16JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10JN]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [22JY]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]
———require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Dept. of Education: allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———authorize American Dream Accounts to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 687), [10MR]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [19MR]
———establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program (see S. 1128), [29AP]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———establish Promise Neighborhoods program (see S. 514), [12FE]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———remove barriers to higher education for homeless and foster youth by improving financial aid process and outreach programs and providing in-State tuition and access to housing resources (see S. 2267), [10NO]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
Dept. of Energy: provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
———reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
———establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]
Dept. of HUD: authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 65), [7JA]
———modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
———renew certain Moving to Work demonstration program agreements (see S. 1530), [9JN]
Dept. of Labor: provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
———prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 56), [7JA] (see S. 1621), [18JN]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 734), [12MR]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———require a quarterly report on the Lifeline program funded by the Universal Service Fund (see S. 1545), [10JN]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
Medicare: make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [30SE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]

———make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
Native Americans: provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal (see S. 77), [7JA] (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
SBA: make Community Advantage Pilot Program permanent (see S. 2125), [1OC]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
Taxation: clarify treatment of locum tenens physicians as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages in underserved areas (see S. 2371), [8DE]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [16AP]
———increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care by providing incentives for doctors to provide uncompensated care (see S. 1521), [4JN]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [26FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]

Motions

Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (S. 599), [19NO]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (H.R. 2), [14AP]

Reports filed

Commission on Native Children Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 246) (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Electrify Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
Improving Access to Emergency Psychiatric Care Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 599) (S. Rept. 114–101), [30JY]
Need-Based Educational Aid Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1482), [9JY]
Preventing and Reducing Improper Medicare and Medicaid Expenditures (PRIME) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 861) (S. Rept. 114–104), [30JY]

POWER RESOURCES *related term(s)* **CONSERVATION OF ENERGY; NATURAL GAS; PETROLEUM; RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Bills and resolutions

Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
Agreement for Cooperation Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: approve (see S.J. Res. 20), [28JY]
Alaska: authorize Native regional and village corporations to establish energy assistance programs (see S. 1235), [6MY]
———provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf region and make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative (see S. 1278), [11MY]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
BLM: establish a program to enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities (see S. 1230), [6MY]
———increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]
Budget: appropriately determine the budgetary effects of energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 765), [17MR]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize use of active capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [12MY]
Business and industry: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
———require coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability (see S. 1405), [20MY]
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
———improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Condensate: reconcile differing Federal approaches (see S. 1224), [6MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
———promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [8JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Conservation of natural resources: provide for advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities (see S. 1485), [2JN]
Dept. of Commerce: establish Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund (see S. 1263), [7MY]
Dept. of Defense: improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]
Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
———advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids (see S. 1201), [6MY]
———assess capability to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at departmental sites (see S. 1363), [18MY]
———assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
———authorize entrance into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relative to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology (see S. 1285), [11MY]
———authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
———collect information on critical energy supplies and establish a Working Group on Energy Markets (see S. 1420), [21MY]
———conduct a study on energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities (see S. 1342), [14MY]
———conduct study on technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber (see S. 1432), [21MY]
———coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
———develop a national smart manufacturing plan and provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs (see S. 1054), [22AP]
———develop an implementation strategy to promote development of hybrid micro-grid systems for isolated communities (see S. 1227), [6MY]
———ensure oil transported through the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline is used in domestic commerce to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil (see S. 188), [16JA]
———establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1063), [22AP]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1275), [11MY]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
———establish a program to make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid (see S. 1207), [6MY]
———establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) (see S. 893), [26MR]
———establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide financial awards to entities that develop and demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in high-cost regions (see S. 1346), [14MY]
———establish as lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law relative to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects (see S. 1293), [12MY]
———establish competitive grant programs to promote electricity grid modernization (see S. 1232), [6MY]
———establish comprehensive program to improve education and training to increase number of skilled workers in energy and manufacturing fields (see S. 1422), [21MY]
———establish distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1258), [7MY]
———establish energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1256), [7MY]

———establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories (see S. 784), [18MR]
———establish pilot competitive grant program for development of a skilled energy workforce (see S. 1304), [12MY]
———extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
———facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [7MY]
———improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 454), [11FE]
———improve loan guarantee program for innovative technologies (see S. 1223), [6MY]
———improve technology transfer by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses and increase public-private partnerships in research and development (see S. 2287), [17NO]
———increase maximum percentage of funds available for laboratory directed research and development (see S. 830), [23MR]
———issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [21MY]
———limit authority to approve certain proposals relative to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals (see S. 1237), [6MY]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [27JA]
———obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
———prohibit from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed (see S. 1029), [21AP]
———promote mapping and development of geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk exploration wells, improve technology, and demonstrate use in large scale thermal applications (see S. 1155), [30AP]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [6JA]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
———provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
———reauthorize hydroelectric production and efficiency improvement incentives (see S. 1270), [11MY]
———reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
———remove authority to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans (see S. 1048), [22AP]
———repeal certain programs and establish a coal technology program (see S. 1283), [11MY]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [11MY]
———require State approval before exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property for electric transmission projects in such State (see S. 485), [12FE]
———require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [14AP]
———review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for adverse effects on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards (see S. 1047), [22AP]
———submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions with National Laboratories (see S. 1229), [6MY]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats (see S. 1846), [23JY]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
———establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———grant rights-of-way on Federal land under the Mineral Leasing Act (see S. 1196), [5MY]
———improve coal leasing (see S. 1340), [14MY]
———improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
———issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———reform administration of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2011), [9SE]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Dept. of Transportation: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1581), [16JN]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
Depts. of Energy and Agriculture: collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems (see S. 1294), [12MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Domestic policy: improve distribution of energy in the U.S. (see S. 1220), [6MY]
Ecology and environment: provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]
Electric power: clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act to generate or transmit electricity may not be considered a violation of environmental laws or regulations (see S. 848), [24MR]
———establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, establish a FERC Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and modify terms of Federal rights-of-way for electric transimission systems (see S. 1217), [6MY]
———facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
———protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]
———provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and provide for the examination of the effects of net metering (see S. 1219), [6MY]
Employment: assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program (see S. 886), [26MR]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 156), [13JA]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [3MR]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis (see S. 1199), [5MY]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
Federal-State relations: promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems (see S. 888), [26MR]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and consumer benefits before approving or disapproving an application for a liquefied natural gas terminal (see S. 1242), [7MY]
———expand provisions for termination of electric utility mandatory purchase requirements from certain facilities (see S. 1037), [22AP]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]

———improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
———modify certain requirements relative to trial-type hearings for certain license applications (see S. 1236), [6MY]
———provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
———provide reports on electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address procurement of electric capacity resources (see S. 1222), [6MY]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
———require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system (see S. 1221), [6MY]
———streamline licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects on existing dams (see S. 1338), [14MY]
Foreign trade: require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
GAO: conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms on electricity prices, supply, and competition in energy markets (see S. 1272), [11MY]
Geothermal energy: promote (see S. 1057), [22AP]
Geothermal resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
Government regulations: free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers (see S. 889), [26MR]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
———promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure (see S. 1053), [22AP]
NASA: report on requirements and risks in connection with use of radioisotopic power systems for space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit (see S. 1829), [22JY]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]
National objectives: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
———provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy (see S. 1215), [6MY]
Natural Gas Act: modify a provision relating to civil penalties (see S. 1216), [6MY]
Nevada: provide for withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley (see S. 196), [20JA]
NRC: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 58), [7JA]
———ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]
———prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Outer Continental Shelf: increase energy exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Petroleum: repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1372), [19MY]
Pipelines: ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
———provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 869), [26MR]
Public lands: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Public utilities: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
———provide electric consumers the right to access certain electric energy information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage energy usage (see S. 1044), [22AP]
———provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [21MY]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
———promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
SBA: help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [14JY]
Solar energy: promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities (see S. 1723), [9JY]
States: assist in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [6JA]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: require congressional notification for certain operations and determine options available for the continued operation (see S. 1231), [6MY]
———suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 82), [7JA]
Taxation: allow allocation of certain renewable energy tax credits to Indian tribes (see S. 1749), [13JY]
———allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———clarify that tar sands are crude oil subject to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund per-barrel excise tax (see S. 187), [16JA]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 948), [15AP]
———exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers (see S. 919), [14AP]
———extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit (see S. 1361), [18MY]
———extend and reform biodiesel tax incentives (see S. 2353), [3DE]
———extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
———provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology (see S. 913), [14AP]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]

———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 344), [3FE] (see S. 917), [14AP]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———repeal the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources (see S. 2158), [7OC]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [7MY]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
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EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (S.J. Res. 24), [17NO]
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Exclude From Gross Income Certain Clean Coal Power Grants to Non-Corporate Taxpayers: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 919) (S. Rept. 114–29), [14AP]
Federal Permitting Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 280) (S. Rept. 114–113), [4AU]
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FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
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PRESERVING AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT
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Congress: notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [6JA]
Dept. of the Interior: replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
Hatch, Senator: notify the President of election as President pro tempore (see S. Res. 4), [6JA]
Immigration: prohibit funding for executive branch overreach and clarify that proper constitutional authority for immigration policy belongs to Congress (see S. 129), [8JA]
———prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (see S. 534), [23FE]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Larkin, Frank J.: notify the President of election as Sergeant of Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 12), [6JA]
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Bureau of Prisons: require the Director to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 1784), [16JY]
Courts: authorize additional district judgeships for the district of Colorado (see S. 1962), [5AU]
———authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho (see S. 360), [4FE]
———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
———require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 530), [23FE]
Library of Congress: establish a 10-year term for the Librarian of Congress (see S. 2162), [7OC]
NLRB: reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
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Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Cuba: submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relative to property confiscated by Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade (see S. 1388), [19MY]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, TN, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1483), [2JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: terminate the U.S. Mint Presidential $1 Coin Program (see S. 95), [7JA]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310), [29JA]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [20OC]
Foreign trade: require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress (see S. 1381), [19MY]
Harry S. Truman Union Station, Washington, DC: designate (see S. 1247), [7MY]
Income: modify monetary allowance payable to a former President (see S. 1411), [21MY]
Intelligence services: require Presidents' annual budget submissions to include the total dollar amount requested for intelligence or intelligence-related activities of the Government (see S. 1307), [12MY]
Iran: reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Libraries: require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (see S. 558), [25FE]
Monuments and memorials: limit authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument (see S. 1416), [21MY]
———modify authority to declare national monuments (see S. 2004), [6AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
Political campaigns: reform system of public financing of Presidential elections (see S. 1176), [30AP]
Presidential transition: improve process (see S. 1172), [30AP]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
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Committees of the Senate: authorize printing of rules (see S. Res. 234), [29JY]
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Foreign aid: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
Law enforcement: limit authority to detain U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under authorizations for use of military force without charge or trial (see S. 24), [6JA]
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Business and industry: allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites (see S. 1359), [14MY]
Corporations: establish criminal penalties for corporate officers failing to inform and warn of serious dangers posed by corporate actions or products (see S. 2140), [6OC]
CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
———establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
———improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
Dept. of Transportation: establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
———require State motor vehicle departments and registration agencies to notify motor vehicle owners of open safety recalls and require compliance with such recalls prior to registration (see S. 617), [2MR]
Drugs: promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
———ease regulatory burden relative to certain medical devices (see S. 1622), [18JN]
———ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
———establish a third-party quality system assessment program for medical devices (see S. 2187), [21OC]
———increase number of individuals allowed to use certain medical devices under the humanitarian device exemption (see S. 2188), [21OC]
———prohibit use of Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption'' (see S. 496), [12FE]
Labeling: make exclusive the authority of Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in U.S. and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 1518), [4JN]
Motor vehicles: establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, and help consumers identify recalled tires (see S. 1741), [9JY]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Women: ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
Reports filed
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1250) (S. Rept. 114–179), [14DE]
Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697) (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]
Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 142) (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]
E-Warranty Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1359) (S. Rept. 114–77), [7JY]
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1550) (S. Rept. 114–162), [3NO]
PROMISE FOR ANTIBIOTICS AND THERAPIES FOR HEALTH (PATH) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 185), [16JA]
PROMOTING ACCESS AND RETENTION THROUGH NEW EFFORTS TO REQUIRE SHARED HIGHER INVESTMENTS IN POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS (PARTNERSHIPS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2191), [21OC]
PROMOTING AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, TRADE, AND SALES (PARTS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 560), [25FE]
PROMOTING RENEWABLE ENERGY WITH SHARED SOLAR ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1723), [9JY]
PROPRIETARY EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COORDINATION COMMITTEE
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
PROPRIETARY EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COORDINATION IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 396), [5FE]
PROTECTING & RETAINING OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (PROCHIP) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 522), [12FE]
PROTECTING AMERICAN CITIZENS TOGETHER (PACT) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1764), [14JY]
PROTECTING AMERICAN JOBS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2365), [8DE]
PROTECTING AMERICAN TALENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (PATENT) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1137), [8SE]
PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS TO TERRORISTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2239), [4NO]
PROTECTING AMERICA'S WORKERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1112), [28AP]
PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND POLICE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1245), [7MY]
PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM UNREASONABLE CREDIT RATES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 838), [23MR]
PROTECTING EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES IN BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1156), [30AP]
PROTECTING LOCAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2015), [9SE]
PROTECTING OUR INFANTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 799), [19MR]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 799), [1OC]
PROTECTING OUR KIDS FROM DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUGS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 36), [6JA]
PROTECTING OUR STUDENTS AND TAXPAYERS (POST) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2272), [10NO]
PROTECTING SENIORS' ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 141), [8JA]
PROTECTING STUDENT ATHLETES FROM CONCUSSIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 988), [16AP]
PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT
Cloture motions
Enact (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2387), [10DE]
PROVIDENCE, RI
Bills and resolutions
Providence College: tribute to men's ice hockey team (see S. Res. 138), [16AP]
Sister Ann Keefe Post Office: designate (see S. 354), [3FE]
Reports filed
Sister Ann Keefe Post Office, Providence, RI: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 651), [6MY]
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to men's ice hockey team (see S. Res. 138), [16AP]
PRYOR, RACHEL
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in Care One Management, LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al. (see S. Res. 318), [18NO]
PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC LAND GUARANTEE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 146), [12JA]
PUBLIC BROADCASTING *related term(s)* **NEWS MEDIA**
Bills and resolutions
FCC: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and govern-

mental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
FEMA: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [27AP]
Reports filed
Emergency Information Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1090) (S. Rept. 114–142), [15SE]

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Bills and resolutions
Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center, Great Falls, MT: designate (see S. 719), [11MR]
Charles Clark U.S. Courthouse, Jackson, MS: designate (see S. 1034), [21AP]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Coast Guard: convey certain property to Marin County, CA (see S. 1191), [5MY]
Conservation of energy: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (S. 1199) (see S. 869), [26MR]
———require GSA and the Dept. of Energy to set goals for deep energy retrofits in Federal buildings (see S. 1055), [22AP]
Daniel L. Kinnard Dept. of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Newark, OH: designate (see S. 1325), [13MY]
Dept. of Education: establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 1050), [22AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: submit a report to Congress on headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region (see S. 1638), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
Disabled: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
———reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy (see S. 1274), [11MY]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Laredo, TX: designate (see S. 612), [27FE]
Harold George Bennett Post Office, Perryville, AR: designate (see S. 1678), [25JN]
Harry S. Truman Union Station, Washington, DC: designate (see S. 1247), [7MY]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: designate (see S. 692), [10MR]
Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA: designate the Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum (see S. 1468), [22MY]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
J. Waties Waring Judicial Center, Charleston, SC: designate (see S. 1147), [30AP]
Jacob Trieber Federal Building, U.S. Post Office, and U.S. Court House, Helena, AR: designate (see S. 1707), [7JY]
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: designate (see S. 179), [13JA]
Lieutenant Colonel James ''Maggie'' Megellas Post Office, Fond du Lac, WI: designate (see S. 1826), [22JY]
Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building, North Kingstown, RI: designate (see S. 2073), [24SE]
Officer Daryl R. Pierson Post Office, East Rochester, NY: designate (see S. 823), [19MR]
Oklahoma City, OK: anniversary of attack on Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building (see S. Res. 139), [16AP]
Power resources: modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr., Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Gainesville, GA: designate (see S. 2396), [10DE]
Sister Ann Keefe Post Office, Providence, RI: designate (see S. 354), [3FE]
Smithsonian Institution: provide for additional space for protection and preservation of national collections (see S. 2057), [17SE]
Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building, Grove City, OH: designate (see S. 1596), [17JN]
Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office, Knox, PA: designate (see S. 231), [22JA]
Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building, Waldwick, NJ: designate (see S. 994), [16AP]
Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building, Kingston, NY: designate (see S. 2088), [28SE]
Treto Garza South Texas Dept. of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center, Harlingen, TX: designate (see S. 1534), [9JN]
William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Courthouse, Oklahoma City, OK: designate (see S. 261), [27JA]
Reports filed
Charles Clark U.S. Courthouse, Jackson, MS: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1034), [4MY]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Floresville Veterans Post Office Building, Floresville, TX: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 891), [24JN]
George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Laredo, TX: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 612), [4MY]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1350), [24JN]
James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 179), [6MY]
James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building, Del City, OK: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 3059), [8OC]
Lieutenant Colonel James ''Maggie'' Megellas Post Office, Fond du Lac, WI: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1826), [29JY]
Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office, St. Louis, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 324), [8OC]
Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office, East Rochester, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1884), [8OC]
Richard (Dick) Chenault Post Office Building, Springboro, OH: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 558), [8OC]
Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office, Mulberry, FL: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1326), [24JN]
Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office, St. Louis, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 323), [8OC]
Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office, Chesterfield, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 322), [8OC]
Sister Ann Keefe Post Office, Providence, RI: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 651), [6MY]
Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building, Grove City, OH: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1596), [29JY]
Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building, Waldwick, NJ: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 994), [6MY]
Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building, Kingston, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1442), [8OC]
William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Courthouse, Oklahoma City, OK: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 261), [4MY]

PUBLIC COMPANY ACCOUNTING OVERSIGHT BOARD
Bills and resolutions
Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
Business and industry: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]

PUBLIC COMPANY ACCOUNTING REFORM AND INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]

PUBLIC DEBT *related term(s)* **BUDGET—U.S.**
Bills and resolutions
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 2), [6JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE] (see S.J. Res. 9), [9FE] (see S.J. Res. 18), [9JY]
———cut and cap Federal spending and enact balanced budget constitutional amendment (see S. 2182), [19OC]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Dept. of Energy: expand Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and U.S. flagged vessels and return unspent funds and loan proceeds to reduce the national debt (see S. 1181), [4MY]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1115), [28AP]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
Government: appropriately manage debt by limiting use of extraordinary measures (see S. 19), [6JA]
———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 69), [7JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Taxation: provide debt and tax transparency (see S. 745), [16MR]
Reports filed
Fairness for Crime Victims Act: Committee on the Budget (Senate) (S. 1495) (S. Rept. 114–87), [21JY]
Grants Oversight and New Efficiency (GONE) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1115) (S. Rept. 114–169), [30NO]

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS
Bills and resolutions
Information technology: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free

online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 787), [18MR] (see S. 1636), [18JN]

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE *related term(s)* **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; HEALTH**

Bills and resolutions

Chief Nurse Officer: designate as the National Nurse for Public Health (see S. 1205), [6MY]

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT

Bills and resolutions

Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [7JA]

Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [7JA]

Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]

———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]

———build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]

———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]

———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]

———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]

———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]

———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [25MR]

———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1391), [20MY]

———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 218), [21JA]

———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]

———provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]

———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [13AP]

———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]

———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [11FE]

———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 2151), [7OC]

———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]

———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]

———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 2060), [17SE]

———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]

———reauthorize certain trauma care programs (see S. 763), [17MR]

———reauthorize program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns (see S. 2424), [18DE]

———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]

———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]

———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]

———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]

———revise operations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (see S. 1151), [30AP]

———strengthen accountability and improve transparency in health information technology systems (see S. 2141), [6OC]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 761), [17MR]

Diseases: improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 1064), [23AP]

———improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [23AP]

———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]

Drugs: provide grants to improve treatment of substance use disorders (see S. 1410), [21MY]

Health: promote awareness of organ donation and need to increase pool of available organs (see S. 1435), [21MY]

———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]

Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]

———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 1661), [24JN]

———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]

———provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]

———require disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax (see S. 2432), [18DE]

National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 1494), [3JN]

New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]

NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 276), [28JA]

———improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [19MR]

Public Health Service: designate the Chief Nurse Officer as the National Nurse for Public Health (see S. 1205), [6MY]

Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]

Women: require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]

Reports filed

Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2820), [3DE]

PUBLIC LANDS

Bills and resolutions

Alaska: convey certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (see S. 2421), [17DE]

———retain and provide for future use of certain land on Point Spencer, support missions and duties of the Coast Guard, and convey certain Point Spencer lands to Bering Straits Native Corp., and the State (see S. 1316), [13MY]

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans (see S. 1955), [5AU]

Arapaho National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 1295), [12MY]

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]

Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]

Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]

BIA: manage the Coquille Forest in accordance with laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land (see S. 816), [19MR]

BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]

———increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]

———transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [29OC]

———validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [13MY]

Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]

California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]

California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]

California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]

Chaffee County, CO: clarify effect of designating certain Federal land as a national monument (see S. 972), [16AP]

Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]

Coast Guard: convey certain property to Marin County, CA (see S. 1191), [5MY]

Colorado: authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties (see S. 1941), [5AU]

———require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest (see S. 1942), [5AU]

Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]

Danville, IL: provide for conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Danville Area Community College (see S. 1967), [5AU]

Dept. of Agriculture: expand authority to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance management and resolve minor encroachments (see S. 1712), [7JY]

Dept. of Education: reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]

Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]

Dept. of the Interior: acquire land in Martinez, CA, for inclusion in John Muir National Historic Site (see S. 651), [4MR]

———convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 814), [19MR]

———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 815), [19MR]

———convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 14), [6JA]

———convey land to be held in trust for certain Indian tribes in Nevada (see S. 1436), [21MY]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———coordinate Federal and State permitting processes relative to construction of new surface water storage projects on Federal lands and designate Bureau of Reclamation as lead agency (see S. 1533), [9JN]
———designate the Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]
———develop a cadastre of Federal real property to assist with land management, conservation, and development and identify land that no longer needs to be federally owned (see S. 1225), [6MY]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
———enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
———enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases (see S. 937), [14AP]
———establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by BLM (see S. 2380), [9DE]
———establish production incentive fee for lands leased for oil or natural gas on which production is not occurring (see S. 1280), [11MY]
———grant rights-of-way on Federal land under the Mineral Leasing Act (see S. 1196), [5MY]
———improve coal leasing (see S. 1340), [14MY]
———improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
———issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting or flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations (see S. 1271), [11MY]
———maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch, ID (see S. 1777), [15JY]
———prohibit issuance of new oil or natural gas leases to persons that fail to renegotiate existing leases incorporating limitations on royalty relief based on market price (see S. 1310), [12MY]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 383), [5FE]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 817), [19MR]
———provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts (see S. 154), [13JA]
———reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
———reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for certain Indian tribes (see S. 1931), [4AU]
———reform administration of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2011), [9SE]
———require a study on feasibility of establishing Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail (see S. 479), [12FE]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area (see S. 1824), [21JY]
———take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria (see S. 1761), [14JY]
———take certain Federal lands located in Tuolumne County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (see S. 1822), [21JY]
———take certain land into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians in California (see S. 175), [13JA]
———take parcels of Federal land into trust for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in New Mexico (see S. 986), [16AP]
———transfer land to be held in trust for Moapa Band of Paiutes in Nevada (see S. 1986), [5AU]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 160), [13JA]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
———reverse designation of certain communities in Alaska as nonrural (see S. 1154), [30AP]
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
Employment: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Escambia County, FL: convey certain property formerly part of Santa Rosa National Monument and conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (see S. 770), [18MR]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1522), [8JN] (see S. 1591), [17JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
Fire prevention: require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger (see S. 1100), [27AP]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR] (see S. 992), [16AP]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
———provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
———provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
Fort Frederica National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 2024), [10SE]
Fort Scott National Historic Site: modify boundary (see S. 2087), [28SE]
Georgia: authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land (see S. 1744), [9JY]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 818), [19MR]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]
GSA: convey certain Federal property in Alaska to Anchorage, AK (see S. 1492), [3JN]
———repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [23AP]
Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area: establish (see S. 13), [6JA]
Idaho: establish certain wilderness areas and authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System and BLM lands in central Idaho (see S. 583), [26FE]
———modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Kaibab National Forest: clarify mapping error to allow the purchase of certain lands by Young Life (organization) (see S. 1592), [17JN]
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: adjust boundary to include Wallis House and Harriston Hill (see S. 1930), [4AU]
Kisatchie National Forest: convey certain land (see S. 61), [7JA]
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve: designate wilderness as Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area (see S. 873), [26MR]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
———provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [2FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2164), [7OC] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC] (see S. 2318), [19NO]
Mining and mineral resources: modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 232), [22JA]
———require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
———require congressional approval, provide restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments (see S. 437), [10FE]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 319), [29JA]
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1690), [25JN]
National Forest Foundation Act: reauthorize (see S. 1671), [24JN]
National Park Service: observe centennial through increased funding (see S. 2257), [5NO]
———refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]

Natural gas: authorize approval of pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land (see S. 411), [9FE]
Natural resources: reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
———provide for withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley (see S. 196), [20JA]
New Mexico: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Ocmulgee National Monument: revise boundary and redesignate as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park (see S. 1696), [25JN]
Oregon: clarify the Cooper Spur land exchange in the Mount Hood Wilderness (see S. 2069), [22SE]
———designate certain BLM land as wilderness, authorize certain land exchanges, and convey certain BLM land to Wheeler County for economic and community development purposes (see S. 1255), [7MY]
———designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
———withdraw certain land in Curry and Josephine Counties from coverage under public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws (see S. 346), [3FE]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, establish a FERC Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, and modify terms of Federal rights-of-way for electric transimission systems (see S. 1217), [6MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———promote geothermal energy (see S. 1057), [22AP]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Presidents of the U.S.: limit authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument (see S. 1416), [21MY]
———modify authority to declare national monuments (see S. 2004), [6AU]
Red River: provide legal certainty for property owners along the Red River in Texas (see S. 1153), [30AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
Rockingham County, VA: remove use restriction on a certain parcel of land that was to be used for a child care center (see S. 1329), [13MY]
Rocky Mountain National Park: anniversary (see S. Res. 221), [9JY]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Tucson, AZ: provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land for purposes of economic development by conveyance of Federal reversionary interest (see S. 2379), [9DE]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 348), [3FE]
Utah: provide for conveyance of certain land to Washington County and authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land (see S. 1985), [5AU]
———withdraw BLM lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
Washington County, UT: clarify laws relative to designation of a northern transportation route (see S. 1783), [15JY]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]

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Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 986) (S. Rept. 114–114), [4AU]
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PUBLIC LANDS CORPS ACT

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Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]

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CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
Conservation of energy: study impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings and provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and local governments (see S. 1052), [22AP]
Consumers: provide the right to access certain electric energy information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage energy usage (see S. 1044), [22AP]
Dept. of Energy: authorize entrance into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relative to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology (see S. 1285), [11MY]
———establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1063), [22AP]
———establish competitive grant programs to promote electricity grid modernization (see S. 1232), [6MY]
———facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [7MY]
———provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]
———require State approval before exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property for electric transmission projects in such State (see S. 485), [12FE]
———use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Electric power: clarify that compliance with an emergency order under the Federal Power Act to generate or transmit electricity may not be considered a violation of environmental laws or regulations (see S. 848), [24MR]
———protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]

———provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
———provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and provide for the examination of the effects of net metering (see S. 1219), [6MY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
FERC: expand provisions for termination of electric utility mandatory purchase requirements from certain facilities (see S. 1037), [22AP]
———modify certain requirements relative to trial-type hearings for certain license applications (see S. 1236), [6MY]
———provide reports on electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address procurement of electric capacity resources (see S. 1222), [6MY]
———require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system (see S. 1221), [6MY]
GAO: conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms on electricity prices, supply, and competition in energy markets (see S. 1272), [11MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
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National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 117), [26MR]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 186), [21MY]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 151), [23AP]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Power resources: assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
———facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
———improve distribution of energy in the U.S. (see S. 1220), [6MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———require approval of construction, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at U.S. borders for import or export (see S. 1228), [6MY]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [21MY]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Solar energy: promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities (see S. 1723), [9JY]
States: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
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Electric power: provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and provide for the examination of the effects of net metering (see S. 1219), [6MY]
FERC: expand provisions for termination of electric utility mandatory purchase requirements from certain facilities (see S. 1037), [22AP]
Government regulations: establish and energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [21MY]
Power resources: assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
———facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
Public utilities: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
———provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Solar energy: promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities (see S. 1723), [9JY]

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
———clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18MY]
Children and youth: improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Crime: seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10JN]
———improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [22JY]
———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]
———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]
———require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Dept. of HHS: establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty (see S. 2224), [29OC]
———establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
———prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42), (see S. 118), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
Dept. of HUD: modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
Federal agencies and departments: reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies

for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [3MR]
———encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
———ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [23JY]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
———restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
———strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [29SE]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
———improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [16DE]
———make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
———require use of electronic visit verification systems for home health and personal care services (see S. 2416), [17DE]
Mental health: ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care (see S. 2166), [8OC]
Pharmaceuticals: ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———prohibit an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for a felony from receiving various cash benefits (see S. 1758), [14JY]
———provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 428), [10FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program: require States to implement a cash withdrawal daily limit for recipients of cash assistance (see S. 1288), [12MY]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance (see S. 64), [7JA]
Cloture motions
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Motions
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (S. 599), [19NO]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (H.R. 2), [14AP]
Reports filed
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Waiver Authority Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1362) (S. Rept. 114–108), [30JY]
Preventing and Reducing Improper Medicare and Medicaid Expenditures (PRIME) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 861) (S. Rept. 114–104), [30JY]
Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 466) (S. Rept. 114–100), [30JY]

PUBLIC WORKS
Bills and resolutions
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: allow proactive measures to maintain and repair dams and water infrastructure (see S. 1657), [24JN]
———authorize early repayment of obligations within the Northport Irrigation District in Nebraska (see S. 1291), [12MY]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
———deauthorize Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project (see S. 124), [8JA]
———ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
———modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 837), [23MR]
———provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
Dept. of Energy: use existing available funding to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions (see S. 1306), [12MY]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [11JN]
———authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1983), [5AU]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Dept. of Transportation: adequately fund bridges (see S. 1370), [19MY]
———assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———waive the state of good repair certification requirement for participants in the pilot program for expedited project delivery (see S. 1734), [9JY]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Iron and steel industry: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 186), [21MY]
Native Americans: provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Roads and highways: expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects relative to financing (see S. 880), [26MR]
Strengthening America's Bridges Fund: establish (see S. 1273), [11MY]
Taxation: increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
Cloture motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), [6OC], [7OC]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2028) (S. Rept. 114–54), [21MY]

PUERTO RICO, COMMONWEALTH OF
Bills and resolutions
Bankruptcy: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
———treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Federal-State relations: provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico (see S. 1453), [21MY]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
Taxation: make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable

treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]

PUERTO RICO ASSISTANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2381), [9DE]

PUERTO RICO CHAPTER 9 UNIFORMITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1774), [15JY]

PUERTO RICO EMERGENCY FINANCIAL STABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2436), [18DE]

PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 270), [24SE]

PURPA'S LEGISLATIVE UPGRADE TO STATE AUTHORITY (PURPA PLUS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1233), [6MY]

QUALITY CARE FOR MOMS AND BABIES ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 466) (S. Rept. 114–100), [30JY]

QUALITY DATA, QUALITY HEALTHCARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 679), [9MR]

RABIN, YITZHAK
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]

RACIAL RELATIONS
Bills and resolutions
ATF: prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [19MY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
Dept. of Transportation: reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 6), [26FE]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Reports filed
Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization and Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1169) (S. Rept. 114–181), [15DE]

RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]

RADIO *related term(s)* **NEWS MEDIA; PUBLIC BROADCASTING; TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
Bills and resolutions
FCC: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———extend to private land use restrictions its rule relative to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications (see S. 1685), [25JN]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
FEMA: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [27AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24FE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Interoperable Communications Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 615) (S. Rept. 114–53), [21MY]
Emergency Information Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1090) (S. Rept. 114–142), [15SE]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 665), [26MR]

RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES
Bills and resolutions
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Corps of Engineers: undertake remediation oversight of West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, MO (see S. 2306), [19NO]
Dept. of Energy: obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
Dept. of Justice: improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]
———prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]

RAILROAD REFORM, ENHANCEMENT, AND EFFICIENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1626), [18JN]

RAILROAD REVITALIZATION AND REGULATORY REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [19MR]

RAILROADS *related term(s)* **CARGO TRANSPORTATION**
Bills and resolutions
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1087), [27AP]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 1634), [18JN]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Dept. of Justice: provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 521), [12FE]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———enhance rail safety and provide for safe transport of hazardous materials (see S. 1114), [28AP]
———establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [4MR]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [16AP]
———increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
———provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students (see S. 2433), [18DE]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 206), [21JA]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
———waive the state of good repair certification requirement for participants in the pilot program for expedited project delivery (see S. 1734), [9JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [19MR]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
France: tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]

Harry S. Truman Union Station, Washington, DC: designate (see S. 1247), [7MY]
Hazardous substances: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Roads and highways: improve highway-rail grade crossing safety (see S. 532), [23FE]
Surface Transportation Board: establish as independent and make more efficient and accessible by increasing investigative authority, improving rate review timelines and advancing important proceedings (see S. 808), [19MR]
———expand competition, restore balance to regulatory environment, and improve efficiency and reliability of rail shipping and transportation (see S. 853), [24MR]
———prohibit long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks without approval of the rail carrier's rail car storage plan (see S. 443), [10FE]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
Transportation: reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, and streamline rail project delivery (see S. 1626), [18JN]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2577) (S. Rept. 114–75), [25JN]
President Street Station Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 521) (S. Rept. 114–126), [9SE]
RESPONSE Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 546) (S. Rept. 114–85), [21JY]
Surface Transportation Board Independence, Investigative Authority Increase, Rate Review Timelines Improvement and Important Proceedings Advancement: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 808) (S. Rept. 114–52), [21MY]

RALEIGH, NC
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]

RAMOS, RAFAEL
Bills and resolutions
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]

RANKIN, JEANNETTE *(a former Representative from Montana)*
Bills and resolutions relative to
Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]

RAPID DNA ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2348), [3DE]

RARE DISEASE DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]

REAL ESTATE
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2347), (see S. 2357), [3DE] (see S. 2393), [10DE]
———make mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections permanent (see S. 1152), [30AP]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [8JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Constitution—U.S.: restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [26JA]
Corps of Engineers: provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 495), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: require State approval before exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property for electric transmission projects in such State (see S. 485), [12FE]
Dept. of the Interior: develop a cadastre of Federal real property to assist with land management, conservation, and development and identify land that no longer needs to be federally owned (see S. 1225), [6MY]
Federal agencies and departments: reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
Financial institutions: exclude credit union loans secured by certain non-owner occupied family dwellings from the definition of member business loan (see S. 1440), [21MY]
FRS: require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
———provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
———suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 2036), [15SE]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
———require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
Mortgages: establish programs to encourage use of shared equity mortgage modifications (see S. 1582), [16JN]
Red River: provide legal certainty for property owners along the Red River in Texas (see S. 1153), [30AP]
SBA: establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [15AP]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 915), [14AP]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 947), [15AP]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 1644), [23JN]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [3FE] (see S. 608), [27FE]
———provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 932), [14AP]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1281), [11MY]
Reports filed
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 966), [10JN]
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 720) (S. Rept. 114–130), [9SE]
Real Estate Investment and Jobs Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 915) (S. Rept. 114–25), [14AP]
Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1811), [8OC]
Tax Relief Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 915), [14AP]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 915) (S. Rept. 114–25), [14AP]

REAL ESTATE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]

REBUILD AMERICA ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 268), [27JA]

REBUILDING URBAN INNER CITIES IS LONG OVERDUE (REBUILD) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1889), [29JY]

RECLAMATION SAFETY OF DAMS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: allow proactive measures to maintain and repair dams and water infrastructure (see S. 1657), [24JN]

RECOGNIZE, ASSIST, INCLUDE, SUPPORT, AND ENGAGE (RAISE) FAMILY CAREGIVERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1719), [8JY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [1DE]

RECOVERY IMPROVEMENTS FOR SMALL ENTITIES (RISE) AFTER DISASTER ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1470), [10JN]

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
Bills and resolutions
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area: establish (see S. 13), [6JA]

Safety: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22AP]

RECYCLED MATERIALS *related term(s)* **REFUSE DISPOSAL**

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of Energy: conduct study on technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber (see S. 1432), [21MY]

RECYCLING *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

Bills and resolutions

Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]

Ships and vessels: promote the recycling of vessels (see S. 1511), [4JN]

Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]

RED RIVER PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1153), [30AP]

REDUCING EFFECTS OF THE CYBERATTACK ON OPM VICTIMS EMERGENCY RESPONSE (RECOVER) ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1746), [9JY]

REDUCING EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS DATABASE (READ) ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 700), [10MR]

REED, JACK ***(a Senator from Rhode Island)***

Appointments

Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]

Senate National Security Working Group, [12FE], [27FE]

Attendance

Present, [6JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]

Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [21AP]

ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]

Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]

Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]

Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [24FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]

BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]

Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [16MR]

Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]

Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]

Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]

Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]

Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]

———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]

Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]

Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]

Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [19NO]

CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]

Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [5FE]

Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]

Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [22OC]

———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [26OC]

———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [20OC]

———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [29OC]

Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [29AP]

Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1118), [28AP]

Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]

Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]

———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [9FE]

———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]

———increase income allowance for working students receiving need-based Federal financial aid (see S. 2065), [22SE]

———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [22AP]

———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]

———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]

———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]

Dept. of Energy: reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]

Dept. of HHS: allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (see S. 1439), [21MY]

———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]

———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]

———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]

———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [3NO]

Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]

———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [23MR]

Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]

———prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]

Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]

Dept. of the Interior: permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]

Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [29JY]

Dept. of Transportation: provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [13JY]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [16JA]

———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]

———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]

———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [29OC]

Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]

Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]

Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]

Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [21JY]

———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]

Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]

Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [5AU]

———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [5AU]

End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [3DE]

FAA: protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [10NO]

FDA: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [4MY]

———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [21JY]

Federal agencies and departments: prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]

Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]

———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [29JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [13MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [30AP]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [2DE]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [28AP]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [8SE]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [28AP]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [16AP]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [28AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [8OC]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [3NO]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [9MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [19MR]
Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building, North Kingstown, RI: designate (see S. 2073), [24SE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [16SE]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Pensions: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [17SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [26FE]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [10MR]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [22MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [21AP]
———reform induction, professional development, and systems for professional growth and improvement for teachers, librarians, and principals (see S. 882), [26MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [25MR]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]
Taxation: enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [5AU]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [14JY]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [12MY]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 450), [11FE]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 1129), [29AP]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [9JY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [4AU]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
White House Fellows Program: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 22), [6OC]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [22JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [4AU]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Armed Forces: make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements relative to controversies arising under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and preserve rights to bring class actions (see S. 2331), [19NO]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 2419), [17DE]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]

———provide for State accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [6JA]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
———strengthen research in adult education (see S. 277), [28JA]
Dept. of HHS: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [29JY]
———reauthorize certain trauma care programs (see S. 763), [17MR]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Justice: provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
Drugs: reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Employment: incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
———require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 530), [23FE]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [7OC]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
Providence College: tribute to men's ice hockey team (see S. Res. 138), [16AP]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 1414), [21MY]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 1730), [9JY]
———extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
———require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Securities: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
Sister Ann Keefe Post Office, Providence, RI: designate (see S. 354), [3FE]
Taxation: deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 413), [9FE]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [29AP]
Motions
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [9JY]

REFUGEES *related term(s)* **IMMIGRATION**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 1615), [18JN]
Dept. of State: making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]
Foreign policy: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Freedom of religion: protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
Immigration: ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———permit aliens seeking asylum to be eligible for employment in the U.S. (see S. 1899), [30JY]
———prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Iraq: require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya (see S. 1643), [23JN]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [16JY]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [7OC]
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
Reports filed
Require a Report on Actions To Secure the Safety and Security of Dissidents Housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1643), [25JN]
U.S.-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1789), [27OC]
World Refugee Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 204), [25JN]

REFUSE DISPOSAL *related term(s)* **RECYCLED MATERIALS; SEWAGE DISPOSAL**
Bills and resolutions
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Coal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Corps of Engineers: undertake remediation oversight of West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, MO (see S. 2306), [19NO]
EPA: authorize States to restrict interstate waste imports and impose a higher fee on out-of-State waste (see S. 1953), [5AU]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
NRC: obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [24MR]
Taxation: revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [7MY]

REGULATION SENSIBILITY THROUGH OVERSIGHT RESTORATION (RESTORE) RESOLUTION
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]

REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2006), [6AU]

REGULATORY EXAMINATION VITAL FOR IMPROVING AND EVALUATING WORKING SOLUTIONS (REVIEWS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 826), [19MR]

REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 426), [10FE] (see S. 1536), [10JN]

REGULATORY IMPACT SCALE ON THE ECONOMY SMALL BUSINESS (RISE SMALL BUSINESS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1807), [21JY]

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 708), [11MR]

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 708), [11MR]

REGULATORY PREDICTABILITY FOR BUSINESS GROWTH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1487), [3JN]

REHABILITATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]

REID, HARRY ***(a Senator from Nevada)***
Attendance
Present, [2FE]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [23AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: validate certain patent and associated land reconfiguration in Clark and Lincoln Counties, NV (see S. 1319), [5OC]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Bryan, Patricia Mack: appointment as Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 16), [6JA]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for unveiling of marble bust of Vice President Richard B. Cheney (see S. Con. Res. 24), [5NO]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday,

or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [24JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [3MR]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [22SE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [25MR]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [5AU]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [7JY]
Dept. of HHS: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [26MR]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [9JN]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Douglas County, NV: promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 472), [12FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 111), [9FE]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [18NO]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Frankel, Morgan J.: appointment as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 17), [6JA]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [11JN]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 6), [26FE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [27AP]
Leahy, Senator: tribute for service as President pro tempore and designation as President pro tempore emeritus (see S. Res. 6), [6JA]
Lunar New Year: observance (see S. Res. 80), [12FE]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [30AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: designate (see S. Res. 75), [12FE]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28OC]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [24SE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Puerto Rico: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
———treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Ritchie, Donald A.: designate as Historian Emeritus of the Senate (see S. Res. 147), [22AP]
Roads and highways: extend Interstate Route 11 (see S. 842), [24MR]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [13JY]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [26MR]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in Care One Management, LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al. (see S. Res. 318), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in U.S. v. Jeffrey A. Sterling (see S. Res. 27), [16JA]
———direct to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (see S. Res. 333), [10DE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Tarkanian, Jerry: tribute (see S. Res. 78), [12FE]
Taxation: enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [9JA]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [18JN]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 457), [11FE] (see S. 772), [18MR]
Water: advance integrated water management and development through innovation, resiliency, conservation, and efficiency (see S. 176), [2FE]
Women: ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]
Committees of the Senate: minority party appointments (see S. Res. 22), [7JA] (see S. Res. 135), [14AP]
Dept. of Energy: obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
Dept. of Justice: include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program (see S. 1108), [28AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey land to be held in trust for certain Indian tribes in Nevada (see S. 1436), [21MY]
———transfer land to be held in trust for Moapa Band of Paiutes in Nevada (see S. 1986), [5AU]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
Myrick, Gary B.: election as Sec. for the Minority of the Senate (see S. Res. 15), [6JA]
Nevada: provide for withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley (see S. 196), [20JA]
NRC: obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]

Syria: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [27JA]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]

RELIGION *related term(s)* **CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES**
Bills and resolutions
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 51), [28JA]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [11JN]
Dept. of State: submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
———disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
———protect and promote international religious freedom (see S. 1860), [23JY]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Hesburgh, Theodore M.: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 9), [4MR]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [25MR]
Immigration: permanently authorize the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program (see S. 1339), [14MY]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [7MY]
Medicaid: encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
———support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Public welfare programs: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Taxation: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 2308), [19NO]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 1798), [16JY] (see S. 2078, 2079), [24SE]
Reports filed
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions for Such Violations, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 148), [8OC]
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]
Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2078), [24SE]

RENEWABLE ENERGY *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**
Bills and resolutions
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU] (see S. 2152), [7OC]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Dept. of Commerce: establish Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund (see S. 1263), [7MY]
Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
———advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids (see S. 1201), [6MY]
———coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1275), [11MY]
———establish distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1258), [7MY]
———establish energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1256), [7MY]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
———reauthorize hydroelectric production and efficiency improvement incentives (see S. 1270), [11MY]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
———require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs (see S. 939), [14AP]
Dept. of the Interior: ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 113), [7JA]
Dept. of Transportation: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1581), [16JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
Employment: assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 934), [14AP]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [7MY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1584), [16JN]
Federal agencies and departments: provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis (see S. 1199), [5MY]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1026), [21AP]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
Government regulations: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Motor vehicles: promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure (see S. 1053), [22AP]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
———free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers (see S. 791), [18MR]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems (see S. 888), [26MR]
———provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]

———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Public lands: promote development of renewable energy (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Public utilities: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
Solar energy: promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities (see S. 1723), [9JY]
Taxation: allow allocation of certain renewable energy tax credits to Indian tribes (see S. 1749), [13JY]
———exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers (see S. 919), [14AP]
———extend and reform biodiesel tax incentives (see S. 2353), [3DE]
———extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———repeal the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources (see S. 2158), [7OC]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [7MY]
Reports filed
Electrify Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152), [5NO]
———Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 2152) (S. Rept. 114–176), [8DE]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Exclude From Gross Income Certain Clean Coal Power Grants to Non-Corporate Taxpayers: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 919) (S. Rept. 114–29), [14AP]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
FERC Reinstatement and Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Clark Canyon Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1103) (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]
Tax Relief Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]

REPAIRING EVERY CAR TO AVOID LOST LIVES (RECALL) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 617), [2MR]

REPAY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 85), [7JA]

REPEAL EXECUTIVE AMNESTY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 129), [8JA]

REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1576), [15JN]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1576) (S. Rept. 114–95), [27JY]

REPUBLICAN PARTY
Bills and resolutions
Committees of the Senate: majority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [6JA] (see S. Res. 21), [7JA] (see S. Res. 23), [8JA]
Dove, Laura C.: election as Sec. for the Majority of the Senate (see S. Res. 14), [6JA]
Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 120), [26MR]
———provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments (see S. Res. 121), [26MR]

REQUIRING REPORTING OF ONLINE TERRORIST ACTIVITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2372), [8DE]

RESEARCH *related term(s)* **SCIENCE; TECHNOLOGY**
Bills and resolutions
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [8OC]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Children and youth: promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA] (see S. 749), [17MR]
Conservation of natural resources: provide for advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities (see S. 1485), [2JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
———promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1022), [21AP]
———improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
———strengthen research in adult education (see S. 277), [28JA]
Dept. of Energy: advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids (see S. 1201), [6MY]
———establish a grant program allowing National Laboratories provision of vouchers to small businesses to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and their economic impact (see S. 1259), [7MY]
———establish energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1256), [7MY]
———establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories (see S. 784), [18MR]
———extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
———improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 454), [11FE]
———improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships (see S. 1187), [4MY]
———improve technology transfer by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses and increase public-private partnerships in research and development (see S. 2287), [17NO]
———increase maximum percentage of funds available for laboratory directed research and development (see S. 830), [23MR]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
———provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [11MY]
———submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions with National Laboratories (see S. 1229), [6MY]
Dept. of HHS: coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [5NO]
———enhance and further research prevention and treatment of eating disorders and improve access to treatment (see S. 1865), [27JY]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [29JY]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1391), [20MY]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MR]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
———revise operations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (see S. 1151), [30AP]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]

———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
———provide the public with access to departmental research (see S. 114), [7JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Diseases: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
———improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 1064), [23AP]
———improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [26FE]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [30AP]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
———provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [23AP]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
EPA: prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 543), [24FE]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
FAA: clarify whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status (see S. 387), [5FE]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
———create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 185), [16JA]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [18MR]
———increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
FEMA: enter into agreement with National Research Council to study urban flooding (see S. 1481), [2JN]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
———provide for an Institute of Medicine study on health disparities and direct the Dept. of HHS to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities (see S. 1903), [30JY]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Library of Congress: expand availability to exemptions to prohibition on copyrighted technological protection measures to facilitate computer security research, personal device maintenance, and technological innovation (see S. 990), [16AP]
Medicare: preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
NASA: anniversary of Hubble Space Telescope (see S. Res. 149), [23AP]
National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 176), [11MY]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 115), [25MR]
National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Park Service: establish the U.S. Civil Rights Network (see S. 2309), [19NO]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 156), [30AP]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 324), [2DE]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216, 222), [21JA]
National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 235), [29JY]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [5AU]
———expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 276), [28JA]
———improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 800), [19MR]
———prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [29JA]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
———codify the Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project (see S. 1343), [14MY]
———develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 145), [22AP]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 1402), [20MY]
Patents: amend laws to promote basic research, stimulate publication of scientific documents, encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, and improve transfer of technology to the private sector (see S. 926), [14AP]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy (see S. 1215), [6MY]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 270), [24SE]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
SBA: establish Regional Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program (see S. 2136), [6OC]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 2014), [9SE]
———prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
———support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Social Security: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 789), [18MR]
Space policy: promote development of a U.S. commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space (see S. 976), [16AP]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]
Taxation: incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit (see S. 537), [24FE]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 43), [7JA]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 908), [14AP] (see S. 1429), [21MY]

———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
Weather: establish regional weather forecast offices (see S. 1573), [15JN]
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Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]

RHODE ISLAND
Bills and resolutions
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council: add Rhode Island (see S. 1414), [21MY]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
NOAA: terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]
Providence College: tribute to men's ice hockey team (see S. Res. 138), [16AP]

RICHMOND, VA
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RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NM
Bills and resolutions
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
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RIO GRANDE CITY, TX
Bills and resolutions
Bridges: provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Co., to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande river (see S. 2143), [6OC]

RIORDAN, DANIEL P.
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Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office, St. Louis, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 324), [8OC]

RIPLEY, OH
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the John P. Parker House in Ripley, OH (see S. 541), [24FE]

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Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [8OC]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [22JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [29SE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [20OC]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [26JA]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [27JY]
Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
Courts: authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho (see S. 360), [4FE]
———provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [8OC]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [23JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements ap-

plicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
Dept. of Energy: assess capability to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at departmental sites (see S. 1363), [4JN]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [16JY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 383), [5FE]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [29AP]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [7JY]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———promote exploration for geothermal resources (see S. 562), [25FE]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [29JA]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 234), [22JA]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FCC: exempt small business providers of broadband Internet access from net neutrality enhanced transparency requirements (see S. 2283), [16NO]
FDA: prohibit use of Federal funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption'' (see S. 496), [12FE]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [16JY]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
Federal employees: provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———modify certain requirements relative to trial-type hearings for certain license applications (see S. 1236), [12MY]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [29AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [20AP]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Germany: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [8OC]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 1536), [10JN]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [24SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Idaho: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [10FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [4NO]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [6OC]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 2144), [6OC]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [8JY]
———protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5NO]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [26MR]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [15JN]
———promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [11MY]
———transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [16JY]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [8DE]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [19NO]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [28JA]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]

Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [22JN]
———reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 928), [23JN]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [28SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [14AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [9SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [22JA]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [24FE]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [3NO]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [21AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [30SE]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [7MY]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [15AP]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [15AP]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [13MY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [19MR]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [25FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [4MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [1OC]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [7DE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [1OC]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [13MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Business and industry: clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program (see S. 1038), [22AP]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
Dept. of the Interior: maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch, ID (see S. 1777), [15JY]
Electric power: protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]
Federal agencies and departments: require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1008), [20AP] (see S. 1039), [22AP]
FERC: expand provisions for termination of electric utility mandatory purchase requirements from certain facilities (see S. 1037), [22AP]
Idaho: establish certain wilderness areas and authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System and BLM lands in central Idaho (see S. 583), [26FE]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
Labor unions: deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [10MR]
SBA: establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [16AP]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [17MR], [19MR]
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]

RITCHIE, DONALD A.
Bills and resolutions
Senate: designate Historian Emeritus (see S. Res. 147), [22AP]

RIVERS
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize use of active capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [12MY]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
———ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
Dept. of Commerce: undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]

East Rosebud Creek: designate segments for inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1577), [15JN]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program (see S. 1394), [20MY]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 329), [2FE]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Idaho: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to Navajo water rights settlement (see S. 501), [12FE]
———protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Red River: provide legal certainty for property owners along the Red River in Texas (see S. 1153), [30AP]
Rio Grande City, TX: provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Co., to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande river (see S. 2143), [6OC]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 211), [21JA]
Taxation: provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Yakima River: authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project to improve water management in the Yakima River basin (see S. 1694), [25JN]
Cloture motions
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Authorization of Use of Active Capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1305) (S. Rept. 114–135), [9SE]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
FERC Reinstatement and Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Clark Canyon Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1103) (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]
Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 329) (S. Rept. 114–182), [16DE]
New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 501) (S. Rept. 114–41), [11MY]
Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Phase III Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1694) (S. Rept. 114–187), [16DE]

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
American Infrastructure Bank: establish (see S. 1296), [12MY]
Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]
Arizona: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Crime: prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
Dept. of Transportation: adequately fund bridges (see S. 1370), [19MY]
———amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [11MR]
———assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]
———establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1581), [16JN]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 206), [21JA]
———reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
———reform the surface transportation project delivery program (see S. 2258), [9NO]
———require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 319), [19NO]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
Highway Beautification Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 288), [19OC]
Idaho: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]
Infrastructure: expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects relative to financing (see S. 880), [26MR]
———improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Interstate Route 11: extend (see S. 842), [24MR]
Liu Xiaobo Plaza, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 224), [21JY]
Motor vehicles: clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination (see S. 1692), [25JN]
National Highway System: designate certain route segments in North Carolina as high priority corridors (see S. 983), [16AP]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]
Native Americans: enhance tribal road safety (see S. 1776), [15JY]
Oswaldo Payá Way, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 226), [21JY]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Railroads: improve highway-rail grade crossing safety (see S. 532), [23FE]
States: permit a State transportation department to approve a justification report for a project to build or modify a freeway-to-crossroad interchange within a transportation management area in such State (see S. 1782), [15JY]
———require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Strengthening America's Bridges Fund: establish (see S. 1273), [11MY]
Taxation: free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial

security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
———ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [30SE]
———extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY] (see S. 1647), [23JN]
———prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 850), [24MR] (see S. 946), [15AP]
———provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
U.S. Code: modify relative to the obligation and release of funds (see S. 1781), [15JY]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2577) (S. Rept. 114–75), [25JN]
Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1647) (S. Rept. 114–80), [15JY]
ROBERTS, PAT ***(a Senator from Kansas)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [1OC]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [28JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [28JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [5AU]
Armed Forces: provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [9SE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [11FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [22JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [28JA]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [8DE]
Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [12FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [10NO]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [18JN]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 294), [22OC]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [16JA]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [19NO]
Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [15AP]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [22JN]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [10MR]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [21SE]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [15AP]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
———issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [15JY]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———require periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (see S. 1067), [23AP]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310), [3FE]
———provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
FEMA: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [9JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [23MR]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [23MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [25MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by non-residents (see S. 498), [4MR]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [30JY]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [3NO]
#GivingTuesday: designate (see S. Res. 323), [1DE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]

Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Insurance: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [10DE]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [27AP]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [11MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [30JY]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [7MY]
Kansas City Royals (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 305), [4NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [14MY]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [10JN]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [20OC]
Library of Congress: establish a 10-year term for the Librarian of Congress (see S. 2162), [7OC]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [25MR]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [22MY]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27AP]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
———make changes to home health face-to-face encounter requirements (see S. 1650), [23JN]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [30JY]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [30SE]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [12FE]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [11MY]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [5NO]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [16JN]
———transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
Motor vehicles: clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination (see S. 1692), [25JN]
———protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 308), [5NO]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [3DE]
———enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [2DE]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [18NO]
National Teachers Hall of Fame: designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators (see S. 2061), [22SE]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [14AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [16JN]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers (see S. 889), [28AP]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [10FE]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [4MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [25JN]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [21AP]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [15AP]
———extend and reform biodiesel tax incentives (see S. 2353), [9DE]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]

———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [23AP]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 949), [15AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [11MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1666), [24JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20JA]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [27JA]
———treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 2202), [22OC]
Tax-exempt organizations: provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status if the IRS delays acting on applications (see S. 1728), [5AU]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [9JY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
University of Kansas: anniversary (see S. Res. 272), [30SE]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [20OC]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
CFTC: specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions (see S. 876), [26MR]
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 48), [28JA]
Dept. of Education: prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
Federal employees: make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 303), [29JA]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
Investments: provide end-users with time to meet margin requirements and repeal certain indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required by swaps entities (see S. 1560), [11JN]
Medicare: exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal certain provisions that have the effect of rationing health care (see S. 1718), [8JY]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
Taxation: make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1905), [30JY]
———modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (see S. 1660), [24JN]
———prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving VA medical care for service-connected disabilities (see S. 1880), [28JY]
———prohibit modification or amendment of standards and regulations governing substantiation of charitable contributions (see S. 2370), [8DE]
———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]
U.S. Grain Standards Act: reauthorize (see S. 1417), [21MY]
Cloture motions
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [19MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
———provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [27JY], [29JY]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Transportation Security Administration: conform to existing Federal law and regulations relative to criminal investigator positions (H.R. 719), [24SE], [28SE]
Reports filed
Expenditures: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. Res. 48), [28JA]
Mandatory Price Reporting Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (H.R. 2051), [17SE]
U.S. Grain Standards Act Reauthorization: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 1417), [21MY]

ROBESON COUNTY, NC
Bills and resolutions
Native Americans: provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (see S. 2285), [17NO]

ROBFOGEL, SUSAN S.
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ROBOCALL AND CALL SPOOFING ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA
Bills and resolutions
Public lands: remove use restriction on a certain parcel of land that was to be used for a child care center (see S. 1329), [13MY]

ROMANIA
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [3DE]
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Romania Diplomatic Relations With the U.S. Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 326), [10DE]

ROMANO, NEIL
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ROOSEVELT, THEODORE *(26th President of the United States)*
Bills and resolutions relative to
Medora, ND: anniversary of Medora Musical (see S. Res. 220), [9JY]

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 137), [16AP]

ROSEBURG, OR
Bills and resolutions
Umpqua Community College: express condolences for victims of shooting (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]

ROUNDS, MIKE ***(a Senator from South Dakota)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [17DE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [22AP]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 2152), [17DE]
———condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [17NO]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [24SE]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [7DE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [3NO]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [18MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [27AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 1479), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [23FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [29AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [4FE]
Dept. of Education: support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [30SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [29OC]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [8SE]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [20MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2000), [18NO]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [30JY]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [7MY]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [22OC]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [17SE]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
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Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [30NO]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [4MY]
Insurance: provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [12MY]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [11MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
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———promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [27OC]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [7MY]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [20OC]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [1JN]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [27JY]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [15JN]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [27JY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [28JY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [9SE]
———transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [9SE]

Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [3JN]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [23AP]
———enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28OC]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [30JY]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [4MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [28JY] (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [9DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 856), [24MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Taxation: extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [27JY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [4JN]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [30NO]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [18MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Veterans: allow Indian Health Service to pay for Indian or Alaska Native veterans' copayments at Dept. of Veterans Affairs facilities (see S. 2417), [17DE]
———improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Armed Forces: ensure ability of covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program to access care under a health plan under such program in each TRICARE program region (see S. 1290), [12MY]
———provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [5AU]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Dept. of Defense: develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers (see S. 1478), [2JN]
———make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
———provide for inclusion of certain contractor personnel in matters on the defense acquisition workforce in the annual strategic workforce plan (see S. 1289), [12MY]
———require a report on future mix of aircraft platforms (see S. 1477), [2JN]
Financial institutions: provide relief to community banks and promote their access to capital (see S. 1816), [21JY]
FRS: establish advisory boards for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1963), [5AU]
SEC: repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]

Cloture motions

Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [17MR], [19MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]

ROV IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1040), [22AP]

RUBENSTEIN, DAVID M.

Bills and resolutions

Smithsonian Institution: appoint as citizen regent of Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 3), [12JA]

RUBIO, MARCO ***(a Senator from Florida)***

Appointments

Congressional-Executive Commission on China, [25FE], [16MR]
Senate National Security Working Group, [24FE]

Attendance

Present, [6JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Afghanistan: support enhanced accountability for U.S. assistance (see S. 1875), [29JY]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 2152), [7OC]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [22SE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [22AP]
Bahrain: prohibit arms sales (see S. 2009), [6AU]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [9JY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [5FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 382), [5FE]
Burma: call for free and fair elections and condemn human rights violations (see S. Res. 116), [26MR]
———commend free and fair elections, call for peaceful transfer of power, and support efforts to pursue national unity (see S. Res. 320), [8DE]

Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [18JN]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [16JY]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 757), [15AP]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [22MY]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [24FE]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [12MR]
Cuba: submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relative to property confiscated by Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade (see S. 1388), [19MY]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [24JN]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [22AP]
———inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [11FE]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———authorize American Dream Accounts to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 687), [10MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative higher education providers to receive Federal education funding (see S. 2111), [30SE]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [5FE]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
Dept. of Energy: improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships (see S. 1187), [4MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [21JY]
———improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [17MR]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of State: allow waiver of visa renewal fees for certain adoptive families (see S. 1300), [18MY]
———report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [23MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———improve accountability of employees (see S. 290), [28JA]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [22SE]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [7JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 378), [4FE]
———include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 281), [28JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: improve attorney accountability to reduce frivolous lawsuits (see S. 401), [5FE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [23FE]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [23FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [23JN]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Germany: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [8OC]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 1536), [10JN]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [3DE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
———treat children trafficked for sex as victims or survivors of rape and sex trafficking and support efforts to arrest and prosecute such sex traffickers (see S. Res. 81), [12FE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [7OC]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [22OC]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [10DE]
———provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]

Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator: establish to coordinate efforts to secure release of U.S. persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism (see S. 1652), [24JN]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [8JY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
Iraq: authorize direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to Kurdish Regional Government (see S. 1188), [5MY]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
———promote trade and commercial enhancement with the U.S. and discourage other U.S. trading partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel (see S. 619), [7MY]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [20JA]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [21JY]
King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia (Spain): U.S. visit (see S. Res. 253), [15SE]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 2144), [6OC]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [18NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [7DE]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 99), [10MR]
Liu Xiaobo Plaza, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 224), [24SE]
Lunar New Year: observance (see S. Res. 80), [12FE]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———establish smart card pilot program (see S. 1871), [27JY]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [13AP]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
Mongolia: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [7DE]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [5OC]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [13MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [3DE]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [18NO]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [17NO]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [28JY]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
Oswaldo Payá Way, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 226), [23JY]
Park Geun-hye: welcome Republic of Korea President upon U.S. visit and reaffirm importance of alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea (see S. Res. 194), [10JN] (see S. Res. 278), [7OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [22JY]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [15SE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [24MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [12MY]
Presidents of the U.S.: modify monetary allowance payable to a former President (see S. 1411), [21MY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [29JA]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [7DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [12FE]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [4FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Space policy: promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [12MY]
———promote development of a U.S. commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space (see S. 976), [16AP]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [20MY]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held ac-

countable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [5NO]
———require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [9DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 2079), [24SE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [24SE]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 152), [28AP] (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
China: express disfavor regarding the proposed U.S.-China nuclear cooperation agreement (see S.J. Res. 19), [15JY]
Colleges and universities: provide a legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education (see S. 2186), [20OC]
Colombia: oppose requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal O.R. Palmera Pineda, also known as ''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the U.S. as a part of the Colombian peace process (see S. Res. 208), [23JN]
Corps of Engineers: deauthorize Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project (see S. 124), [8JA]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [23AP]
Developing countries: provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
District of Columbia: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Escambia County, FL: convey certain property formerly part of Santa Rosa National Monument and conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (see S. 770), [18MR]
FCC: promote certain unlicensed spectrum use and maximize the use of such spectrum for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development (see S. 424), [10FE]
Firearms: terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
Foreign aid: establish guidelines for measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring of evaluation plans for U.S. foreign development and economic assistance programs and increase transparency (see S. 2184), [20OC]
IRS: implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [24MR]
———provide printed copies of Publication 17, ''Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals),'' to all taxpayers free of charge (see S. Res. 112), [25MR]
Jones-Ayers, Georgia: tribute (see S. Res. 85), [25FE]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [16JY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]
NASA: anniversary of Hubble Space Telescope (see S. Res. 149), [23AP]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 235), [29JY]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
Nisman, Alberto: offer condolences to family of Argentinian prosecutor, commend investigation of Argentine Israelite Mutual Association bombing, and call for investigation of death and Iranian involvement in bombing (see S. Res. 167), [5MY]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
NOAA: codify the Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project (see S. 1343), [14MY]
———promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them (see S. 1403), [20MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
Senior citizens: eliminate the payroll tax on individuals who have attained retirement age and repeal limits on outside income earned while receiving Social Security benefits (see S. 767), [17MR]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
Space policy: improve transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles (see S. 592), [26FE]
Taxation: allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 809), [19MR]
———allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [11MR]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 1798), [16JY]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [10SE], [15SE], [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [26MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [3DE]

RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]
Reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]

RURAL AREAS *related term(s)* **AGRICULTURE; URBAN AREAS**
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1800), [16JY] (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [8DE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———limit crop insurance premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer (see S. 345), [3FE]
———prohibit paying of premium subsidies on crop insurance policies based on actual market price of agricultural commodity at time of harvest (see S. 463), [11FE]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional

development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
Dept. of Energy: provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
Dept. of HHS: designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
Dept. of HUD: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 2292), [17NO]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [11JN]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Dept. of Transportation: require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend requirement to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 374), [4FE]
———improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: reverse designation of certain communities in Alaska as nonrural (see S. 1154), [30AP]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Employment: continue job creation and the promotion of investment through improvements to targeted employment areas (see S. 2115), [1OC]
FAA: use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
———encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [19MR]
———exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
———exempt small business providers of broadband Internet access from net neutrality enhanced transparency requirements (see S. 2283), [16NO]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 734), [12MR]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———provide relief to community banks and promote their access to capital (see S. 1816), [21JY]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JN]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [2FE]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———extend the rural add-on payment in the home health benefit (see S. 839), [23MR] (see S. 2389), [10DE]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
Native Americans: protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 2051), [17SE]
———improve provision of postal services to rural areas (see S. 1742), [9JY]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Taxation: allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 41), [7JA]
———clarify treatment of locum tenens physicians as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages in underserved areas (see S. 2371), [8DE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2FE]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
Water: reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
Reports filed
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1800) (S. Rept. 114–82), [16JY]
Commission on Native Children Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 246) (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 611) (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
Medicare Enforcement Instruction on Supervision Requirements for Outpatient Therapeutic Services in Critical Access and Small Rural Hospitals Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1461) (S. Rept. 114–109), [30JY]
Northern Border Security Review Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 114–102), [30JY]

RURAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DEMONSTRATION EXTENSION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 114–102), [30JY]

RURAL EDUCATOR SUPPORT AND TRAINING (REST) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2190), [21OC]

RURAL EMERGENCY ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL (REACH) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1648), [23JN]

RUSSIA
Bills and resolutions
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
———commend Russian opposition efforts, express condolences for death, condemn and call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 96), [4MR]
Savchenko, Nadiya V.: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot (see S. Res. 52), [28JA]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Ukraine: President Obama, [3MR]

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 311), [9NO]

S.A.F.E. MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]

SABINE PARISH, LA
Bills and resolutions
Delta Regional Authority: add Vernon and Sabine Parishes, LA, to make such parishes eligible for Federal economic development grants (see S. 1791), [16JY]

SACRAMENTO, CA
Bills and resolutions
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]

SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ESTABLISHMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 630), [3MR]

SADLER, ANTHONY
Bills and resolutions
France: tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]

SAFE ACT CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVILEGE ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 372), [4FE]
SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT
Bills and resolutions
EPA: provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
Public utilities: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Reports filed
Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 611) (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
SAFE FOOD ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 287), [28JA]
SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN FAMILIES FROM EXPOSURE BY KEEPING INFORMATION AND DATA SECURE (SAFE KIDS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1788), [16JY]
SAFETY
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
Bills and resolutions
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Alcohol Responsibility Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 162), [30AP]
Armed Forces: enhance military facilities force protection (see S. 1835), [22JY]
———enhance security of military personnel at U.S. military installations and operating locations (see S. 1988), [5AU]
———establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
———improve security at recruitment centers by allowing officers to carry weapons or improving structural security (see S. 1819), [21JY]
———provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
———repeal bans on military personnel carrying firearms on military bases and recruitment facilities (see S. 1821, 1823), [21JY]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [4FE]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Children and youth: identify and review certain preventive strategies, improve services for, and protect and assist in the recovery of runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking (see S. 529), [12FE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
———promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
Coast Guard: require development and posting of passenger capacity limits for recreational vessels (see S. 1464), [22MY]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Corporations: establish criminal penalties for corporate officers failing to inform and warn of serious dangers posed by corporate actions or products (see S. 2140), [6OC]
CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
———establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [26FE]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Crime: impose criminal penalties for unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft (see S. 2249), [5NO]
———prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1520), [4JN]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 449, 467), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1332), [13MY]
Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
Dept. of Energy: provide for modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid and carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector (see S. 1241), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
———reauthorize certain programs relative to national health security (see S. 2055), [17SE]
———require a safety assessment of food containers composed of bisphenol A and require food packaging containing bisphenol A to be labeled as such (see S. 821), [19MR]
———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
———allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [13JA]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 2431), [18DE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———improve claims process under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for those exposed to atmospheric nuclear testing (see S. 1895), [29JY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
———improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
———include court security officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program (see S. 1108), [28AP]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
———strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
———issue occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, nurses, and other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard (see S. 2408), [16DE]
Dept. of Transportation: assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———enhance rail safety and provide for safe transport of hazardous materials (see S. 1114), [28AP]
———ensure motor vehicle crash avoidance information is provided alongside of crashworthiness information where such information is made available to the public (see S. 1535), [10JN]
———establish a bus state of good repair program (see S. 1813), [21JY]
———establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [4MR]
———improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]

———improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [16AP]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
———require State motor vehicle departments and registration agencies to notify motor vehicle owners of open safety recalls and require compliance with such recalls prior to registration (see S. 617), [2MR]
———waive the state of good repair certification requirement for participants in the pilot program for expedited project delivery (see S. 1734), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]
———carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Developing countries: promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
District of Columbia: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 319), [19NO]
Drugs: increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [22MY]
———promote development of safe drugs for neonates (see S. 2041), [16SE]
———provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [11MR]
———reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 636), [3MR]
Education: support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 88), [7JA]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
———publish a health advisory and submit reports relative to microcystins in drinking water (see S. 462), [11FE]
———require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [10MR]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
———clarify whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status (see S. 387), [5FE]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
———issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 573), [25FE]
———issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [14AP]
———protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [18JN]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
Families and domestic relations: provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———ensure safety of cosmetics (see S. 1014), [20AP]
———ensure the safety of imported seafood (see S. 190), [20JA]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 1406), [20MY]
Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: reform (see S. 1669), [24JN]
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [19MR]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 487), [12FE]
———establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
Fire prevention: require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger (see S. 1100), [27AP]
Firearms: allow family members and close associates of suspected unstable individuals to take legal actions to prevent such individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms (see S. 1977), [5AU]
———develop and use technology for personalized handguns and require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the U.S. incorporate such technology (see S. 1474), [2JN]
———ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [21OC]
———facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR] (see S. 992), [16AP]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain non-removable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
———require sellers or transferors of firearms to take reasonable steps to ensure the recipient is not prohibited from possessing a firearm (see S. 2016), [9SE]
Food Safety Administration: establish (see S. 287), [28JA]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6MY]
———provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad (see S. 2388), [10DE]
Highway Beautification Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 288), [19OC]
Housing: require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
Immigration: detain any unlawfully present alien who is arrested for certain criminal offenses, expedite the removal of such aliens, and report on number of criminal alien arrests, convictions, and removals (see S. 1752), [13JY] (see S. 1843), [22JY]
———ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 1762), [14JY]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Iraq: require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya (see S. 1643), [23JN]
Law enforcement: provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]

———ensure Federal officers remain able to ensure their own safety and the safety of their families during a covered furlough (see S. 1162), [30AP]
Lumber industry: exempt certain children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws (see S. 694), [10MR]
Medicare: cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 1145), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
———develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
———establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, and help consumers identify recalled tires (see S. 1741), [9JY]
———prescribe safety standards for autocycles and related equipment (see S. 685), [10MR]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 2322), [19NO]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
National Blood Donor Month: designate (see S. Res. 56), [29JA]
National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 70), [5FE] (see S. Res. 341), [18DE]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [28AP]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 264), [22SE]
National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record: provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their families can register certain firearms (see S. 670), [4MR]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 281), [7OC]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
———provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 151), [23AP]
National security: develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 59), [30JA]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
Native Americans: require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings (see S. 184), [16JA]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
———codify the Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project (see S. 1343), [14MY]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 560), [25FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [8JA]
———allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
———ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
———ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Postal Service: conduct a pilot program to conduct nonpostal services at certain post offices, allow shipping of alcoholic beverages, and upgrade the postal vehicle fleet (see S. 1854), [23JY]
Privacy: protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
Railroads: improve highway-rail grade crossing safety (see S. 532), [23FE]
———improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Recreational vehicles: study proposed vehicle handling requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles and prohibit adoption of such requirements prior to completion of the study (see S. 1040), [22AP]
Roads and highways: enhance tribal road safety (see S. 1776), [15JY]
———extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY] (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [27JA]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 256), [15SE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [29JA]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [23FE]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
Ships and vessels: exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Taxation: clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 910), [14AP] (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 932), [14AP]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [27FE]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 2068), [22SE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 850), [24MR] (see S. 946), [15AP]
———provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
———improve the Federal Flight Deck Officers program (see S. 1594), [17JN]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
Vice Presidents of the U.S.: prohibit threats against former Vice Presidents and members of their families (see S. 250), [26JA]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Weather: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
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Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [14AP]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [9JN]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [20OC]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [29SE]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [19MY]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [30SE]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [30SE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [6AU]
———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [15SE]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 327), [9FE]
———reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [22SE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [13AP]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [2FE]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [15SE]
Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 585), [26FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 864), [23JY]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [19NO]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of the Interior: permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [5AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [6MY]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [29SE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]

———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [28AP]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [29JY]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1257), [7MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [23AP]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [10DE]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [26OC]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
———provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [14JY]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [21JY]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [24SE]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [28OC]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [16JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [15JN]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [7MY]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [5MY]
———reauthorize (see S. 1925), [5AU]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [3AU]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [17SE]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4MY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [7JY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [17SE]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
NRC: prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations for spent fuel stored at closed nuclear reactors (see S. 944), [15AP]
———require nuclear reactor operators to expand emergency planning zones and develop plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (see S. 945), [15AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [29SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [26OC]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [12MY]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
Pope Francis: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Power resources: stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [19OC]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [28AP]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [24SE]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [13AP]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [5AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [10JN]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [14MY]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [16SE]

———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [29SE]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [22JA]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [5MY]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [20AP]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [16MR]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [22JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Dept. of Education: eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, reduce interest rates and allow for refinancing of student loans, expand work study program, and simplify student aid application process (see S. 1373), [19MY]
Dept. of Energy: establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
Dept. of Labor: provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Drugs: limit application of Federal laws to distribution and consumption of marijuana (see S. 2237), [4NO]
Employment: assist workers who have lost jobs or had a reduction in wages or hours due to the transition to clean energy and establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2398), [10DE]
———require employers to provide a certain amount of paid vacation time to eligible employees (see S. 1564), [11JN]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 1206), [6MY]
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.: amend charter to remove certain restrictions (see S. 1366), [18MY]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Medicaid: require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [22JY]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
Pensions: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
Pharmaceuticals: ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]
Social Security: enhance benefits and ensure long-term solvency (see S. 731), [12MR]
Taxation: end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, and prevent U.S. tax avoidance (see S. 922), [14AP]
———extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, reduce estate value exemption level, include a billionaire's surtax, tax dynasty trusts, and protect farmland and conservation easements (see S. 1677), [25JN]
Voting: establish election day as a legal public holiday (see S. 1969), [5AU]
———establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for Federal elections (see S. 1970), [5AU]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [15AP]

SANDERS, TYWANZA
Bills and resolutions
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FL
Bills and resolutions
Escambia County, FL: convey certain property formerly part of Santa Rosa National Monument and conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (see S. 770), [18MR]

SASSE, BEN ***(a Senator from Nebraska)***
Appointments
Congressional-Executive Commission on China, [8SE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [26MR]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [26MR]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [24SE]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [26MR]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———expand ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations of motor vehicle fuels (see S. 1239), [11JN]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [1DE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [28SE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]

———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [11MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [26MR]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Liu Xiaobo Plaza, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 224), [24SE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [12FE]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [28JY]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [19NO]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Taxation: provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [8OC]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [23AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [11JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency: submit a report to Congress on Inspector General mandates (see S. 2128), [5OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide a transition plan for individuals impacted by implementation (see S. 673), [4MR]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
SAUDI ARABIA, KINGDOM OF
Bills and resolutions
Joint Inquiry Into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001: require declassification of certain redacted information (see S. 1471), [1JN]
SAVCHENKO, NADIYA V.
Bills and resolutions
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [28JA]
SAVE OAK FLAT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2242), [5NO]
SAVE OUR SMALL AND SEASONAL BUSINESSES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2225), [30OC]
SAVING FEDERAL DOLLARS THROUGH BETTER USE OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASE AND TRAVEL CARDS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1616) (S. Rept. 114–174), [8DE]
SAVING LIVES, SAVING COSTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1475), [2JN]
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND JERRY PEAK WILDERNESS ADDITIONS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 583) (S. Rept. 114–127), [9SE]
SAXTON, AK
Bills and resolutions
FERC: issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
Reports filed
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
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Bills and resolutions
Medora, ND: anniversary of Medora Musical (see S. Res. 220), [9JY]
SCHATZ, BRIAN ***(a Senator from Hawaii)***
Appointments
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors, [13MY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [24SE]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [21SE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [16JN]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [2JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [11FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Bureau of Reclamation: require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [20MY]
Colleges and universities: provide for higher education reform (see S. 1355), [14MY]
———strengthen minority-serving institutions (see S. 2317), [19NO]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [29OC]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [16SE]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation: modify accreditation standards to prevent the stand-

ards from negatively impacting Alaska Native and American Indian teacher candidates (see S. Res. 301), [30OC]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [2DE]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [30SE]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [27JY]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [21AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26MR]
———establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [23MR]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [10DE]
———require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [7MY]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
Dept. of HHS: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of HUD: modernize and improve Family Unification Program (see S. 2289), [17NO]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [1DE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [4MR]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
Dept. of the Interior: provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [30JA]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [22AP]
Dept. of Transportation: establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 1467), [22MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [8JY]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [30JY]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [30JY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [30JY]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [25JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [30JY]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [11JN]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [1JN]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
———reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors and eliminate increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base (see S. 1138), [29AP]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [25FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [22JA]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [1JN]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
FCC: consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 253), [25FE]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [22JY]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
———provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 2035), [24SE]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [22OC]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [13JY]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [24SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [21MY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
Information technology: develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [10NO]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [15DE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [28AP]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [9FE]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [11MY]

Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [10JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [8SE]
———reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
———restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [14AP]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [5FE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [23JN]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [16AP]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [23JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [16SE]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 606), [26FE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 187), [21MY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———provide tribal demonstration projects for integration of early childhood development and education, including Native language and culture (see S. 2304), [18NO]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [23JN]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [27OC]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
———reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [9FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 2114), [1OC]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [22OC]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [22JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [21JY]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4AU]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [26FE]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 12), [16AP] (see S. Res. 197), [9JN]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [18JN]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [4MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [24JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [25FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
———establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [24JN]
Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [3MR]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [5AU]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, and prevent U.S. tax avoidance (see S. 922), [22AP]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [23FE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [6MY]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Transportation Security Administration: exempt certain flights in Hawaii and Alaska from increased aviation security service fees (see S. 712), [11MR]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [13JY]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [6OC]
Weather: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [30SE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [30SE]
World Hepatitis Day: observance (see S. Res. 233), [28JY]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]

———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 3), [5FE]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1570), [11JN]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 1050), [22AP]
———provide grants to States for repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools (see S. 1505), [4JN]
Dept. of Justice: establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
Federal agencies and departments: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 723), [12MR]
Federal employees: ensure that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (see S. 2033), [15SE]
———increase rates of pay for General Schedule and prevailing rate employees (see S. 164), [13JA]
Hawaii: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]
National Museum of the American People: support formation of a bipartisan Presidential commission to study establishment (see S. Con. Res. 23), [7OC]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
Power resources: promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems (see S. 888), [26MR]
Roads and highways: expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects relative to financing (see S. 880), [26MR]
Social Security: strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 1940), [5AU]
Taxation: extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
Telecommunications: promote availability of additional unlicensed spectrum for innovation and investment (see S. 2278), [10NO]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
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Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [15AP]

SCHEDULES THAT WORK ACT
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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OPPORTUNITY AND RESULTS (SOAR) ACT
Bills and resolutions
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY MONTH
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Bills and resolutions
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 51), [28JA]
Charter schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA] (see S. 316), [29JA]
Children and youth: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [29JA]
———improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
Corp. for National and Community Service: establish National Service for Schools Program (see S. 2428), [18DE]
Dept. of Agriculture: amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the National School Lunch Program to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables (see S. 2243), [5NO]
———authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [10JN]
———improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [27FE]
———issue loan guarantees for purposes of financing improvements to school lunch facilities and training school food service personnel (see S. 540), [24FE]
———prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and reinstate grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 1146), [30AP]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in establishing a price for paid school lunches (see S. 1805), [21JY]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [25FE]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———assure educational stability for children in foster care (see S. 1639), [18JN]
———authorize local educational agencies and schools to carry out child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities (see S. 1665), [24JN]
———award Early College Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1106), [28AP]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered (see S. 1025), [21AP]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———create a partnership with the Corp. for National and Community Service to place individuals in low-performing schools to implement school turnaround strategies and provide additional support (see S. 1710), [7JY]
———establish a full-service community schools grant program (see S. 1787), [16JY]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1166), [30AP]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 1050), [22AP]
———establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program (see S. 1128), [29AP]
———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]
———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———improve privacy protections for students and their parents (see S. 1341), [14MY]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 2419), [17DE]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]

———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———make grants to promote the education of expectant and parenting students (see S. 416), [9FE]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools (see S. 1892), [29JY]
———provide for State accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [6JA]
———provide grants to States for repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools (see S. 1505), [4JN]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
———recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools (see S. 476), [12FE]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
———strengthen and reauthorize the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (see S. 1075), [23AP]
———strengthen charter school accountability and transparency, prevent fraud, and increase community involvement (see S. 1708), [7JY]
———strengthen connections to early childhood education programs (see S. 643), [3MR]
———support a reduction in school suspension and expulsions (see S. 672), [4MR]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 418), [9FE]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
———use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary and secondary schools (see S. 325), [30JA]
Dept. of Energy: coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 610), [27FE]
Dept. of Transportation: enhance transportation programs to connect people to jobs, schools, and other essential services through a multimodal transportation network (see S. 2008), [6AU]
Discrimination: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Diseases: provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [23AP]
District of Columbia: disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [18MR]
———reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Education: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
———express importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools (see S. Res. 150), [23AP]
———improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
———improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
———include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
———promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]
———provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
———reform induction, professional development, and systems for professional growth and improvement for teachers, librarians, and principals (see S. 882), [26MR]
———support provision of safe relationship behavior education and training (see S. 355), [3FE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (see S. 1177), [30AP]
Employment: require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 111), [25MR]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 464), [11FE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
Privacy: require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 256), [15SE]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [23FE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
States: require to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [19MR]
Taxation: allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 809), [19MR]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———modify and permanently extend qualified zone academy bonds to facilitate school renovation and construction and treat such bonds as specified tax credit bonds (see S. 1753), [13JY]
———provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
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STEM Education Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 1020) (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]
Tax Relief Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]
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Appointments
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed

electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU]
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [9NO]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [17JN]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [22AP]
Bankruptcy: require creditors to inform consumer reporting agencies that certain debts have been discharged in bankruptcy (see S. 1773), [28OC]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [5FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for unveiling of marble bust of Vice President Richard B. Cheney (see S. Con. Res. 24), [5NO]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [23JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [23JY]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [7MY]
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 126), [26MR]
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 126), [26MR]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
CPSC: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [3MR]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [12FE]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [12FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [12FE]
Cuba: lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [22JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [18MR]
———fund Federal Pell Grant Program through mandatory appropriations (see S. 1060), [22AP]
———increase maximum Federal Pell Grant Program grant to match average cost of in-State tuition and fees and index future amounts for inflation (see S. 1061), [22AP]
———reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants (see S. 1062), [22AP]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [28SE]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [30SE]
———authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [17MR]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [10NO]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———reauthorize certain trauma care programs (see S. 763), [9JN]
———revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 1287), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement integrity measures to strengthen EB–5 regional center program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation (see S. 2415), [17DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [26FE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [8JA]
———fund and increase accessibility to National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, share data with National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and facilitate reporting to such systems (see S. 2105), [30SE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [27JY]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
———provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [13MY]
Dept. of Transportation: incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [16AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [14MY]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [9JY]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [9JN]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [20JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [9JY]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [3NO]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [13JY]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [28AP]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [9JY]

———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [13MY]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [6AU]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [9SE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [16SE]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [28JY]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [2JN]
———provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use (see S. 1065), [4AU]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [27JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [7JY]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [27FE]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [23FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [23FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: protect the safety of the national airspace system from the hazardous operation of consumer drones (see S. 1608), [18JN]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
———prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 406), [5FE]
———provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 2324), [19NO]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial institutions: provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [29JY]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
FTC: issue rules to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications (see S. 1200), [6MY]
———prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [6AU]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [6AU]
Immigrant Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 216), [7JY]
Immigration: reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [21JA]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [26MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [10SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [8SE]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [23AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [25MR]
Library of Congress: establish a 10-year term for the Librarian of Congress (see S. 2162), [7OC]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [3MR]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [3AU]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [23JN]
———allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [22JN]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [28SE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [30AP]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [26FE]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [13MY]
———extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [10DE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [2FE]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [23JN]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [3MR]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]

———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [9SE]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [8DE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [18MR]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [20AP]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [22OC]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [17MR]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [21AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [7OC]
———protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [18DE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [27JY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [29SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [14MY]
———express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [10NO]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [28JY]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Puerto Rico: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
———treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Railroads: improve highway-rail grade crossing safety (see S. 532), [23FE]
———improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
SBA: establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [9JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [5MY]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [3AU]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [22JN]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [23JN]
Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building, Kingston, NY: designate (see S. 2088), [28SE]
Stonewall National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2386), [10DE]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [9JY]
———enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances (see S. 364), [4FE]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [19MR]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [10MR]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [21JY]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [26FE]
———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [27FE]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [17DE]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
———treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1801), [16JY] (see S. 2202), [22OC]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [29AP]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]

———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [21SE]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [10FE]
World Hepatitis Day: observance (see S. Res. 233), [28JY]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [10SE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1459), [22MY]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]
Coast Guard: require development and posting of passenger capacity limits for recreational vessels (see S. 1464), [22MY]
CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
Credit: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower (see S. 1384), [19MY]
Crime: prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
Dept. of HHS: provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [13JA]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students (see S. 2433), [18DE]
Disabled: prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports (see S. 2427), [18DE]
Firearms: ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [21OC]
#GivingTuesday: designate (see S. Res. 323), [1DE]
Herman Badillo Post Office Building, Bronx, NY: designate (see S. 692), [10MR]
Housing: require disclosure by anyone selling a home or a landlord about previous manufacturing of methamphetamine in such homes to buyers or renters (see S. 2405), [15DE]
Law enforcement: increase the penalty for fraudulent 9-1-1 calls that result in an emergency response from law enforcement agencies (see S. 1018), [21AP]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [12FE]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico (see S. 1453), [21MY]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
Medicare/Medicaid: make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 1173), [30AP]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 2322), [19NO]
National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 70), [5FE] (see S. Res. 341), [18DE]
New York, NY: establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center (see S. 509), [12FE]
NOAA: provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1107), [28AP]
Officer Daryl R. Pierson Post Office, East Rochester, NY: designate (see S. 823), [19MR]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [30AP]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [27FE]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
Taylor, Charles E.: tribute (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [29SE]
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1950), [5AU]
———provide that a voter who has previously registered in a State shall be allowed to update their address within the State up to Election Day (see S. 1952), [5AU]
———require availability of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting (see S. 1951), [5AU]
SCHWEIKER, RICHARD S. ***(a former Senator from Pennsylvania)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SCIENCE *related term(s)* **ENGINEERING; MATHEMATICS; RESEARCH; TECHNOLOGY**
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf region and make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative (see S. 1278), [11MY]
College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Corps of Engineers: transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see S. 1979), [5AU]
Darwin Day: designate (see S. Res. 66), [4FE] (see S. Res. 337), [17DE]
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [5FE]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
Dept. of Energy: establish a grant program allowing National Laboratories provision of vouchers to small businesses to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and their economic impact (see S. 1259), [7MY]
———establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories (see S. 784), [18MR]
———extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
———improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships (see S. 1187), [4MY]
———increase maximum percentage of funds available for laboratory directed research and development (see S. 830), [23MR]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
———submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions with National Laboratories (see S. 1229), [6MY]
Dept. of HHS: provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———revise operations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (see S. 1151), [30AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [25FE]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
Dept. of Transportation: recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
Drugs: combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
EPA: prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that

is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 543), [24FE]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
FDA: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 2301), [18NO]
Federal agencies and departments: increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
Fish and fishing: reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
Health: prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [28JA]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
Innovation: support (see S. 894), [26MR]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [22MY]
———promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
NASA: anniversary of Hubble Space Telescope (see S. Res. 149), [23AP]
———report on requirements and risks in connection with use of radioisotopic power systems for space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit (see S. 1829), [22JY]
National Chemistry Week: designate (see S. Res. 289), [19OC]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [5AU]
———prioritize funding to discover treatments and cures, maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and restore purchasing power (see S. 318), [29JA]
NOAA: codify the Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project (see S. 1343), [14MY]
———develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1107), [28AP]
NSF: implement Sustainable Chemistry Program (see S. 1447), [21MY]
———support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Patents: amend laws to promote basic research, stimulate publication of scientific documents, encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, and improve transfer of technology to the private sector (see S. 926), [14AP]
———eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Power resources: modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
———improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 2014), [9SE]
———prioritize funding for expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research (see S. 747), [16MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Social Security: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
Space policy: improve transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles (see S. 592), [26FE]
———promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [12MY]
———promote development of a U.S. commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space (see S. 976), [16AP]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act: reauthorize (see S. 2282), [16NO]
Taxation: provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 43), [7JA]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [16MR]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
Weather: establish regional weather forecast offices (see S. 1573), [15JN]
Reports filed
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
National Sea Grant College Program Act Reauthorization and Amendment: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 764) (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]
National Weather Service Improvement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1573) (S. Rept. 114–154), [19OC]
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Protecting American Talent and Entrepreneurship (PATENT) Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1137), [8SE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]
Secret Science Reform Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 544) (S. Rept. 114–69), [22JN]
Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2820), [3DE]
STEM Education Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 1020) (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]
Strengthening Education Through Research Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 227), [4FE]
U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1297) (S. Rept. 114–88), [22JY]
Water Resources Research Act Grants Reauthorization and Applied Water Supply Research Regarding Water Resources Research and Technology Institutes: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 653) (S. Rept. 114–48), [18MY]

SCORE FOR SMALL BUSINESS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1000), [10JN]

SCOTT, BRENT W.
Prayers
Senate, [16DE]

SCOTT, TIM ***(a Senator from South Carolina)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [8OC]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th constitutional amendment abolishing slavery (see S. Con. Res. 21), [5OC]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2200), [8DE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [19OC]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]

Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 11), [6JA]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [20MY]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [26JA]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of HHS: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [7OC]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [9SE]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [7OC]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [3NO]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [30JA]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [25MR]
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Education: improve knowledge about the best practices for teaching financial literacy (see S. 781), [18MR]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [28JY]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [30AP]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17DE]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [23JN]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [16JY]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
FDA: extend market exclusivity periods for drugs approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition (see S. 1421), [9JN]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 499), [12FE]
Federal employees: provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service (see S. 362), [4FE]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [8JY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [19MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [9FE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [30SE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 1536), [7JY]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP] (see S. 1016), [25JN]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [8SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [28JY]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [20OC]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [29JY]
Insurance: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [23AP]
IRS: establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
J. Waties Waring Judicial Center, Charleston, SC: designate (see S. 1147), [30AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [16NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [9DE]
Medicare: require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6AU]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [14MY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [5MY]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]

———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [28JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [5MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [5AU]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [27JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize Federal policies relative to supply and distribution of energy in U.S. and repeal the crude oil export ban (see S. 1312), [20MY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
SBA: expand participation in the Microloan Program (see S. 1857), [23JY]
———improve the Microloan Program (see S. 1445), [21JY]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 316), [16MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [16SE]
Taxation: improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [9FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [21MY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [9NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: reauthorize (see S. 1798), [3NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [11MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Dept. of Justice: make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
Insurance: require disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax (see S. 2432), [18DE]
IRS: exempt from certain labor-management relations requirements (see S. 2246), [5NO]
Law enforcement: require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Taxation: allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [25FE]
———increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care by providing incentives for doctors to provide uncompensated care (see S. 1521), [4JN]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
SECOND AMENDMENT ENFORCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 874), [26MR]
SECOND CHANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
SECRET SCIENCE REFORM ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 544) (S. Rept. 114–69), [22JN]
SECURE DATA ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 135), [8JA]
SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
SECURE THE BORDER FIRST ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 208), [21JA]
SECURING MILITARY PERSONNEL RESPONSE FIREARM INITIATIVE (SEMPER FI) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1819), [21JY]
SECURING URGENT RESOURCES VITAL TO INDIAN VICTIM EMPOWERMENT (SURVIVE) ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 1704) (S. Rept. 114–172), [3DE]
SECURITIES *related term(s)* **INVESTMENTS**
Bills and resolutions
Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
———clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1111), [28AP]
———specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions (see S. 876), [26MR]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: establish application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area (see S. 871), [26MR]
Consumers: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 67), [7JA]
Crime: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
Financial institutions: improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain

provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 107), [7JA]
FRS: reform by limiting emergency lending authority and closing loopholes allowing megabanks to engage in unrestricted commodities activities (see S. 1320), [13MY]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Investments: protect the investment choices of American investors (see S. 1802), [16JY]
———provide end-users with time to meet margin requirements and repeal certain indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required by swaps entities (see S. 1560), [11JN]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
Puerto Rico: provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
———enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 1730), [9JY]
———extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
———increase threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relative to compensatory benefit plans (see S. 576), [26FE]
———provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1010), [20AP]
———require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Taxation: allow a temporary dividends received deduction from a controlled foreign corporation for certain taxable years (see S. 397), [5FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 915), [14AP]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———modify and permanently extend qualified zone academy bonds to facilitate school renovation and construction and treat such bonds as specified tax credit bonds (see S. 1753), [13JY]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———permanently extend the tax treatment for certain Build America Bonds (see S. 1515), [4JN]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
———remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers subject to Federal excise taxes on distilled spirits, wine, and beer (see S. 904), [14AP]
U.S. Cotton Futures Act: modify definition of cotton futures contracts (see S. 1655), [24JN]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 89), [7JA]
Reports filed
Craft Beverage Bond Simplification Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 904) (S. Rept. 114–15), [14AP]
Ease Burden of Federal Tax Compliance on Small Businesses: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Financial Regulatory Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1484), [2JN]
Real Estate Investment and Jobs Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 915) (S. Rept. 114–25), [14AP]

SECURITIES ACT
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Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Budget: clarify that Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 548), [24FE]
———clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act is not subject to the sequester (see S. 550), [24FE]
Business and industry: require certain companies to disclose measures taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and child labor within the company's supply chains (see S. 1968), [5AU]
Crime: extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Government regulations: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 1730), [9JY]
———increase threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relative to compensatory benefit plans (see S. 576), [26FE]
———provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1010), [20AP]
———repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]
Information technology: require publicly traded companies to disclose to investors information on cybersecurity risks and presence of cybersecurity experts on the board of trustees (see S. 2410), [17DE]
Investments: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
———protect the investment choices of American investors (see S. 1802), [16JY]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee: establish (see S. 396), [5FE]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 1084), [23AP]
Securities: clearly define and statutorily prohibit insider trading (see S. 702), [11MR]
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Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 67), [7JA]

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Budget: clarify that Securities Investor Protection Corp., funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 549), [24FE]
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Adams, Julie E.: election as Sec. of the Senate (see S. Res. 8), [6JA]
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Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Bryan, Patricia Mack: appointment as Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 16), [6JA]
Bureau of Prisons: require the Director to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 1784), [16JY]
CBO: prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside normal scoring periods (see S. 2260), [9NO]
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———notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [6JA]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1571), [15JN]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1572), [15JN]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 109), [7JA]
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Dove, Laura C.: election as Sec. for the Majority of the Senate (see S. Res. 14), [6JA]
Elections: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
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Frankel, Morgan J.: appointment as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel (see S. Res. 17), [6JA]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 510), [12FE]
———require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 530), [23FE]
Hatch, Senator: election as President pro tempore (see S. Res. 3), [6JA]
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Legislation: require to be confined to a single issue (see S. Res. 192), [4JN]
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Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Ritchie, Donald A.: designate as Historian Emeritus of the Senate (see S. Res. 147), [22AP]
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Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in Care One Management, LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al. (see S. Res. 318), [18NO]
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———modify process for amending or adopting Senate Rules (see S. Res. 123), [26MR]
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———require Senate to be in session during a Government shutdown and compel presence of Senators (see S. Res. 101), [12MR]
———revise number of affirmative votes required to end debate on nominations (see S. Res. 67), [4FE]
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———clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18MY]

———test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]

Dept. of HHS: award grants to States for development of innovative long-term services and support programs (see S. 2338), [1DE]

———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [8JY]

———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]

Dept. of Justice: strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]

Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify treatment of agreements entered into to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services (see S. 739), [16MR]

Discrimination: provide equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older individuals (see S. 1765), [14JY]

Diseases: improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [23AP]

———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]

Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]

———eliminate the payroll tax on individuals who have attained retirement age and repeal limits on outside income earned while receiving Social Security benefits (see S. 767), [17MR]

Federal aid programs: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]

———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]

Financial institutions: provide training for financial services personnel to identify potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens and liability protection for such individuals who disclose such examples (see S. 2216), [28OC]

FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]

Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]

Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]

Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]

Investments: require 401(k) plan sponsors to inform participants of projected monthly income expected at retirement based on current account balances (see S. 1317), [13MY]

Medicaid: require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]

Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29JA]

———allow individuals to elect to receive Medicare Summary Notice electronically and increase flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors (see S. 584), [26FE]

———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [12FE]

———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]

———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1488), [3JN]

———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico (see S. 1453), [21MY]

———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]

———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24MR]

———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [22JY]

———cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal screening test (see S. 2262), [10NO]

———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]

———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]

———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JN]

———encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [18NO]

———enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market (see S. 2392), [10DE]

———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [21AP]

———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]

———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [26FE]

———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [11MR]

———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]

———establish smart card pilot program (see S. 1871), [27JY]

———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]

———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]

———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [3DE]
———extend certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on establishment of certain hospitals and facilities (see S. 2108), [30SE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [2FE]
———extend the rural add-on payment in the home health benefit (see S. 839), [23MR] (see S. 2389), [10DE]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———facilitate increased coordination and alignment between public and private sector relative to quality and efficiency measures (see S. 1427), [21MY]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———improve access to mental health services (see S. 2173), [8OC]
———improve efficiency of appeals process (see S. 2368), [8DE]
———improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans relative to certain categories or classes of drugs (see S. 648), [4MR]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists (see S. 2259), [9NO]
———improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by certain Federally qualified providers (see S. 1456), [22MY]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———make changes to home health face-to-face encounter requirements (see S. 1650), [23JN]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [24SE]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [3MR]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]
———permit occupational therapists to conduct initial assessment visits under a home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases (see S. 2364), [8DE]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [14JY]
———provide a technical change to long-term care hospital moratorium exception (see S. 202), [21JA]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
———provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies (see S. 1253), [7MY]
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———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [20AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [19MR]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [28JA]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [29AP]
———provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers (see S. 1132), [29AP]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [30SE]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
———recognize attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients (see S. 1354), [14MY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———refine payment for orthotics and prosthetics and improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care (see S. 829), [23MR]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [24FE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals (see S. 1349), [14MY]
———require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
———require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans (see S. 2349), [3DE]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
———strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs (see S. 2382), [9DE]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
———implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [5FE]
———improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
———improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [16DE]
———make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 264), [22SE]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [20JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal (see S. 77), [7JA] (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
Pharmaceuticals: ensure greater affordability of prescription drugs (see S. 2023), [10SE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 2181), [19OC]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 99), [7JA]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———enhance benefits and ensure long-term solvency (see S. 731), [12MR]
———enhance benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
———establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 20), [6JA]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
———protect system and improve benefits (see S. 1904), [30JY]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 1940), [5AU]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [11MR]
———expand personal and retirement savings by allowing employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic individual retirement accounts (see S. 245), [22JA]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 879), [26MR]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [15JN]
Reports filed
Audit & Appeals Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare (AFIRM) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 2368) (S. Rept. 114–177), [8DE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Waiver Authority Clarification: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1362) (S. Rept. 114–108), [30JY]
Community Based Independence for Seniors Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 704) (S. Rept. 114–103), [30JY]
Notice of Observation Treatment and Implication for Care Eligibility (NOTICE) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1349) (S. Rept. 114–107), [30JY]
Older Americans Act Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 192), [3FE]
Patient Access to Disposable Medical Technology Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1253) (S. Rept. 114–105), [30JY]
Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 313) (S. Rept. 114–98), [30JY]
Preventing and Reducing Improper Medicare and Medicaid Expenditures (PRIME) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 861) (S. Rept. 114–104), [30JY]
Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [1DE]
Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 114–102), [30JY]

SENIORS AND VETERANS EMERGENCY (SAVE) BENEFITS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2251), [5NO]

SENIOR$AFE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2216), [28OC]

SENSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]

SENTENCING REFORM AND CORRECTIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 2123), [26OC]

SEQUESTRATION RELIEF ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 515), [12FE]

SERBIA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [24JN]
Reports filed
Observe Srebrenica Genocide Anniversary, Support Territorial Integrity and Civil Rights, Account for Missing, and Hold Those Responsible Accountable in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 211), [25JN]

SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES (SCORE) (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [16AP]
Reports filed
SCORE for Small Business Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1000), [10JN]

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in Care One Management, LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al. (see S. Res. 318), [18NO]

SERVICEMEMBER STUDENT LOAN AFFORDABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1557), [11JN]

SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2347), [3DE] (see S. 2393), [10DE]
———make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements relative to controversies arising under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and preserve rights to bring class actions (see S. 2331), [19NO]
———make mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections permanent (see S. 1152), [30AP]

SESSIONS, JEFF ***(a Senator from Alabama)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [9OC]
Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
———S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, [3FE]
Senate National Security Working Group, [24FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [1OC]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [10FE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [6OC]
Armed Forces: improve security at recruitment centers by allowing officers to carry weapons or improve structural security (see S. 1819), [4AU]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 88), [3MR]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [9FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Bureau of Prisons: provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [3NO]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [16SE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [19NO]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10JN]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [27JA]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [20JA]
———inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [25FE]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———coordinate Federal research efforts for, and improve public education and awareness of, congenital heart disease (see S. 2248), [16NO]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [9JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [21JA]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [14AP]
———disapprove law repealing exemption allowing religiously affiliated educational institutions to discriminate against gay and lesbian student groups (see S.J. Res. 11), [14AP]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [3NO]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [28JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [8JN]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [18MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [3JN]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [8JN]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates,

and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [22JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [11MR]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [9FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [10FE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———improve the H–1B visa program and repeal the diversity visa lottery program (see S. 2394), [10DE]
———protect U.S. jobs by reducing number of visas available under H–1B non-immigrant worker visa program and prioritize allocation of such visas based on salary (see S. 2365), [8DE]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 2266), [16NO]
Insurance: provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [2JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [9MR]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [24SE]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [3NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [18MY]
Medicare: provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [18MY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 222), [21JA]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [14DE]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [19NO]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [18MY]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [28SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [18MY]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [24SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [8SE]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [11MR]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Taxation: provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [12MR]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [18MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 115), [25MR]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Prostate Cancer Council on Screening, Early Detection, Assessment, and Monitoring of Prostate Cancer: establish (see S. 216), [21JA]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [3FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
SEWAGE DISPOSAL *related term(s)* **REFUSE DISPOSAL**
Bills and resolutions
EPA: carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Defense: inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [5FE]
SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [29AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]

Families and domestic relations: provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
NOAA: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
SEYCHELLES, REPUBLIC OF
Messages
African Growth and Opportunity Act Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Country Termination for Seychelles: President Obama, [30SE]
Generalized System of Preferences Beneficiary Developing Country Designation Termination for Seychelles, Uruguay, and Venezuela: President Obama, [30SE]
SHAHEEN, JEANNE ***(a Senator from New Hampshire)***
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [11FE]
U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, [13MY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [4AU]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [22SE]
———reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [15AP]
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1459), [22MY]
———reform taxation (see S. 1562), [8JY]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [10SE]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 385), [5FE]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [5AU]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: observe anniversary of genocide at Srebrenica, support territorial integrity and civil rights, commend efforts to account for the missing, and hold those responsible for such crimes accountable (see S. Res. 211), [25JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [4FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [2JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [14AP]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 128), [8JA] (see S. 535), [23FE]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [5AU]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [15JN]
Copyrights: clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [12MR]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [1DE]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [10SE]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1520), [5NO]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [14JY]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [13AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: prohibit paying of premium subsidies on crop insurance policies based on actual market price of agricultural commodity at time of harvest (see S. 463), [11FE]
———reform crop insurance program (see S. 2244), [5NO]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [9FE]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [5MY]
———reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [11MR]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [9SE]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [9SE]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [9SE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [9DE]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [17SE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [27FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [20OC]
———offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
———report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [19MR]
Dept. of the Interior: restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of the Treasury: reauthorize the State Small Business Credit Initiative (see S. 1901), [30JY]
Dept. of Transportation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [5AU]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [29JA]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [23AP]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [4MY]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [26OC]
Developing countries: provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: commemorate discovery of polio vaccine and support Federal and international efforts to eradicate disease (see S. Res. 108), [24MR]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [11JN]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [28OC]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA]
———increase access to opioid addiction treatment by expanding ability of medical professionals to provide medication-assisted therapies (see S. 1455), [6OC]

———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 1431), [6OC]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Education: improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [15AP]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
FCC: promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [5FE]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [15JY]
Federal agencies and departments: improve energy efficiency in Federal facilities by encouraging entrance into energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts (see S. 858), [25MR]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [26FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [28SE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [22SE]
Firearms: protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [4NO]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [13JY]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [13MY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [30AP]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator: establish to coordinate efforts to secure release of U.S. persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism (see S. 1652), [23JN]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [19MY]
Iraq: require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya (see S. 1643), [25JN]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———provide printed copies of Publication 17, ''Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals),'' to all taxpayers free of charge (see S. Res. 112), [25MR]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [29JY]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [24SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [5MY]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [4FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC]
Law enforcement: clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the U.S. (see S. 1377), [19MY]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [17MR]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [23JN]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [14AP]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [15DE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [17MR]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [3MR]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [17MR]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [21OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [21AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [19MR]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [17MR]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [17MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [21AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [18NO]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 176), [21MY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [25JN]
———eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [9SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [29AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide States with flexibility in determining the size of em-

ployers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [6OC]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [15DE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [28OC]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [7JY]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
Romania: anniversary of diplomatic relations with the U.S. (see S. Res. 326), [3DE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [24FE]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program (see S. 1011), [20AP]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
———establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———expand participation in the Microloan Program (see S. 1857), [27JY]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
———prohibit use of reverse auctions for procurements of covered contracts (see S. 2139), [6OC]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [1OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 1960), [5AU]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [25FE]
———remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [25FE]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [28AP]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [16JN]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 340), [3FE]
———recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [15AP]
Taxation: enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 322), [29JA]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [20AP]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [21AP]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [28AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [30AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [10JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [10FE]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 174), [13JA]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Telephones: improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [17NO]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [10DE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Travel and tourism: facilitate international travel to the U.S. by reforming visa procedures for certain foreign nationals (see S. 2091), [7OC]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [4FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
———combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 207), [25JN]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [8OC]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Classified information: facilitate and enhance the declassification of information, including in the legislative branch (see S. 2121), [1OC]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 447), [11FE]
Crime: aid recovery and rehabilitation for victims of human trafficking (see S. 642), [3MR]

Dept. of Agriculture: limit crop insurance premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer (see S. 345), [3FE]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
Dept. of Education: establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System and encourage improved outreach and communication with borrowers (see S. 445), [10FE]
———use student loan repayment rates at institutions of higher education to determine institutional eligibility for Federal student aid funds and require risk sharing payments of institutions (see S. 1939), [5AU]
Dept. of Energy: advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids (see S. 1201), [6MY]
———develop a national smart manufacturing plan and provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs (see S. 1054), [22AP]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [26FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1328), [13MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the ten dollar bill (see S. 1613), [18JN]
———convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [14AP]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1508), [4JN] (see S. 1720), [8JY]
———study feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return (see S. 940), [15AP]
Dept. of Transportation: assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———extend requirement to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 374), [4FE]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Diseases: provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
Drugs: combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
———making appropriations to address heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic (see S. 2423), [18DE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [19MR]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 323), [29JA]
Forest Service: establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land (see S. 1733), [9JY]
GAO: conduct audits relative to timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other care from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (see S. 2229), [3NO]
Germany: anniversary of peaceful and democratic reunification (see S. Res. 274), [1OC]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Medicare: recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Power resources: assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [15AP]
———help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [14JY]
———improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [1OC]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [15AP]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [15AP]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]
Taxation; repeal percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines (see S. 2154), [7OC]
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges (see S. 1754), [14JY]
Cloture motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
Motions
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [3DE]
SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM
Bills and resolutions
Oregon Shakespeare Festival: anniversary (see S. Res. 89), [26FE]
SHELBY, RICHARD C. ***(a Senator from Alabama)***
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [19MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [11MY]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [24JN]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [10DE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1874), [2DE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater

shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [9NO]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [8JA]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [12JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2131), [5OC]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [24FE]
Taxation: repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [13MY]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [11JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 9), [9FE]
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 42), [27JA]
Financial institutions: improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 792), [18MR]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
Taxation: repeal Internal Revenue Code and replace with a flat tax (see S. 929), [14AP]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [15SE], [17SE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Reports filed
Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]
Expenditures: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 42), [27JA]
Financial Regulatory Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1484), [2JN]
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2578) (S. Rept. 114–66), [16JN]

SHIPPING INDUSTRY *related term(s)* **CARGO TRANSPORTATION; SHIPS AND VESSELS**
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: retain and provide for future use of certain land on Point Spencer, support missions and duties of the Coast Guard, and convey certain Point Spencer lands to Bering Straits Native Corp., and the State (see S. 1316), [13MY]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Dept. of Transportation: amend certain maritime programs (see S. 1326), [13MY]
———authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 332), [9DE]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
Surface Transportation Board: establish as independent and make more efficient and accessible by increasing investigative authority, improving rate review timelines and advancing important proceedings (see S. 808), [19MR]
———expand competition, restore balance to regulatory environment, and improve efficiency and reliability of rail shipping and transportation (see S. 853), [24MR]
Tariff: exempt from duty residue of bulk cargo contained in instruments of international traffic previously exported from the U.S. (see S. 989), [16AP]
Reports filed
Maritime Administration Enhancement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1326) (S. Rept. 114–158), [27OC]
Port Performance Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1298) (S. Rept. 114–164), [5NO]
Surface Transportation Board Independence, Investigative Authority Increase, Rate Review Timelines Improvement and Important Proceedings Advancement: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 808) (S. Rept. 114–52), [21MY]

SHIPS AND VESSELS *related term(s)* **MERCHANT MARINE INDUSTRY; RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**
Bills and resolutions
AID: reform Food for Peace Program (see S. 525), [12FE]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [18JN]
———provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard (see S. 1386), [19MY]
———require development and posting of passenger capacity limits for recreational vessels (see S. 1464), [22MY]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Dept. of Defense: reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
Dept. of Energy: authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———expand Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and U.S. flagged vessels and return unspent funds and loan proceeds to reduce the national debt (see S. 1181), [4MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [15JY]

Dept. of Transportation: amend certain maritime programs (see S. 1326), [13MY]
———authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1673), [24JN]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Fire prevention: exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Immigration: provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [4JN]
———deter labor slowdowns at U.S. ports (see S. 1630), [18JN]
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 332), [9DE]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
Naval Submarine Base New London, CT: commend Connecticut for initial contribution of land to establish and ongoing support, submariners, and contributions to industry, workforce, and defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 298), [26OC]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
NOAA: terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Pipelines: ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
Recycling: promote the recycling of vessels (see S. 1511), [4JN]
Terrorism: provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
Water pollution: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
———remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [4FE]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Cuba and Emergency Authority on Regulation of Anchorage and Movement of Vessels: President Obama, [25FE]
Reports filed
Coast Guard Appropriations: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1611) (S. Rept. 114–168), [30NO]
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334), [28JY]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334) (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]
Maritime Administration Enhancement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1326) (S. Rept. 114–158), [27OC]
Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]
Port Performance Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1298) (S. Rept. 114–164), [5NO]
Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 834) (S. Rept. 114–91), [23JY]
Vessel Incidental Discharge Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 373) (S. Rept. 114–96), [29JY]

SHOE INDUSTRY
Bills and resolutions
Medicare: modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [3MR]

SHUTDOWN ACCOUNTABILITY RESOLUTION
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. Res. 101), [12MR]

SIERRA LEONE, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]

SILVER STAR FAMILIES OF AMERICA (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 136), [16AP]

SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 136), [16AP]

SILVERTON, CO
Bills and resolutions
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]

SIMMONS, DANIEL L., SR.
Bills and resolutions
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

SIMON, ROBERT E., JR.
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 285), [8OC]

SIMONS, BARBARA
Appointments
Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors, [2MR]

SIMPLIFIED, MANAGEABLE, AND RESPONSIBLE TAX (SMART) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 929), [14AP]

SINGLETON, SHARONDA
Bills and resolutions
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

SKARLATOS, ALEK
Bills and resolutions
France: tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]

SMALL BREWER REINVESTMENT AND EXPANDING WORKFORCE (SMALL BREW) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 375), [4FE]

SMALL BUSINESS *related term(s)* **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**
Bills and resolutions
American Craft Beer Week: support goals (see S. Res. 188), [31MY]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [20JA]
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Construction industries: improve manner of awarding Federal contracts, prohibit use of reverse auctions for services procurements, and improve payment protections to Federal contractors and suppliers (see S. 1526), [8JN]
Contracts: ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 21), [6JA]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 104), [7JA]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [16JY]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
Dept. of Education: establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
Dept. of Energy: develop a national smart manufacturing plan and provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs (see S. 1054), [22AP]
———establish a grant program allowing National Laboratories provision of vouchers to small businesses to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and their economic impact (see S. 1259), [7MY]
———improve technology transfer by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses and increase public-private partnerships in research and development (see S. 2287), [17NO]
———provide loans and grants for solar installations in low-income and underserved areas (see S. 1713), [7JY]
Dept. of Labor: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [10NO]
Dept. of the Treasury: reauthorize the State Small Business Credit Initiative (see S. 1901), [30JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enhance treatment of small businesses owned by veterans after the death of disabled veteran owners for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 296), [28JA]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———limit application of Federal laws to distribution and consumption of marijuana (see S. 2237), [4NO]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]

———require employers to provide a certain amount of paid vacation time to eligible employees (see S. 1564), [11JN]
FCC: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
———exempt small business providers of broadband Internet access from net neutrality enhanced transparency requirements (see S. 2283), [16NO]
Federal agencies and departments: require a notice and comment process for interpretative rules if there is a change to a previously issued rule (see S. 1487), [3JN]
———review certain rules and regulations (see S. 846), [24MR]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]
———create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 726), [12MR]
———expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1367), [18MY]
———provide relief to community banks and promote their access to capital (see S. 1816), [21JY]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Firearms: terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [12FE]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
———improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]
FRS: establish advisory boards for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1963), [5AU]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 426), [10FE] (see S. 1536), [10JN]
———prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (see S. 1978), [5AU]
———provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
———suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 86), [7JA]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
Immigration: establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
Insurance: clarify rules on nondiscriminatory employer wellness programs as they relate to premium discounts, rebates, or modifications to otherwise applicable cost sharing under group health plans (see S. 620), [2MR]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [25JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24FE]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [22JY]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Entrepreneurs' Day: designate (see S. Res. 314), [17NO]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native Americans: restore opportunity for tribal economic development by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe on terms that are equal and fair (see S. 1457), [22MY]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
NOAA: terminate the independent third-party at-sea monitoring program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless such program is fully funded by NOAA (see S. 2047), [17SE]
Patents: eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
———strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [3MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 97), [7JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———modify definition of applicable large employer relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1415), [21MY]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal certain provisions in order to lower health premiums and increase choice for small business and individuals (see S. 254), [26JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses (see S. 1862), [26JY] (see S. 1870), [27JY]
———clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 956), [15AP]
———direct Office of Veterans Business Development task force to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses (see S. 1400), [20MY]
———establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
———establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program (see S. 1011), [20AP]
———establish an incubator and accelerator grant program for veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 2273), [10NO]
———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
———establish Export Credit Insurance Program (see S. 1546), [10JN]
———establish Regional Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program (see S. 2136), [6OC]
———establish Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program (see S. 1934), [4AU]
———establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———expand participation in the Microloan Program (see S. 1857), [23JY]
———expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 1266), [11MY]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 966), [15AP]
———help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [14JY]
———improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [1OC]
———improve review and acceptance of subcontracting plans (see S. 2138), [6OC]
———improve small business development centers (see S. 999), [16AP]
———improve the Microloan Program (see S. 1445), [21MY]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [15AP]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
———increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 115), [7JA]
———increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
———make Community Advantage Pilot Program permanent (see S. 2125), [1OC]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [15AP]
———prohibit use of reverse auctions for procurements of covered contracts (see S. 2139), [6OC]
———provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery (see S. 1470), [31MY]
———provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts (see S. 958), [15AP]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [1OC]
———require Chief Counsel for Advocacy submittal of a report on small business innovation (see S. 963), [15AP]
———treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and extend the period for HUBZone

treatment for certain defense base closure areas (see S. 1292), [12MY]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
———provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1010), [20AP]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [16AP]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
Taxation: allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors (see S. 973), [16AP]
———allow deductions and credits relative to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law (see S. 987), [16AP]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 948), [15AP]
———establish tax-preferred Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts (see S. 1262), [7MY]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
———improve tax treatment of small businesses (see S. 1827), [22JY]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for certain small insurance companies (see S. 905), [14AP]
———increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit (see S. 537), [24FE]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1905), [30JY]
———modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (see S. 1660), [24JN]
———modify certain safe harbor requirements to encourage small business to offer retirement plans and to allow individuals to save more (see S. 266), [27JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1281), [11MY]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 949), [15AP]
———provide for full expensing of tangible property (see S. 2350), [3DE]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1141), [30AP]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1666), [24JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———reduce the rate of tax on certain distilled spirits (see S. 1444), [21MY]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
———reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, reduce estate value exemption level, include a billionaire's surtax, tax dynasty trusts, and protect farmland and conservation easements (see S. 1677), [25JN]
———remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers subject to Federal excise taxes on distilled spirits, wine, and beer (see S. 904), [14AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1801), [16JY] (see S. 2202), [22OC]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
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———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
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Alternative Tax Liability Limitation Increase for Certain Small Insurance Companies: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 905) (S. Rept. 114–16), [14AP]
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Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 966), [10JN]
Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the Small Business Administration (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 967), [10JN]
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HUBZone Revitalization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1292), [10JN]
Improving Small Business Innovative Research and Technologies Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2136), [3DE]
Microloan Modernization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1857), [15SE]
Protecting American Talent and Entrepreneurship (PATENT) Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1137), [8SE]
Recovery Improvements for Small Entities (RISE) After Disaster Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1470), [10JN]
SBA Authorization Levels for General Business Loans Establishment: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1001), [10JN]
SCORE for Small Business Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1000), [10JN]
Small Business Broadband and Emerging Information Technology Enhancement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2116), [7OC]
Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 999), [10JN]
Small Business Energy Efficiency Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1756), [15SE]
Small Business Fairness Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 958), [10JN]
Small Business Investment Capital Company Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 552), [10JN]
Small Business Subcontracting Transparency Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2138), [3NO]
Small Contractors Improve Competition Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2139), [2DE]
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Veterans Small Business Ownership Improvements Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1866), [15SE]
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———establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
———establish Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program (see S. 1934), [4AU]
———improve review and acceptance of subcontracting plans (see S. 2138), [6OC]
———improve small business development centers (see S. 999), [16AP]
———prohibit use of reverse auctions for procurements of covered contracts (see S. 2139), [6OC]
———provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery (see S. 1470), [31MY]
———provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts (see S. 958), [15AP]
———treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain defense base closure areas (see S. 1292), [12MY]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
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HUBZone Revitalization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1292), [10JN]

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SBA Authorization Levels for General Business Loans Establishment: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1001), [10JN]
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Conservation of energy: help small businesses reduce energy costs by extending the Certified Development Company (CDC)/504 loan program to businesses looking to invest in energy efficiency improvements (see S. 1756), [14JY]
Contracts: improve review and acceptance of subcontracting plans (see S. 2138), [6OC]
———increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
———prohibit use of reverse auctions for procurements of covered contracts (see S. 2139), [6OC]
———provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts (see S. 958), [15AP]
Credit: establish authorization levels for general business loans (see S. 1001), [16AP]
Disasters: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 956), [15AP]
———establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
———provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery (see S. 1470), [31MY]
Export Credit Insurance Program: establish (see S. 1546), [10JN]
Federal aid programs: establish an incubator and accelerator grant program for veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 2273), [10NO]
———increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 115), [7JA]
Financial institutions: make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 967), [15AP]
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———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]
Information technology: improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [1OC]
Local development business loan program: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing (see S. 966), [15AP]
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———improve (see S. 1445), [21MY]
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Scale-Up Manufacturing Investment Company (SUMIC) Program: establish (see S. 1934), [4AU]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [16AP]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 25), [6JA]
———prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (see S. 1978), [5AU]
Small Business Development Center network: anniversary (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
Small business development centers: improve (see S. 999), [16AP]
State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program: establish (see S. 1011), [20AP]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
Veterans: carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses (see S. 1862), [26JY] (see S. 1870), [27JY]
———establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [15AP]
Women's business center program: reauthorize (see S. 2126), [1OC]

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Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 966), [10JN]
Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the Small Business Administration (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 967), [10JN]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
HUBZone Revitalization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1292), [10JN]
Improving Small Business Innovative Research and Technologies Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2136), [3DE]
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Women's Small Business Ownership Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2126), [8OC]

SMALL BUSINESS BROADBAND AND EMERGING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT ACT

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SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACT

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Enact (see S. 1756), [14JY]

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Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1756), [15SE]

SMALL BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT

Reports filed

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SBA: increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [24FE]

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Small Business Investment Capital Company Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 552), [10JN]

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT CAPITAL COMPANY ACT

Reports filed

Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 552), [10JN]

SMALL BUSINESS LENDING ENHANCEMENT ACT

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SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY SUNSET ACT

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Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
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Anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
Benefits: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 99), [7JA]
———enhance and ensure long-term solvency (see S. 731), [12MR]
———enhance for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
———protect system and improve benefits (see S. 1904), [30JY]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 1940), [5AU]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
———clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18MY]
———test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]
Children and youth: improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
———prohibit an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for a felony from receiving various cash benefits (see S. 1758), [14JY]
Dept. of HHS: establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 1614), [18JN]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
———prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42), (see S. 118), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
Disabled: exclude certain medical sources of evidence in making disability determinations (see S. 1198), [5MY]
———provide for a phased-in payment of disability insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 2010), [9SE]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [16AP]
Diseases: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 1079), [23AP]
Federal agencies and departments: reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 343), [3FE] (see S. 499), [12FE] (see S. 2005), [6AU]
———prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 484), [12FE]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
———require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Health care professionals: require applicable manufacturers to include information on payments made to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other advance practice nurses in certain transparency reports (see S. 2153), [7OC]
Income: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [3MR]
———encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
———ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [23JY]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 349), [3FE]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
———require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance while such individual is an inmate of a public institution (see S. 1409), [21MY]
———restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
———strengthen Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clinics through improved reimbursement and expanded workforce and operations (see S. 2097), [29SE]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [29JA]
———allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———allow individuals to elect to receive Medicare Summary Notice electronically and increase flexi-

bility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors (see S. 584), [26FE]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [12FE]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1488), [3JN]
———apply secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified set-aside provisions (see S. 1514), [4JN]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico (see S. 1453), [21MY]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [24MR]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [22JY]
———cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal screening test (see S. 2262), [10NO]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 1066), [23AP]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———designate Rural Emergency Hospitals to sustain emergency services in rural areas (see S. 1648), [23JN]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [30AP]
———enable hospital-based nursing programs that are affiliated with a hospital to maintain payments to hospitals for the costs of such programs (see S. 629), [3MR]
———encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2297), [18NO]
———enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market (see S. 2392), [10DE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [21AP]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [5MY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [26FE]
———establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible beneficiaries (see S. 704), [11MR]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [23JY]
———establish smart card pilot program (see S. 1871), [27JY]
———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———extend annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage (see S. 2351), [3DE]
———extend certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on establishment of certain hospitals and facilities (see S. 2108), [30SE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [2FE]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———extend the rural add-on payment in the home health benefit (see S. 839), [23MR] (see S. 2389), [10DE]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [27FE]
———facilitate increased coordination and alignment between public and private sector relative to quality and efficiency measures (see S. 1427), [21MY]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [18MR]
———improve access to mental health services (see S. 2173), [8OC]
———improve efficiency of appeals process (see S. 2368), [8DE]
———improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans relative to certain categories or classes of drugs (see S. 648), [4MR]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists (see S. 2259), [9NO]
———improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage program (see S. 2197), [22OC]
———improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by certain Federally qualified providers (see S. 1456), [22MY]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———make changes to home health face-to-face encounter requirements (see S. 1650), [23JN]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 2071), [24SE]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [3MR]
———modify payment for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies (see S. 1466), [22MY]
———permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]
———permit occupational therapists to conduct initial assessment visits under a home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases (see S. 2364), [8DE]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [14JY]
———provide a technical change to long-term care hospital moratorium exception (see S. 202), [21JA]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
———provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies (see S. 1253), [7MY]
———provide coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment (see S. 2373), [8DE]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [29JA]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [20AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [19MR]
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———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [29AP]
———provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers (see S. 1132), [29AP]
———provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1509), [4JN]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [22OC]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
———provide relief to Medicare Advantage plans with a significant number of dually eligible or low-income subsidy beneficiaries and prevent termination of two star plans (see S. 2104), [30SE]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
———recognize attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients (see S. 1354), [14MY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 1131), [29AP]
———refine payment for orthotics and prosthetics and improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care (see S. 829), [23MR]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [24FE]
———repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (see S. 810), [19MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals (see S. 1349), [14MY]
———require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [12JA]
———require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans (see S. 2349), [3DE]
———require the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 31), [6JA]
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———implement a demonstration project to examine costs and benefits of providing payments for health care services provided by purpose-built, continuing care retirement communities to beneficiaries (see S. 395), [5FE]
———improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
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———improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [16DE]
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———prevent disability fraud (see S. 1929), [4AU]
———prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
———prohibit seizing of tax refunds to repay overpayments, restore statute of limitations applicable to debt collection through administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments to children (see S. 204), [21JA]
———provide certain individuals with information on employment support services (see S. 1923), [4AU]
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Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
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BLM: transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [29OC]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
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Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
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Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]
SOUTHEAST-ASIAN AMERICANS
Bills and resolutions
History: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]
SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Bills and resolutions
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
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Business and industry: improve transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles (see S. 592), [26FE]
———promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [12MY]
———promote development of a U.S. commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space (see S. 976), [16AP]
NASA: anniversary of Hubble Space Telescope (see S. Res. 149), [23AP]
———report on requirements and risks in connection with use of radioisotopic power systems for space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit (see S. 1829), [22JY]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
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American Craft Beer Week: support goals (see S. Res. 188), [31MY]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [8OC]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 51), [28JA]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 196), [9JN]
Darwin Day: designate (see S. Res. 66), [4FE] (see S. Res. 337), [17DE]
Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: establish (see S. Res. 155), [29AP]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 294), [22OC]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 164), [30AP]
Dinosaur National Monument Day: designate (see S. Res. 271), [28SE]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 319), [19NO]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Filipino American History Month: observance (see S. Res. 283), [8OC]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Flowers: express that domestically grown flowers support farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the U.S. and enhance the ability of people to

honor their mothers on Mother's Day (see S. Res. 166), [4MY]
#GivingTuesday: designate (see S. Res. 323), [1DE]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 131), [26MR]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [25MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Immigrant Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 216), [25JN]
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [17MR]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 174), [7MY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Lunar New Year: observance (see S. Res. 80), [12FE]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 98), [4MR]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 258), [17SE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Apprenticeship Week: designate (see S. Res. 306), [4NO]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [22AP]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 132), [26MR]
National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 187), [21MY]
National Blood Donor Month: designate (see S. Res. 56), [29JA]
National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 176), [11MY]
National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 70), [5FE] (see S. Res. 341), [18DE]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [22SE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Chemistry Week: designate (see S. Res. 289), [19OC]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 223), [14JY]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 114), [25MR] (see S. Res. 128), [26MR]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 115), [25MR]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 308), [5NO]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [5AU]
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
National Entrepreneurs' Day: designate (see S. Res. 314), [17NO]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 264), [22SE]
National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 281), [7OC]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [22SE]
National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 117), [26MR]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
National Mentoring Month: observance (see S. Res. 58), [29JA]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 111), [25MR]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week: designate (see S. Res. 303), [3NO]
National Nurses Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 178), [12MY]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 156), [30AP]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 324), [2DE]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 277), [5OC]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 186), [21MY]
National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 106), [19MR]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 151), [23AP]
National Schizencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 181), [19MY]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 235), [29JY]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 59), [30JA]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: designate (see S. Res. 75), [12FE]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 145), [22AP]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 270), [24SE]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 91), [26FE]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 256), [15SE]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 325), [2DE]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 136), [16AP]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Vietnam Veterans Day: designate (see S. Res. 130), [26MR]
Voting: establish election day as a legal public holiday (see S. 1969), [5AU]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [15JN]
World Hepatitis Day: observance (see S. Res. 233), [28JY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
World Mental Health Day: observance (see S. Res. 284), [8OC]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 152), [28AP] (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 331), [8DE]
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Children and youth: promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
———promote youth athletic safety (see S. 436), [10FE]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Dept. of Commerce: assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the U.S. (see S. 2219), [29OC]
Dept. of Education: strengthen and reauthorize the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (see S. 1075), [23AP]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 418), [9FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———publish physical activity recommendations (see S. 1793), [16JY]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 561), [25FE]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 225), [21JA]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [13JY]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR] (see S. 992), [16AP]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Golden State Warriors (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 206), [18JN]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [10MR]
Horseracing: deregulate interstate commerce relative to parimutuel wagering on horseracing (see S. 1174), [30AP]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 6), [26FE]
Kansas City Royals (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 305), [4NO]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
Lewisberry, PA: tribute to Red Land Little League baseball team (see S. Res. 249), [9SE] (see S. Res. 279), [6OC]
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [26OC]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 41), [26JA]
Nugent, Timothy: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1863), [27JY]
Ohio State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 50), [28JA]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to women's soccer team (see S. Res. 334), [14DE]
Portland Timbers (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 336), [15DE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Providence College: tribute to men's ice hockey team (see S. Res. 138), [16AP]
Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [23FE]
Smith, Dean E.: tribute (see S. Res. 79), [12FE]
Tarkanian, Jerry: tribute (see S. Res. 78), [12FE]
Taxation: expand workplace health incentives by equalizing tax consequences of employee athletic facility use (see S. 2296), [18NO]
———increase the annual contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts and include athletic equipment in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (see S. 243), [22JA]
———treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care (see S. 2218), [29OC]
Television: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts (see S. 2414), [17DE]
U.S. Women's National Soccer Team: tribute (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Wheeling Jesuit University: tribute to women's volleyball team (see S. Res. 342), [18DE]
Wildlife: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
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King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia (Spain): U.S. visit (see S. Res. 253), [15SE]

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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 2422), [18DE]
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———S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
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Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 1933), [10SE]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [9SE]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [9NO]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [4NO]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge (see S. 1567), [16NO]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [21AP]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [15AP]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [8SE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Children and youth: issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1254), [7MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [12MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [7MY]

Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [8JN]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [9DE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [27AP]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [12FE]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [9FE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [5NO]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [26FE]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [4MY]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [4MR]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [15JN]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
———provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of the Interior: reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [1JN]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [21AP]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [7JY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [29JA]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [3NO]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [21OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [9FE]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [27JY]
———issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [14MY]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [28OC]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [28AP]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [30SE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [16NO]
Federal agencies and departments: reduce operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal motor vehicle fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts (see S. 565), [20AP]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign trade: facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [23JN]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
#GivingTuesday: designate (see S. Res. 323), [1DE]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [29JY]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [12MY]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [16AP]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [22AP]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [22OC]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Kettles, Charles S.: award Medal of Honor (see S. 2250), [5NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [20AP]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [19NO]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [8JN]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [18JN]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [12MR]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 349), [18JN]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [18JN]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [12MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [22JN]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [22JY]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [22MY]
———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments

or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 506), [12FE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [17MR]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [18JN]
———improve formulary requirements for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans relative to certain categories or classes of drugs (see S. 648), [27AP]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [21AP]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [8JN]
———permit review of certain payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals (see S. 2228), [3NO]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [22AP]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [12MY]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [1DE]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [29JY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [12MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [9JN]
———require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals (see S. 1349), [18JN]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [18JN]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [27JY]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [6AU]
———protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [10NO]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 276), [1OC]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [7MY]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [5MY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [20MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 64), [3FE]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [7DE]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28SE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [8JY]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [9SE]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [28OC]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [30NO]
Pensions: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [24JN]
———provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Pipelines: ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Postal Service: improve provision of postal services to rural areas (see S. 1742), [30SE]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Public welfare programs: ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care (see S. 2166), [8OC]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [6MY]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [2MR]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [12FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [16MR]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [5MY]
Taxation: enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [3JN]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [12MR]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [19MR]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [16AP]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [9FE]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2FE]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 1644), [23JN]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [27FE]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [3MR]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Transportation: provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infra-

structure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [4FE]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [15JY]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [20AP]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [7DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [24JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
Dept. of Education: establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program (see S. 1128), [29AP]
Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
Dept. of HHS: reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 1615), [18JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: reauthorize the State Small Business Credit Initiative (see S. 1901), [30JY]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
Medicare: facilitate increased coordination and alignment between public and private sector relative to quality and efficiency measures (see S. 1427), [21MY]
———improve access to mental health services (see S. 2173), [8OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [25MR]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 281), [7OC]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [17MR]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 145), [22AP]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
Taxation: establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 2124), [1OC]
———modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [27FE]
———provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities (see S. 2271), [10NO]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1666), [24JN]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [7MY]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [25MR], [15AP]
STARKVILLE, MS
Bills and resolutions
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
STARR-CAMARGO BRIDGE CO.
Bills and resolutions
Rio Grande City, TX: provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Co., to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande river (see S. 2143), [6OC]
STARTUP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 181), [16JA]
STATE REFUGEE SECURITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2363), [8DE]
STATES *related term(s)* **FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS; NATIONAL GUARD**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
———S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
American Infrastructure Bank: establish (see S. 1296), [12MY]
Animals: provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros (see S. 1845), [23JY]
Arizona: repeal land exchange with Resolution Copper Mining (company) (see S. 2242), [5NO]
Armed Forces: establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
———permit members to possess firearms on military installations in accordance with applicable State law (see S. 1839), [22JY]
BLM: establish a program to enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities (see S. 1230), [6MY]
Budget: rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 744), [16MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]
———enable State child protective services systems to improve identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking (see S. 656), [4MR] (see S. 1028), [21AP]
———improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 381), [5FE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 988), [16AP]
———treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 43), [28JA]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
———extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
———improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Colleges and universities: require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Conservation of energy: study impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings and provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and local governments (see S. 1052), [22AP]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Constitution—U.S.: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify application of the words people, person, or citizen in the Constitution to corporations, limited liability companies, or other corporate entities (see S.J. Res. 7), [4FE]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to pre-

vent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
———ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
Correctional institutions: eliminate private prisons, reinstate Federal parole system, increase oversight of companies providing inmate services, and end detention quotas and improve monitoring relative to immigrants (see S. 2054), [17SE]
Courts: prohibit Federal court jurisdiction and funding over cases related to marriage (see S. 1080), [23AP]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1250), [7MY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]
———seal or expunge nonviolent criminal records, reform treatment of juveniles in the justice system, and lift ban on certain Federal benefits for low-level drug offenders (see S. 675), [9MR]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
———modify exception to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants (see S. 2420), [17DE]
———require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 1369), [19MY]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 645), [3MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [10MR]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———establish American Dream Grant program to encourage States to increase access to higher education to low-income students regardless of immigration status (see S. 796), [19MR]
———establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———establish grants to support evidence-based social and emotional learning programming (see S. 897), [13AP]
———expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 2419), [17DE]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———limit authority to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions and guidance materials in order to support decision-making functions of local educational agencies (see S. 690), [10MR]
———prohibit Federal education mandates (see S. 182), [16JA]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
———promote advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs (see S. 557), [25FE]
———promote career readiness indicators and career counseling for students (see S. 478), [12FE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———provide for State accountability in provision of access to core resources for learning (see S. 37), [6JA]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———provide grants to States for repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools (see S. 1505), [4JN]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
———recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools (see S. 476), [12FE]
———require disaggregation of educational outcomes of students with disabilities by disability category (see S. 1729), [9JY]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [5FE]
———strengthen charter school accountability and transparency, prevent fraud, and increase community involvement (see S. 1708), [7JY]
———strengthen connections to early childhood education programs (see S. 643), [3MR]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
Dept. of Energy: coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
———establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) (see S. 893), [26MR]
———obtain consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear repository (see S. 1825), [22JY]
———reauthorize Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program (see S. 703), [11MR]
———require State approval before exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property for electric transmission projects in such State (see S. 485), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (see S. 1439), [21MY]
———amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———award grants to States for development of innovative long-term services and support programs (see S. 2338), [1DE]
———build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 2107), [30SE]
———establish and implement mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 307), [29JA]
———establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
———improve Head Start Program by authorizing block grants to States for prekindergarten education (see S. 2290), [17NO]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42), (see S. 118), [7JA]
———provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking and ban production, sale, or possession of powdered alcohol (see S. 728), [12MR]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [11FE]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
———provide States with flexibility to use certain Federal foster care funding for child welfare programs to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for all children needing welfare services (see S. 1932), [4AU]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
———require mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or State child protective services agencies and provide training on what constitutes child abuse or neglect (see S. 2352), [3DE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: achieve border security on certain Federal lands in Arizona (see S. 750), [17MR]
———conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]

Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [13JA]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs (see S. 2376), [9DE]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
———provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
———provide State officials with access to criminal history information relative to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks (see S. 1957), [5AU]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
———strengthen law enforcement responses to elder abuse (see S. 1663), [24JN]
Dept. of Labor: provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State management of grazing permits and leases (see S. 937), [14AP]
———establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coast of Florida (see S. 1171), [30AP]
———establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
———reauthorize the State Small Business Credit Initiative (see S. 1901), [30JY]
Dept. of Transportation: amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [11MR]
———assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]
———establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 206), [21JA]
———reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
———reform the surface transportation project delivery program (see S. 2258), [9NO]
———require auto dealers to fix outstanding safety recalls before selling or leasing used passenger motor vehicles (see S. 900), [13AP]
———require State motor vehicle departments and registration agencies to notify motor vehicle owners of open safety recalls and require compliance with such recalls prior to registration (see S. 617), [2MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 146), [12JA]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 76), [7JA]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
Drugs: combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
———end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
———limit application of Federal laws to distribution and consumption of marijuana (see S. 2237), [4NO]
———provide grants to improve treatment of substance use disorders (see S. 1410), [21MY]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [9FE]
———improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [7JA]
———prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or making financial support conditioned upon State or local educational agency adoption of specific academic standards, content, curricula, or testing (see S. 144), [9JA]
———promote use of blended learning in classrooms (see S. 342), [3FE]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 1390), [20MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [29JA]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: establish grant program to promote reforms in workforce education and skills training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas (see S. 1542), [10JN]
———incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 855), [24MR]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
EPA: authorize States to restrict interstate waste imports and impose a higher fee on out-of-State waste (see S. 1953), [5AU]
———carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———establish a program to defer designation of nonattaiment areas by allowing State and local governments to develop early action compacts to achieve national ambient air quality standards for ozone (see S. 2072), [24SE]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
Families and domestic relations: block any action from being taken to finalize or give effect to a certain proposed rule governing the Federal child support enforcement program (see S. 1525), [8JN]
———constitutional amendment relative to definition of marriage (see S.J. Res. 12), [23AP]
———establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1637), [18JN]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the inno-

cent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
FCC: limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 734), [12MR]
FDA: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments and amend authority to bring certain proceedings (see S. 2217), [29OC]
Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs (see S. 1089), [27AP]
———exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Federal Water Pollution Control Act: permit removal of certain civil actions filed in State courts to U.S. district courts (see S. 106), [7JA]
Federal-State relations: constitutional amendment to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States (see S.J. Res. 17), [25JN]
———prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 94), [7JA]
———require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
FEMA: provide for wildfire mitigation grants and financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires (see S. 1997), [5AU]
FERC: improve siting of interstate electric transmission facilities (see S. 1017), [21AP]
———provide for timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required for oil and gas production and distribution (see S. 1210), [6MY]
Fire prevention: require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger (see S. 1100), [27AP]
Firearms: ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [21OC]
———facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR] (see S. 992), [16AP]
———more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition (see S. 1308), [12MY]
———permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions (see S. 1351), [14MY]
Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 105), [7JA]
———make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [30AP]
Floods: clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement (see S. 1679), [25JN]
FRS: require Consumer Financial Protection Bureau establishment of a qualified mortgage option for certain loans eligible for purchase by Federal Home Loan Banks (see S. 1974), [5AU]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Government regulations: provide additional safeguards relative to imposing Federal mandates (see S. 189), [20JA]
———provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 570), [25FE]
———recognize right of individuals to have personal control over medical assistance and treatment necessary to alleviate intolerable physical suffering (see S. 2204), [22OC]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [10MR]
———provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 1189), [5MY]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [22JY]
———give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———provide for operational control of the international border of the U.S. (see S. 208), [21JA]
———reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (see S. 2395), [10DE]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 415), [9FE]
Insurance: provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
———provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [19MR]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
Iran: reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
———provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
Law enforcement: eliminate racial profiling by officers, promote accountability for law enforcement agencies, reenfranchise citizens, eliminate sentencing disparities, and promote re-entry and employment programs (see S. 1610), [18JN]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
———require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———encourage States to adopt administrative procedures relative to nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements (see S. 1921), [4AU]
———ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [23JY]
———provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services (see S. 429), [10FE]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [18MY]
———require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance while such individual is an inmate of a public institution (see S. 1409), [21MY]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———permit certain providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain beneficiaries in a different State (see S. 1778), [15JY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 232), [22JA]
———require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
Motor vehicles: protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [1OC]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Native Americans: protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
NOAA: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
NRC: ensure State and local communities participate in development of nuclear plant decommissioning plans and require public approval or rejection of such proposed plans (see S. 964), [15AP]
———obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository (see S. 691), [10MR]

Oregon: designate certain BLM land as wilderness, authorize certain land exchanges, and convey certain BLM land to Wheeler County for economic and community development purposes (see S. 1255), [7MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [27AP]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate natural gas storage facilities (see S. 1768), [15JY]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for certain project power fees for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) technologies (see S. 1202), [6MY]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems (see S. 888), [26MR]
———recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 15), [6JA]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Public utilities: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
———provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement a cash withdrawal daily limit for recipients of cash assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 1288), [12MY]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 64), [7JA]
Puerto Rico: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
———provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
———treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Refuse disposal: encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal ash and establish requirements for management and disposal of coal ash that are protective of human health and the environment (see S. 1803), [16JY]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [4MR]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 1414), [21MY]
Roads and highways: designate certain route segments of the National Highway System in North Carolina as high priority corridors (see S. 983), [16AP]
———extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1647), [23JN]
———permit a State transportation department to approve a justification report for a project to build or modify a freeway-to-crossroad interchange within a transportation management area in such State (see S. 1782), [15JY]
———require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program (see S. 1011), [20AP]
———establish Regional Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program (see S. 2136), [6OC]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA] (see S. 316), [29JA]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE] (see S. 856), [24MR]
———require States to develop positive school climate and school discipline policies (see S. 811), [19MR]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [4JN]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
———provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 428), [10FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [28JA]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
Solar energy: promote safe and reliable interconnection and net billing for community solar facilities (see S. 1723), [9JY]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
———make on-line tools available to allow individuals to assess the impact of earnings on eligibility for, and amount of, disability benefits received through Federal and State programs (see S. 1197), [5MY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA] (see S. 920), [14AP]
———allow deductions and credits relative to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law (see S. 987), [16AP]
———clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 910), [14AP] (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———encourage use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 306), [29JA]
———ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
———establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 2124), [1OC]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [5FE]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———permanently extend the tax treatment for certain Build America Bonds (see S. 1515), [4JN]
———prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
Telecommunications: promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Toxic Substances Control Act: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
———ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [30SE]
———provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
U.S. Geological Survey: establish National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (see S. 2056), [17SE]
U.S. Grain Standards Act: reauthorize (see S. 1417), [21MY]
Utah: withdraw BLM lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [21JA]
———establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for Federal elections (see S. 1970), [5AU]
———provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP] (see S. 1950), [5AU]
———provide that a voter who has previously registered in a State shall be allowed to update their address within the State up to Election Day (see S. 1952), [5AU]
———require availability of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting (see S. 1951), [5AU]
———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 1139), [30AP]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects,

improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
———reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]
Wyoming: anniversary of statehood (see S. Res. 210), [23JN]
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Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY], [18NO]
———reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
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Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), [8OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: use of budget reconciliation to repeal (H.R. 3762), [1DE], [3DE]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (H.R. 2), [14AP]
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Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1324) (S. Rept. 114–159), [29OC]
Airport Security Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 720) (S. Rept. 114–92), [23JY]
Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 750) (S. Rept. 114–150), [1OC]
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1250) (S. Rept. 114–179), [14DE]
Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697) (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]
Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1647) (S. Rept. 114–80), [15JY]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
Improve Certain Education Savings Plans: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 335) (S. Rept. 114–56), [21MY]
Improving Small Business Innovative Research and Technologies Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2136), [3DE]
Knife Owners' Protection Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1315) (S. Rept. 114–121), [8SE]
Military Spouse Job Continuity Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 920) (S. Rept. 114–30), [14AP]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 665), [26MR]
National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]
Northern Border Security Review Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
Preventing and Reducing Improper Medicare and Medicaid Expenditures (PRIME) Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 861) (S. Rept. 114–104), [30JY]
Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 466) (S. Rept. 114–100), [30JY]
Special Rules Clarification for Accident and Health Plans of Certain Governmental Entities: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 910) (S. Rept. 114–21), [14AP]
Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 834) (S. Rept. 114–91), [23JY]
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U.S. Grain Standards Act Reauthorization: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 1417), [21MY]
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STOP HARMING OUR KIDS RESOLUTION
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STOP ILLEGAL REENTRY ACT
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STOP PUNISHING INNOCENT AMERICANS ACT
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Dept. of Energy: collect information on critical energy supplies and establish a Working Group on Energy Markets (see S. 1420), [21MY]
———issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [21MY]
Helium: promote a greater domestic supply, establish a Federal leasing program for public land, and secure a supply for national defense and Federal researchers (see S. 1226), [6MY]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 883), [26MR]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: require congressional notification for certain operations and determine options available for the continued operation (see S. 1231), [6MY]
———suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 82), [7JA]

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S BRIDGES ACT
Bills and resolutions
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Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 227), [4FE]

STUDENT LOAN BORROWER BILL OF RIGHTS
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 840), [23MR]

STUDENT PROTECTION AND SUCCESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1939), [5AU]

STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1195), [5MY]

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT
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STUDENT TESTING IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1025), [21AP]

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BLM: transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [29OC]

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Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
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GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]
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Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [10MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Alaska: convey certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (see S. 2421), [17DE]
———exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 631), [3MR]
———retain and provide for future use of certain land on Point Spencer, support missions and duties of the Coast Guard, and convey certain Point Spencer lands to Bering Straits Native Corp., and the State (see S. 1316), [9JN]
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims (see S. 872), [26MR]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [8DE]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [16JY]
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [17MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [18JN]
———provide multiyear procurement authority for the procurement of up to six polar icebreakers to be owned and operated by the Coast Guard (see S. 1386), [19MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [5OC]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation: modify accreditation standards to prevent the standards from negatively impacting Alaska Native and American Indian teacher candidates (see S. Res. 301), [30OC]
Credit: provide removal of default information from a borrower's credit report relative to certain rehabilitated private education loans (see S. 1309), [6AU]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [4FE]
Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [27AP]
Dept. of Energy: authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [8JN]
———convey certain property to Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp. (see S. 230), [16AP]
———establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [3NO]
Dept. of Labor: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [8DE]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [12MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [15JN]
———establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program (see S. 563), [17SE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [19MY]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [26MR]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [9JY]
FCC: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [8SE]
FDA: establish certain requirements relative to labeling of pollock and golden king crab as being from Alaska (see S. 2095), [29SE]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [5MY]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [19MR]
———terminate Operation Choke Point or similar programs that infringe on ability of dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition to access credit or other financial services (see S. 477), [10SE]
Fish and fishing: reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [26MR]
———strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forest Service: resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program (see S. 644), [3MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [15JY]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [5NO] (see S. 2232), [2DE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [22AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336), [3FE]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [16DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [7OC]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [8SE]
Iran: call for release of detained U.S. citizens (see S. Con. Res. 16), [7MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [17MR]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [15DE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve: designate wilderness as Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area (see S. 873), [26MR]
Medicare: ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [6OC]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [3MR]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [29SE]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [8JY]

Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
———require congressional approval, provide restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments (see S. 437), [10FE]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 319), [29JA]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [13JY]
———facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1443), [21MY]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [3NO]
NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 533), [23FE]
———develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [15DE]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [21MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [20JA]
———correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 2114), [1OC]
———repeal (see S. 336), [3FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [3NO]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [3NO]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [25FE]
———remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [4FE]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [6AU]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [9MR]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [6AU]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [19MY]
———reduce the rate of tax on certain distilled spirits (see S. 1444), [21MY]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [5MY]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Transportation Security Administration: exempt certain flights in Hawaii and Alaska from increased aviation security service fees (see S. 712), [16MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [3NO]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans (see S. 1955), [5AU]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Dept. of Justice: promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [5AU]
GSA: convey certain Federal property in Alaska to Anchorage, AK (see S. 1492), [3JN]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
NOAA: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 659), [4MR]
White House Fellows Program: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 22), [6OC]
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Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), conference report, [1OC], [6OC]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), conference report, [3DE], [8DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [26JY]
SULLIVAN, THOMAS J.
Bills and resolutions
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
SUNSHINE FOR REGULATORY DECREES AND SETTLEMENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 378), [4FE]
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Enact (see S. 783), [18MR]
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Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1811), [8OC]
SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH FOR OUR NATION'S GROWTH (STRONG) PATENTS ACT
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Enact (see S. 632), [3MR]
SUPPORTING COLORECTAL EXAMINATION AND EDUCATION NOW (SCREEN) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1079), [23AP]
SUPPORTING POSITIVE OUTCOMES AFTER RELEASE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1409), [21MY]
SUPREME COURT *related term(s)* **COURTS**
Bills and resolutions
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 13), [23AP]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 4), [21JA]
Courts: provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 1418), [21MY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 610), [27FE]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1910), [30JY] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Health: reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide a transition plan for individuals impacted by implementation (see S. 673), [4MR]
Political ethics: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Senate Legal Counsel: direct to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al. (see S. Res. 333), [10DE]
Television: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [18MR]
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Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1910) (S. Rept. 114–97), [30JY]
Thurgood Marshall's Elementary School Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 610) (S. Rept. 114–129), [9SE]
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Bills and resolutions
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [22MY]

———transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]

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Bills and resolutions

Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]

Operations: establish as independent and make more efficient and accessible by increasing investigative authority, improving rate review timelines and advancing important proceedings (see S. 808), [19MR]

Railroads: expand competition, restore balance to regulatory environment, and improve efficiency and reliability of rail shipping and transportation (see S. 853), [24MR]

———prohibit long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks without approval of the rail carrier's rail car storage plan (see S. 443), [10FE]

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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [18NO]

———making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]

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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]

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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2577) (S. Rept. 114–75), [25JN]

Surface Transportation Board Independence, Investigative Authority Increase, Rate Review Timelines Improvement and Important Proceedings Advancement: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 808) (S. Rept. 114–52), [21MY]

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1350), [14MY]

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT

Appointments

Conferees: H.R. 22, provisions, [10NO]

Cloture motions

Enact (H.R. 22), [10NO]

Motions

Enact (H.R. 22), [10NO]

———conference report, [3DE]

SURPLUS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Bills and resolutions

Federal agencies and departments: reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]

———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]

GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1675), [24JN]

Motor vehicles: reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]

SBA: direct Office of Veterans Business Development task force to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses (see S. 1400), [20MY]

Reports filed

Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1400), [15SE]

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Bills and resolutions

Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]

———authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16JN]

Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]

Dept. of State: making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [6OC]

———offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]

———report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]

Foreign policy: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]

Human rights: condemn atrocities committed by Bashar al-Assad and his regime (see S. Res. 173), [6MY]

Immigration: ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]

———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]

———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]

———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]

Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]

Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]

Messages

Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): President Obama, [11FE]

Reports filed

Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]

SYRIAN REFUGEE VERIFICATION AND SAFETY ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 2284), [17NO]

SYRIAN WAR CRIMES ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 756), [17MR]

Reports filed

Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]

TAIWAN

Bills and resolutions

Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]

International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL): develop a strategy to obtain observer status (see S. 2426), [18DE]

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY

Bills and resolutions

Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK FOUNDATION

Bills and resolutions

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 141), [20AP]

TALENT, JAMES M. ***(a former Senator from Missouri)***

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U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, [18DE]

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Alaska: convey certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (see S. 2421), [17DE]

TAOS COUNTY, NM

Bills and resolutions

Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]

Reports filed

Cerros del Norte Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1240) (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]

TARIFF *related term(s)* **FOREIGN TRADE**

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of Commerce: establish a benefit calculation methodology relative to currency undervaluation for purposes of countervailing duty investigations and reviews (see S. 433), [10FE]

Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 892), [26MR]

Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]

———exempt from duty residue of bulk cargo contained in instruments of international traffic previously exported from the U.S. (see S. 989), [16AP]

———facilitate administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders (see S. 891), [26MR]

———increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [12FE]

———require the administering authority to determine an individual countervailable subsidy rate upon request if four or fewer exporters or producers are involved in the investigation or review (see S. 1702), [25JN]

Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]

Haiti: extend preferential duty treatment program (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]

———extend trade preferences for certain imported articles (see S. 503), [12FE]

ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 260), [27JA]

———establish a process for consideration of temporary duty suspensions (see S. 998), [16AP]

Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [7JA]

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [17MR]

Recreational performance outerwear (see S. 952), [15AP]

Travel and tourism: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 340), [3FE]

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Generalized System of Preferences Beneficiary Developing Country Designation Termination for Seychelles, Uruguay, and Venezuela: President Obama, [30SE]

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Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995), [11MY]

———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 995) (S. Rept. 114–42), [12MY]

Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]

———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]

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Foreign trade: improve enforcement of trade laws (see S. 2299), [18NO]

Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]

Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [12FE]

Reports filed
Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]
TARKANIAN, JERRY
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Tribute (see S. Res. 78), [12FE]
TAX RELIEF EXTENSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1946), [5AU]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1946) (S. Rept. 114–118), [5AU]
TAX TRANSPARENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 252), [26JA]
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Committee on Taxation (Joint), [26JA]
Conferees: H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 219), [21JA] (see S. 582), [26FE]
Agriculture: provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 908), [14AP] (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1801), [16JY] (see S. 2202), [22OC]
Alcoholic beverages: exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits (see S. 1179), [4MY]
———modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 906), [14AP] (see S. 1459), [22MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———reduce the rate of tax on certain distilled spirits (see S. 1444), [21MY]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]
———reform taxation (see S. 1562), [11JN]
———remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers subject to Federal excise taxes on distilled spirits, wine, and beer (see S. 904), [14AP]
American Opportunity Tax Credit: extend and modify (see S. 699), [10MR]
Armed Forces: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of a member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA] (see S. 920), [14AP]
———extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
———prevent extension of tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries (see S. 907), [14AP]
———provide that members performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the ebola outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits as if serving in a combat zone (see S. 249), [22JA]
Arts and humanities: allow deduction equal to fair market value for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor (see S. 931), [14AP]
———extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances (see S. 364), [4FE]
Aviation: exempt aircraft management services from excise taxes imposed on transportation by air (see S. 2092), [29SE]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [20JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 2), [6JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE] (see S.J. Res. 18), [9JY]
Bureau of Prisons: provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [5FE]
Business and industry: deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 413), [9FE]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, and prevent U.S. tax avoidance (see S. 922), [14AP]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [29AP]
———expand workplace health incentives by equalizing tax consequences of employee athletic facility use (see S. 2296), [18NO]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 215), [21JA]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1905), [30JY]
———modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (see S. 1660), [24JN]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———permanently extend and increase expensing limitations (see S. 1399), [20MY]
———provide for full expensing of tangible property (see S. 2350), [3DE]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1666), [24JN]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 174), [13JA]
Charities: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of the families of New York Police Dept., officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos (see S. 866), [25MR]
———exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised (see S. 909), [14AP]
———prohibit modification or amendment of standards and regulations governing substantiation of charitable contributions (see S. 2370), [8DE]
Chemicals: provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities (see S. 2271), [10NO]
Children and youth: clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 53), [7JA]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 446), [11FE]
———provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses (see S. 180), [16JA]
———strengthen the child tax credit (see S. 2264), [10NO]
Citrus plants: temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty (see S. 2346), [2DE]
Coal: exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants to non-corporate taxpayers (see S. 919), [14AP]
———extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit (see S. 1361), [18MY]
Colleges and universities: exclude from gross income any discharge of student loan indebtedness (see S. 1947), [5AU]
———exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 376), [4FE] (see S. 912), [14AP]
———improve higher education tax benefits compliance (see S. 1413), [21MY]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [16AP]
Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking: establish (see S. 991), [16AP]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA] (see S. 749), [17MR]
Community development: modify rules for tax-exempt enterprise zone facility bonds and extend tax incentives for empowerment zones (see S. 408), [5FE]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [26FE]
Congress: prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 252), [26JA]
Conservation of energy: include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property (see S. 727), [12MR]
Conservation of natural resources: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2FE]
Construction industries: protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 1658), [24JN]
Corporations: allow a temporary dividends received deduction from a controlled foreign corporation for certain taxable years (see S. 397), [5FE]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 162), [13JA]
Courts: disallow deductions for the payment of punitive damages (see S. 169), [13JA]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9MR]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans and extend exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans (see S. 2099), [29SE]
———establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [7JA]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
Dept. of the Interior: restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 790), [18MR]
———regulate tax return preparers (see S. 137), [8JA]
———study feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return (see S. 940), [15AP]
Disabled: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 315), [29JA]
Disasters: provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 76), [7JA]
Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer

drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [11JN]
Domestic policy: increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
Drugs: allow deductions and credits relative to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law (see S. 987), [16AP]
Ecology and environment: extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
Economy: impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
———provide debt and tax transparency (see S. 745), [16MR]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Education: allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 809), [19MR]
———encourage use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 306), [29JA]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 101), [7JA]
———expand interest deduction on education loans, extend and expand deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate contribution limit on Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 1973), [5AU]
———improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 195), [20JA]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———increase the annual contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts and include athletic equipment in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (see S. 243), [22JA]
———provide deduction for itemizers and non-itemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 100), [7JA]
———provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
———require student Social Security numbers and employer identification numbers for education tax credits (see S. 75), [7JA]
Electric power: provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology (see S. 913), [14AP]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———repeal the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources (see S. 2158), [7OC]
———revise definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit (see S. 1246), [7MY]
Electronic commerce: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
Employment: allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 574), [25FE]
———establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 2124), [1OC]
———establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [15AP] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 2059), [17SE]
———incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [5FE]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs back and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
Families and domestic relations: create a credit for foster families (see S. 664), [4MR]
———enhance the child and dependent care tax credit (see S. 820), [19MR]
———enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
———provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave (see S. 2354), [3DE]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 950), [15AP]
———provide for dependent care savings accounts (see S. 74), [7JA]
———reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, reduce estate value exemption level, include a billionaire's surtax, tax dynasty trusts, and protect farmland and conservation easements (see S. 1677), [25JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Federal agencies and departments: disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1109), [28AP]
———include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 281), [28JA]
———prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
Federal employees: make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 303), [29JA]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55 (see S. 969), [16AP]
Federal-State relations: make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
FERC: provide reports on electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address procurement of electric capacity resources (see S. 1222), [6MY]
Fire prevention: treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 2068), [22SE]
Firearms: provide that silencers would be treated the same as long guns relative to registration and transfer laws (see S. 2236), [4NO]
Food: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 930), [14AP]
Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act: repeal certain provisions relative to reporting on foreign assets and investments (see S. 663), [4MR]
FRS: regulate tax return preparers and refund anticipation payment arrangements (see S. 935), [14AP]
Health: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [3FE]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), (see S. 157), [13JA] (see S. 844), [24MR]
———treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care (see S. 2218), [29OC]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Health care professionals: clarify treatment of locum tenens physicians as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages in underserved areas (see S. 2371), [8DE]
———increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care by providing incentives for doctors to provide uncompensated care (see S. 1521), [4JN]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [10FE]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [8OC]
Heath: extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [12FE]
Historic buildings and sites: provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 932), [14AP]
Housing: make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
Immigration: impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 79), [7JA]
———prevent claims of the earned income tax credit by individuals receiving Social Security numbers and work authorizations pursuant to certain deferred action programs (see S. 686), [10MR]
Individual retirement accounts: expand tax-free distributions for charitable purposes (see S. 1159), [30AP]
Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations: provide refundable credit for associated costs (see S. 1023), [21AP]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Insurance: clarify definition of nonadmitted insurer (see S. 1561), [11JN]
———clarify special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities (see S. 910), [14AP] (see S. 1667), [24JN]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 775), [18MR]
———extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals (see S. 1005), [16AP]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for certain small insurance companies (see S. 905), [14AP]
———require disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax (see S. 2432), [18DE]

———restrict the insurance business exception to passive foreign investment company rules (see S. 1687), [25JN]
Internal Revenue Code: extend certain expiring provisions (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———repeal and replace with a flat tax (see S. 929), [14AP]
Investments: expand personal and retirement savings by allowing employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic individual retirement accounts (see S. 245), [22JA]
———facilitate program-related investments by private foundations (see S. 2313), [19NO]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in families and communities, improve infrastructure and the environment, strengthen financial security, expand opportunity, and reduce market volatility (see S. 1371), [19MY]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 324), [30JA]
———permanently extend the tax treatment for certain Build America Bonds (see S. 1515), [4JN]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
———clarify use of credentials by enrolled agents (see S. 422), [10FE] (see S. 914), [14AP]
———enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
———ensure that employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights (see S. 943, 951), [15AP]
———establish an expedited process for removal of senior executives based on performance or misconduct (see S. 2345), [2DE]
———exempt from certain labor-management relations requirements (see S. 2245, 2246), [5NO]
———implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [24MR]
———improve transparency and efficiency relative to audits and communications with taxpayers (see S. 186), [16JA]
———issue prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 2252), [5NO]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
———prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
———prohibit use of funds to target citizens for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution (see S. 965), [15AP]
———provide printed copies of Publication 17, ''Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals),'' to all taxpayers free of charge (see S. Res. 112), [25MR]
———provide taxpayer protection and assistance by establishing a statement of taxpayer rights and tax return preparation programs and improving IRS procedures (see S. 2333), [30NO]
———require that individual taxpayer identification number applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers (see S. 1397), [20MY]
———terminate employment of employees who take certain official actions for political purposes (see S. 941), [15AP]
Medicaid: require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 459), [11FE]
Mining and mineral resources; repeal percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines (see S. 2154), [7OC]
Mortgages: permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 1644), [23JN]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 351), [3FE] (see S. 608), [27FE]
Motor vehicles: protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
Native Americans: allow allocation of certain renewable energy tax credits to Indian tribes (see S. 1749), [13JY]
———exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 947), [15AP]
———recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs (see S. 835), [23MR]
Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act: establish (see S. 1368), [19MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1771), [15JY]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
———impose restrictions on risk corridor program (see S. 359), [4FE]
———modify definition of applicable large employer relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1415), [21MY]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [6JA]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 77), [7JA] (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 709), [11MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [17SE]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and ensure resulting revenue loss is offset (see S. 2075), [24SE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
———repeal the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 157), [13JA]
———simplify treatment of seasonal positions relative to employer shared responsibility requirements (see S. 1809), [21JY]
———streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Pensions: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 2308), [19NO]
———make participant votes binding on suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status and count only votes that are returned (see S. 2147), [7OC]
———modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [18JN]
———modify certain safe harbor requirements to encourage small business to offer retirement plans and to allow individuals to save more (see S. 266), [27JA]
Petroleum: clarify that tar sands are crude oil subject to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund per-barrel excise tax (see S. 187), [16JA]
Pipelines: prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (see S. 2117), [1OC]
Poverty: facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [16AP]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1041), [22AP]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 948), [15AP]
———extend and reform biodiesel tax incentives (see S. 2353), [3DE]
———extend certain expiring energy tax incentives (see S. 2391), [10DE]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 344), [3FE] (see S. 917), [14AP]
Privacy: permit the Dept. of the Treasury and the SSA to disclose certain return information relative to identity theft (see S. 1323), [13MY]
Public safety officers: exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 279), [28JA] (see S. 322), [29JA] (see S. 916), [14AP]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 609), [27FE]
Puerto Rico: make residents eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
Railroads: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
Real estate: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 915), [14AP]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1281), [11MY]
Renewable energy: extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
Research: increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit (see S. 537), [24FE]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 43), [7JA]
———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]

Revenues: repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 155), [13JA]
Schools: modify and permanently extend qualified zone academy bonds to facilitate school renovation and construction and treat such bonds as specified tax credit bonds (see S. 1753), [13JY]
Securities: provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
Senior citizens: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 716), [11MR]
———eliminate the payroll tax on individuals who have attained retirement age and repeal limits on outside income earned while receiving Social Security benefits (see S. 767), [17MR]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 879), [26MR]
Small business: establish tax-preferred Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts (see S. 1262), [7MY]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [5FE]
———improve tax treatment (see S. 1827), [22JY]
———make permanent certain tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights (see S. 949), [15AP]
———provide tax incentives (see S. 1141), [30AP]
Social Security: enhance benefits and ensure long-term solvency (see S. 731), [12MR]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 960), [15AP]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
———prohibit seizing of tax refunds to repay overpayments, restore statute of limitations applicable to debt collection through administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments to children (see S. 204), [21JA]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
Tax-exempt organizations: provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations (see S. 942), [15AP]
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Telephones: repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 116), [7JA]
Tobacco products: provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 450), [11FE]
———reform and enforce taxation (see S. 1129), [29AP]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
———free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (S. 1116) (see S. 1792), [16JY]
U.S. Tax Court: improve access and administration (see S. 903), [14AP]
Universal Savings Accounts: create (see S. 2320), [19NO]
Veterans: allow a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 41), [7JA]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]
———prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving VA medical care for service-connected disabilities (see S. 1880), [28JY]
———provide for coordination between TRICARE and eligibility to make contributions to health savings accounts (see S. 448), [11FE]
Volunteer workers: provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 616), [27FE]
Water: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
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TAXPAYERS RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT
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Bills and resolutions
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
China: express disfavor regarding the proposed U.S.-China nuclear cooperation agreement (see S.J. Res. 19), [15JY]
Civil liberties: require the Federal Government to obtain warrants when conducting aerial surveillance (see S. 1595), [17JN]
Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 601), [26FE]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 196), [9JN]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1706), [7JY]
Consumers: provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts (see S. 2315), [19NO]
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [4MR]
Crime: impose criminal penalties for unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft (see S. 2249), [5NO]
———provide a criminal penalty for operating drones in certain locations (see S. 2157), [7OC]
Cuba: authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1570), [11JN]
———establish Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund (see S. 1263), [7MY]
———promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1022), [21AP]
———develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers (see S. 1478), [2JN]
———prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 1441), [21MY]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———amend 21st Century Learning Centers to strengthen afterschool programs to improve college and career readiness of students (see S. 899), [13AP]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [11FE]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [5FE]
———establish grant program to promote development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education (see S. 1184), [4MY]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 442), [10FE]
———increase out-of-school access to digital learning resources for eligible students to increase student and educator engagement (see S. 1606), [18JN]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education into elementary and secondary instruction, encourage STEM professional development, and support research on engineering education (see S. 1185), [4MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 605), [26FE]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 671), [4MR]
———raise quality of career and technical education programs and allow local eligible recipients to use Perkins grant funding to establish high-quality career academic programs (see S. 191), [20JA]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
———strengthen Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (see S. 227), [21JA]
Dept. of Energy: add certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program (see S. 1449), [21MY]
———advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids (see S. 1201), [6MY]
———assess capability to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at departmental sites (see S. 1363), [18MY]
———authorize entrance into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relative to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology (see S. 1285), [11MY]
———award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
———conduct study on technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber (see S. 1432), [21MY]
———develop an implementation strategy to promote development of hybrid micro-grid systems for isolated communities (see S. 1227), [6MY]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1275), [11MY]
———establish a grant program allowing National Laboratories provision of vouchers to small businesses to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and their economic impact (see S. 1259), [7MY]
———establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide financial awards to entities that develop and demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in high-cost regions (see S. 1346), [14MY]
———establish as lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law relative to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects (see S. 1293), [12MY]
———establish competitive grant programs to promote electricity grid modernization (see S. 1232), [6MY]
———establish distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1258), [7MY]
———establish energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program (see S. 1256), [7MY]
———establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories (see S. 784), [18MR]
———expand Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and U.S. flagged vessels and return unspent funds and loan proceeds to reduce the national debt (see S. 1181), [4MY]
———extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs (see S. 1398), [20MY]
———facilitate modernization of the electric grid (see S. 1243), [7MY]

———improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 454), [11FE]
———improve loan guarantee program for innovative technologies (see S. 1223), [6MY]
———improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships (see S. 1187), [4MY]
———improve technology transfer by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses and increase public-private partnerships in research and development (see S. 2287), [17NO]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [27JA]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
———repeal certain programs and establish a coal technology program (see S. 1283), [11MY]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
———submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions with National Laboratories (see S. 1229), [6MY]
Dept. of HHS: strengthen accountability and improve transparency in health information technology systems (see S. 2141), [6OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]
———improve operation of Unmanned Aircraft System program (see S. 159), [13JA]
———reduce duplication of information technology (see S. 1620), [18JN]
———secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats (see S. 1846), [23JY]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
———strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology (see S. 1873), [28JY]
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 2332), [30NO]
———establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers (see S. 877), [26MR]
———make grants to purchase body-worn cameras for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (see S. 1897), [29JY]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure motor vehicle crash avoidance information is provided alongside of crashworthiness information where such information is made available to the public (see S. 1535), [10JN]
———establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 1021), [21AP]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Drugs: combat heroin epidemic and assist forensic labs with addressing seized drug identification backlogs (see S. 2241), [4NO]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
Education: improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects (see S. 867), [25MR]
———provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers (see S. 2174), [8OC]
Electric power: protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]
FAA: clarify whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status (see S. 387), [5FE]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [13MY]
———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 635), [3MR]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
FBI: use Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, solve and prevent crime, exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlog (see S. 2348), [3DE]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
———encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [19MR]
———limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
———prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———promote certain unlicensed spectrum use and maximize the use of such spectrum for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development (see S. 424), [10FE]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
FDA: provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices (see S. 1077), [23AP]
———provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 1101), [27AP]
Federal agencies and departments: create a framework to expedite recruitment of highly qualified information technology and cybersecurity personnel (see S. 2007), [6AU]
———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [18MR]
———increase use of crowdsourcing and citizen science to advance and accelerate scientific research, literacy, and diplomacy (see S. 2113), [30SE]
———reduce waste and implement cost savings and revenue enhancement (see S. 1888), [29JY]
FEMA: establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
Firearms: develop and use technology for personalized handguns and require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the U.S. incorporate such technology (see S. 1474), [2JN]
Fish and fishing: reduce risks associated with genetically altered salmon (see S. 738), [12MR]
Freedom of Information Act: improve (see S. 337), [2FE]
FTC: establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
———prescribe regulations on collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 2404), [15DE]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Geospatial data: improve coordination and use (see S. 740), [16MR]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 153), [13JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
Information technology: accelerate adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies (see S. 1046), [22AP]
———develop strategy on development and deployment of the Internet of Things to maximize promise of connected technologies and promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (see S. Res. 110), [24MR]
———limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
IRS: implement security measures in the electronic tax return filing process to prevent tax refund fraud from being perpetrated with electronic identity theft (see S. 845), [24MR]
Law enforcement: provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Library of Congress: expand availability to exemptions to prohibition on copyrighted technological protection measures to facilitate computer security research, personal device maintenance, and technological innovation (see S. 990), [16AP]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 1602), [17JN]
———cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal screening test (see S. 2262), [10NO]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [21AP]
———establish smart card pilot program (see S. 1871), [27JY]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1168), [30AP]

———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [14JY]
———provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies (see S. 1253), [7MY]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [20AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
———improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [16DE]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [5AU]
Motor vehicles: develop standards to prevent hacking of vehicle control systems, make owners aware of vehicle data collection, and disclose vehicle performance relative to security and privacy (see S. 1806), [21JY]
———limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
NASA: anniversary of Hubble Space Telescope (see S. Res. 149), [23AP]
———report on requirements and risks in connection with use of radioisotopic power systems for space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit (see S. 1829), [22JY]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 281), [7OC]
National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: designate (see S. Res. 217), [8JY]
National security: develop metrics to measure effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and along the maritime border (see S. 1864), [27JY]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
New Horizons (spacecraft): congratulate NASA and its partners for successful mission to Pluto and recognize importance of such mission, robotic space exploration, and scientific and engineering research (see S. Res. 240), [3AU]
NIST: designate U.S. manufacturing universities to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs (see S. 771), [18MR]
NOAA: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
NSF: implement Sustainable Chemistry Program (see S. 1447), [21MY]
———support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 1402), [20MY]
Patents: amend laws to promote basic research, stimulate publication of scientific documents, encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, and improve transfer of technology to the private sector (see S. 926), [14AP]
———eliminate abusive patent litigation, increase transparency, modernize fee shifting, and provide for small business education and outreach (see S. 1137), [29AP]
Power resources: facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources (see S. 1213), [6MY] (see S. 2003), [6AU]
———modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
———provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy (see S. 1215), [6MY]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
———require operators that provide online and similar services to educational agencies or institutions to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (see S. 1788), [16JY]
Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 787), [18MR] (see S. 1636), [18JN]
Public lands: reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
Public utilities: provide electric consumers the right to access certain electric energy information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage energy usage (see S. 1044), [22AP]
———provide for consideration by State regulatory authorities and nonregulated electric utilities of whether subsidies should be provided for construction and operation of customer-side technology (see S. 2384), [10DE]
SBA: improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [1OC]
———require Chief Counsel for Advocacy submittal of a report on small business innovation (see S. 963), [15AP]
Science: support innovation (see S. 894), [26MR]
Taxation: make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———modify energy credit to provide greater incentives for combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) energy efficiency technologies (see S. 1516), [4JN]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 43), [7JA]
———provide an investment tax credit for waste heat to power technology (see S. 913), [14AP]
———provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities (see S. 2271), [10NO]
———provide for special treatment of the research credit for certain startup companies (see S. 455), [11FE]
———provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities (see S. 2305), [19NO]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), (see S. 157), [13JA] (see S. 844), [24MR]
Telecommunications: promote availability of additional unlicensed spectrum for innovation and investment (see S. 2278), [10NO]
———promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
———improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
Transportation: provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP] (see S. 1950), [5AU]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
Weather: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]
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Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
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Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1180) (S. Rept. 114–73), [25JN]
Investment Tax Credit for Waste Heat to Power Technology: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 913) (S. Rept. 114–23), [14AP]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 615), [14AP]
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Small Business Broadband and Emerging Information Technology Enhancement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2116), [7OC]
Social Media Working Group Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 623) (S. Rept. 114–145), [21SE]
STEM Education Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 1020) (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: test effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models (see S. 2343), [2DE]

Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1563), [11JN]
Communications Act: amend (see S. 2319), [19NO]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1030), [21AP]
Cuba: authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
Dept. of Commerce: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
Dept. of Justice: require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
Dept. of Transportation: require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
Electronics: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
———authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 760), [17MR]
———consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 253), [26JA]
———disapprove rule regulating broadband Internet access (see S.J. Res. 14), [28AP]
———encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [19MR]
———establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental television channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1244), [7MY]
———exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
———extend to private land use restrictions its rule relative to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications (see S. 1685), [25JN]
———limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
———prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 56), [7JA] (see S. 1621), [18JN]
———promote certain unlicensed spectrum use and maximize the use of such spectrum for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development (see S. 424), [10FE]
———promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 734), [12MR]
———provide greater transparency and efficiency in procedures (see S. 421), [10FE]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———require a quarterly report on the Lifeline program funded by the Universal Service Fund (see S. 1545), [10JN]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
FEMA: establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]
———establish regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals and improve laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children (see S. 547), [24FE]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Law enforcement: increase the penalty for fraudulent 9-1-1 calls that result in an emergency response from law enforcement agencies (see S. 1018), [21AP]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [12FE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [24FE]
Medicare: expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [22MY]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: permit authorization of Federal agencies to accept certain payments relative to spectrum efficiency and reallocation (see S. 2227), [3NO]
———provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
OMB: authorize additional uses of the Spectrum Relocation Fund (see S. 2211), [27OC]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
———protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information and require data breach notification (see S. 177), [13JA]
SBA: improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [1OC]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [18MR]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 116), [7JA]
Technology: promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [22JA]
Telephones: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
———improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
Transportation: provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Weather: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]
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Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Interoperable Communications Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 615) (S. Rept. 114–53), [21MY]
FCC Consolidated Reporting Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 253) (S. Rept. 114–58), [22MY]
Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1180) (S. Rept. 114–73), [25JN]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 665), [26MR]
Small Business Broadband and Emerging Information Technology Enhancement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2116), [7OC]
Social Media Working Group Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 623) (S. Rept. 114–145), [21SE]

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
FCC: limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]

TELEPHONES
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without prior express written consent of the recipient (see S. 1681), [25JN]
Dept. of Commerce: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
Dept. of Justice: require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide

notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
FCC: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [9FE]
———ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [19MR]
———prevent caller identification spoofing (see S. 1759), [14JY]
———prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 56), [7JA] (see S. 1621), [18JN]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 734), [12MR]
———provide incentives for reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use (see S. 887), [26MR]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———require a quarterly report on the Lifeline program funded by the Universal Service Fund (see S. 1545), [10JN]
———require mobile service providers and smartphone manufacturers to enable consumers to remotely delete data from smartphones and render such devices inoperable (see S. 1076), [23AP]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephone interactions by executive branch employees with individuals relative to audio recordings of such interactions (see S. 278), [28JA]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Law enforcement: improve enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls (see S. 1540), [10JN]
———increase the penalty for fraudulent 9-1-1 calls that result in an emergency response from law enforcement agencies (see S. 1018), [21AP]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 159), [30AP]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
NLRB: require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [14AP]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4FE]
States: ensure methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of States are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunication services (see S. 1261), [7MY]
Taxation: repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 116), [7JA]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1949), [5AU]
Cloture motions
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
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Reports filed
Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Interoperable Communications Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 615) (S. Rept. 114–53), [21MY]

TELEVISION *related term(s)* **NEWS MEDIA; PUBLIC BROADCASTING; TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Charren, Peggy: tribute (see S. Res. 61), [2FE]
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 783), [18MR]
FCC: exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [4MY]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
FEMA: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1090), [27AP]
FTC: establish Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1490), [3JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts (see S. 2414), [17DE]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 780), [18MR]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Reports filed
Emergency Information Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1090) (S. Rept. 114–142), [15SE]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 665), [26MR]

TELLER COUNTY, CO
Bills and resolutions
Colorado: authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties (see S. 1941), [5AU]
Reports filed
Crags, Colorado Land Exchange Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 2223) (S. Rept. 114–196), [16DE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1941) (S. Rept. 114–188), [16DE]

TENAKEE, AK
Bills and resolutions
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims (see S. 872), [26MR]

TENNESSEE
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, TN, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1483), [2JN]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1943), [5AU]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Reports filed
James K. Polk Presidential Home Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1483) (S. Rept. 114–136), [9SE]
National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]

TERRITORIES MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE EQUITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2342), [2DE]

TERRITORIES (U.S.)
Bills and resolutions
Federal-State relations: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Hawaii: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]
Medicaid: restore coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau (see S. 1301), [12MY]
Medicare: change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico (see S. 1453), [21MY]
———make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income beneficiaries in Puerto Rico or other territories (see S. 2342), [2DE]
Medicare/Medicaid: make improvements to the treatment of the U.S. territories (see S. 1961), [5AU]
Puerto Rico: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
———provide assistance and support through tax relief and financial and pension reforms (see S. 2381), [9DE]
———treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Taxation: make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]

TERRORISM *related term(s)* **CRIME**
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [30JY]
Armed Forces: authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S.J. Res. 26), [3DE]
———authorize use against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and repeal previous authorizations for use of military force (see S. 1587), [16JN]
———sunset authority to use against those responsible for hijacking and crashing of commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Somerset County, PA (see S. 526), [12FE]
Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Citizenship: designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 247), [22JA]
Colombia: oppose requested release of convicted terrorist Juvenal O.R. Palmera Pineda, also known as

''Simon Trinidad'', from prison in the U.S. as a part of the Colombian peace process (see S. Res. 208), [23JN]
Computers: require reporting by technology companies of terrorist activities and the unlawful distribution of information relating to explosives (see S. 2372), [8DE]
Courts: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Crime: prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense (see S. 902), [13AP]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [13JA]
———require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of HHS: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: conduct a northern border threat analysis (see S. 1808), [21JY]
———enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———establish Office for Community Partnerships (see S. 2369), [8DE]
———establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists (see S. 2418), [17DE]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [3AU]
———making appropriations (see S. 272), [27JA] (see S. 1619), [18JN] (see S. 2130), (see S. 2131), [5OC]
———permit search of open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2411), [17DE]
———require the search of all public records, including Internet sites and social media profiles, to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. (see S. 2402), [15DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
———allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———require electronic communication service providers that generate call detail records provide notification if the provider intends to retain such records less than the time recommended to conduct investigations (see S. 2356), [3DE]
Dept. of State: authorize appropriations (see S. 1635), [18JN]
———offer rewards for information on kidnapping and murder of James W. Foley, Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig, Steven J. Sotloff, and Kayla J. Mueller (see S. 555), [25FE]
———offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of suspects in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (see S. 2207), [27OC]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2094), [29SE]
———submit to Congress a report on designation of Muslim Brotherhood (organization) as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 2230), [3NO]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Electric power: protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats (see S. 1068), [23AP]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [14AP]
FEMA: establish a modernized integrated public alert and warning system (see S. 1180), [4MY]
Financial institutions: establish standards for identity verification for non-U.S. persons opening bank accounts or applying for credit cards (see S. 52), [7JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Immigration: give States authority to reject admission of refugees unless there is adequate assurance that the aliens do not present a security risk (see S. 2363), [8DE]
———prevent entry of extremists into the U.S. under the refugee program by blocking visas of nationals from certain high-risk countries (see S. 2329), [19NO]
———prohibit admission of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territories (see S. 2302), [18NO]
———require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees (see S. 2300), [18NO]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator: establish to coordinate efforts to secure release of U.S. persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism (see S. 1652), [23JN]
Iran: extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
———reimpose previous sanctions, expand automotive and oil-related sanctions, and require diplomatic negotiations to be congressionally approved relative to pursuit of nuclear weapons capability (see S. 825), [19MR]
Iraq: require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya (see S. 1643), [23JN]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Joint Inquiry Into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001: require declassification of certain redacted information (see S. 1471), [1JN]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [16JY]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
Law enforcement: limit authority to detain U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under authorizations for use of military force without charge or trial (see S. 24), [6JA]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [18JN]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [2DE]
———defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———enhance homeland security (see S. 542), [24FE]
———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
———provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
———eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
Nisman, Alberto: offer condolences to family of Argentinian prosecutor, commend investigation of Argentine Israelite Mutual Association bombing, and call for investigation of death and Iranian involvement in bombing (see S. Res. 167), [5MY]
Oklahoma City, OK: anniversary of attack on Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building (see S. Res. 139), [16AP]
Palestinian Authority: restrict funds (see S. 633), [3MR]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (see S. 1123), [28AP]
Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board: reform (see S. 1337), [13MY]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
Weinstein, Warren: express condolences to family and commemorate life and work (see S. Res. 169), [5MY]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]

National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
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National Emergency Relative to Côte d'Ivoire: President Obama, [4FE]
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National Emergency Relative to Sudan: President Obama, [28OC]
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2001: President Obama, [10SE]
National Emergency Relative to the Stabilization of Iraq: President Obama, [19MY]
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Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [30JA], [2FE], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [9FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [2MR]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), [21MY]
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Reports filed
Airport Security Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 720) (S. Rept. 114–92), [23JY]
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Detaining Terrorists To Protect America Act: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. 165), [23FE]
Develop a Strategy To Protect Nigerian Civilians and Eliminate Threat Posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1632), [29JY]
Express Concern About Anti-Semitism and Encourage Cooperation With European Governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe To Prevent and Respond: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 87), [21MY]
Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1180) (S. Rept. 114–73), [25JN]
Northern Border Security Review Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1808) (S. Rept. 114–155), [19OC]
Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]
Require a Report on Actions To Secure the Safety and Security of Dissidents Housed at Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1643), [25JN]
U.S.-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1789), [27OC]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 207), [25JN]
TERRORIST REFUGEE INFILTRATION PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2302), [18NO]
TESTER, JON ***(a Senator from Montana)***
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [22SE]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
———improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [20MY]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: clarify effective date of certain provisions (see S. 1356), [14MY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [10FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 1315), [20OC]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [14AP]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 196), [9JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JN]
Courts: ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal actions by amending prohibition on exercise of jurisdiction by U.S. Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts (see S. 1353), [14MY]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [22MY]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [23AP]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 294), [22OC]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [9SE]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [20OC]
———publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [8JN]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [1DE]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [7OC]
Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [23AP]
———improve college affordability by increasing maximum awards, allowing year-round eligibility, and extending duration limits relative to the Federal Pell Grant Program (see S. 1998), [18NO]
———simplify the college financial aid application process and increase income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution in determining Federal student aid eligibility (see S. 1872), [27JY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [25SE]
Dept. of Energy: establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) (see S. 893), [29AP]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 711), [13MY]
———authorize grants to States that extend or eliminate unexpired statutes of limitation applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse (see S. 2397), [10DE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [3AU]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [22OC]
———improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 618), [2MR]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [12MR]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [18JN]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 286), [28JA]
———reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for certain Indian tribes (see S. 1931), [4AU]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [12MR]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [13AP]

———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [15AP]
———establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program (see S. 563), [25FE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [25FE]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [23JY]
———terminate any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower (see S. 788), [25SE]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [29JA]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [12MY]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [9JN]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
FCC: ensure the integrity of voice communications and prevent discrimination among areas in the delivery of such communications by requiring providers to register and comply with basic quality standards (see S. 827), [19MR]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [19MR]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
———provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions (see S. 927), [14AP]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Floods: clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement (see S. 1679), [25JN]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [12MY]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [30JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act: amend (see S. 209), [21JA]
Insurance: establish FRS Insurance Policy Advisory Committee on International Capital Standards and Other Insurance Issues and study and report on international insurance activities and their impact (see S. 1086), [27AP]
———provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [15DE]
———provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
———provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [19MR]
Iran: reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [28SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 338), [4MR] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [30SE] (see S. 2165), [8OC]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [29AP]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 1830), [9SE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 1148), [14MY]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [26OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [5NO]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [20OC]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [23JY]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [10DE]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 1345), [23JY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [28AP]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [30SE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [24JN]
———improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [14DE]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [18NO]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [20MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
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National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
———provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
———require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings (see S. 184), [16JA]
Nepal: express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following earthquake (see S. Res. 163), [30AP]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [23JY]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [16AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]

———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [17JN]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Postal Service: improve provision of postal services to rural areas (see S. 1742), [9JY]
Power resources: promote geothermal energy (see S. 1057), [23AP]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 160), [30AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [20MY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
SBA: carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses (see S. 1862), [26JY] (see S. 1870), [27JY]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [17MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Senate: review procedures ensuring an employee in the office of Senators on committees requiring access to top secret information may obtain security clearances needed to have access to such information (see S. 1569), [11JN]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [10MR]
———tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 210), [21JA]
———extend and improve the Indian coal production tax credit (see S. 1361), [18MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [14JY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [2MR]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [18MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [23MR]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [26MR]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
———treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1801), [20OC] (see S. 2202), [22OC]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [24SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [10FE]
———extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
———improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [3DE]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Voting: require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 1139), [30AP]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [9NO]
Water: reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Air Force: modernize C–130 aircraft and ensure such aircraft meet applicable FAA regulations (see S. 1136), [29AP]
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 895), [26MR]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to World War II First Special Service Force (see S. Con. Res. 2), [8JA]
Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center, Great Falls, MT: designate (see S. 719), [11MR]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify application of the words people, person, or citizen in the Constitution to corporations, limited liability companies, or other corporate entities (see S.J. Res. 7), [4FE]
Dept. of Education: clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered (see S. 1025), [21AP]
———establish a scholarship program and loan forgiveness for rural educators and provide professional development grants for rural schools (see S. 2190), [21OC]
———reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student centers (see S. 604), [26FE]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [4AU]
Dept. of Energy: promote mapping and development of geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk exploration wells, improve technology, and demonstrate use in large scale thermal applications (see S. 1155), [30AP]
Dept. of HHS: provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]
Dept. of HUD: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 2292), [17NO]
Dept. of Justice: provide grants to establish and maintain Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts to adjudicate alcohol or drug cases through extensive supervision and treatment programs (see S. 2205), [22OC]
Dept. of the Interior: reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5OC]
———clarify role of podiatrists (see S. 2175), [8OC]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [24JN]
———make permanent authority to transport individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 603), [26FE]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [13JA]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 172), [13JA]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 241), [22JA]
———require an independent review of the process by which assessments of cognitive impairments resulting from traumatic brain injury are made relative to awarding disability compensation (see S. 244), [22JA]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: provide behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserves based on need and expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling (see S. 832), [23MR]
East Rosebud Creek: designate segments for inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1577), [15JN]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
Federal agencies and departments: reform Federal hiring process by allowing agencies to share information about potential job candidates (see S. 1580), [16JN]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
Federal employees: provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures (see S. 1591), [17JN]
———provide leave to a new employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at a certain percentage for purposes of undergoing treatment for such disability (see S. 242), [22JA]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [13JA]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]
———reauthorize (see S. 2169), [8OC]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 606), [26FE]
Native Americans: exempt the Indian Health Service, BIA, and certain other programs for Indians from budget sequestration (see S. 1497), [3JN]

———extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 35), [6JA]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
———provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
———provide grants to eligible entities to develop and maintain or improve and expand before school, afterschool, and summer school programs for Indian and Alaska Native students (see S. 1745), [9JY]
———provide tribal demonstration projects for integration of early childhood development and education, including Native language and culture (see S. 2304), [18NO]
———restore opportunity for tribal economic development by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe on terms that are equal and fair (see S. 1457), [22MY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Taxation: require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations (see S. 367), [4FE]

TEXAS
Bills and resolutions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 1534), [9JN]
George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Laredo, TX: designate (see S. 612), [27FE]
Native Americans: restore opportunity for tribal economic development by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe on terms that are equal and fair (see S. 1457), [22MY]
Red River: provide legal certainty for property owners along the Red River in Texas (see S. 1153), [30AP]
Rio Grande City, TX: provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Co., to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande river (see S. 2143), [6OC]
Cloture motions
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Messages
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George P. Kazen Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Laredo, TX: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 612), [4MY]
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]

TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND FABRICS
Bills and resolutions
CPSC: ban certain chemical flame retardants from upholstered furniture and children's products (see S. 1976), [5AU]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 892), [26MR]
Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 81), [7JA]
Reports filed
Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]

THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEDORA FOUNDATION
Bills and resolutions
Medora, ND: anniversary of Medora Musical (see S. Res. 220), [9JY]

THOMPSON, FRED ***(a former Senator from Tennessee)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]

THOMPSON, MYRA
Bills and resolutions
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]

THUNE, JOHN ***(a Senator from South Dakota)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
———H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [26JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Africa: assist sub-Saharan African countries develop mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth (see S. 2152), [16NO]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [17SE]
Armed Forces: provide that members and spouses have the same rights regarding receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station (see S. 1992), [5AU]
ATF: prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [3JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [3MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Committee on Regulatory Reform (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Con. Res. 17), [20MY]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [9FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [5FE]
Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 1785), [3AU]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [23JY]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [18MY]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [29SE]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [10FE]
Dept. of HHS: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 679), [9MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [4MR]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify treatment of agreements entered into to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services (see S. 739), [19MY]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [29AP]
Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 736), [12MR]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [29JA]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
———disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [4MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 639), [4MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [4MR]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [24JN]

Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [27FE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [29AP]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 774), [29AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [11MR]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA]
#GivingTuesday: designate (see S. Res. 323), [1DE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [16SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [19OC]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
IRS: enhance taxpayer rights through enhanced accountability, privacy protections, rights to appeal, tax system reform, and improved disclosure policies (see S. 1578), [16JN]
———prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability (see S. 2215), [28OC]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [2MR]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [27JA]
———expand access to stroke telehealth services (see S. 1465), [29JY]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [26MR]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists (see S. 2259), [9NO]
———improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by certain Federally qualified providers (see S. 1456), [22MY]
———promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay (see S. 1757), [14JY]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [22SE]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program (see S. 148), [19MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [10SE]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3FE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 219), [9JY]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 281), [7OC]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Strategic Agenda: establish and include goals of job creation, balanced budget, securing Medicare and Social Security, and energy security (see S. Res. 199), [11JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [22JA]
———enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify membership criteria for collective bargaining units, timing of elections of labor organizations, and employer participation in union election process (see S. 933), [15AP]
———clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [10SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 801), [19MR]
———require provision of lists of employees eligible to vote in labor organization elections and one additional form of personal contact information (see S. 933), [15AP]
NOAA: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [26OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [26OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———exempt certain small businesses from employer health insurance mandate and modify definition of full-time employee relative to mandate (see S. 432), [10FE]
———exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1771), [15JY]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [28JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers (see S. 889), [11MY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [24SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [7JY]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 126), [8JA]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [17NO]
———provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations (see S. 942), [10SE]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 440), [3MR]

Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [26MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [11MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
BLM: transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [29OC]
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [18JN]
———making continuing appropriations for pay in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 545), [24FE]
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 28), [20JA]
Communications Act: amend (see S. 2319), [19NO]
Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 834), [23MR]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [16SE]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 658), [4MR]
Dept. of HHS: provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 2151), [7OC]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 225), [21JA]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [20MY]
FCC: allow skilled nursing facilities to apply for support from Universal Service Fund Rural Health Care Program (see S. 1916), [3AU]
Federal agencies and departments: require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 1116), [28AP]
Fire prevention: require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger (see S. 1100), [27AP]
Health care professionals: protect certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State (see S. 689), [10MR]
Medicare: allow individuals to elect to receive Medicare Summary Notice electronically and increase flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors (see S. 584), [26FE]
———establish Value-Based Insurance Design demonstration program to show that reduced copayments or coinsurance can increase utilization, improve clinical outcomes, and lower health care expenditures (see S. 1396), [20MY]
———extend the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals (see S. 1461), [22MY]
———improve how beneficiaries are assigned under the shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services from federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (see S. 2261), [9NO]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for durable medical equipment (see S. 2312), [19NO]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 151), [23AP]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
———exempt local schools, educational agencies, and institutions of higher education from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 470), [12FE]
Surface Transportation Board: establish as independent and make more efficient and accessible by increasing investigative authority, improving rate review timelines and advancing important proceedings (see S. 808), [19MR]
Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [12FE]
Taxation: limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 386), [5FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care (see S. 2218), [29OC]
Transportation Security Administration: enhance airport security through improved screening of airport employees (see S. 2361), [7DE]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: prohibit listing northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 655), [4MR]
Veterans: allow Indian Health Service to pay for Indian or Alaska Native veterans' copayments at Dept. of Veterans Affairs facilities (see S. 2417), [17DE]
Weather: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]
———establish regional weather forecast offices (see S. 1573), [15JN]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE], [3NO], [5NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [18NO]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
———enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [28OC], [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [9SE], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Reports filed
Airport Security Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 720) (S. Rept. 114–92), [23JY]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1251) (S. Rept. 114–120), [8SE]
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1250) (S. Rept. 114–179), [14DE]
Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 142) (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]
Coast Guard Appropriations: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1611) (S. Rept. 114–168), [30NO]
Consumer Review Freedom Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 2044) (S. Rept. 114–175), [8DE]
Driver Privacy Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 766) (S. Rept. 114–147), [28SE]
E-Warranty Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1359) (S. Rept. 114–77), [7JY]
Expenditures: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 28), [20JA]
FCC Consolidated Reporting Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 253) (S. Rept. 114–58), [22MY]
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334), [28JY]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1334) (S. Rept. 114–166), [10NO]
Knife Owners' Protection Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1315) (S. Rept. 114–121), [8SE]
Legislative Activities During the 113th Congress: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Rept. 114–50), [21MY]
Maritime Administration Enhancement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1326) (S. Rept. 114–158), [27OC]
Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 114–13), [13AP]
National Sea Grant College Program Act Reauthorization and Amendment: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 764) (S. Rept. 114–90), [23JY]
National Weather Service Improvement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1573) (S. Rept. 114–154), [19OC]

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Pilot's Bill of Rights 2: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 571), [9DE]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 571) (S. Rept. 114–198), [18DE]
Port Performance Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1298) (S. Rept. 114–164), [5NO]
Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 834) (S. Rept. 114–91), [23JY]
STEM Education Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 1020) (S. Rept. 114–115), [4AU]
Surface Transportation Board Independence, Investigative Authority Increase, Rate Review Timelines Improvement and Important Proceedings Advancement: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 808) (S. Rept. 114–52), [21MY]
TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 719) (S. Rept. 114–111), [4AU]
Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 34) (S. Rept. 114–146), [22SE]
U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1297) (S. Rept. 114–88), [22JY]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Improvements Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 143) (S. Rept. 114–51), [21MY]
Vessel Incidental Discharge Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 373) (S. Rept. 114–96), [29JY]

THURGOOD MARSHALL'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDY ACT

Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 610), [27FE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 610) (S. Rept. 114–129), [9SE]

THURNEAU, VERNON

Bills and resolutions
Alaska: reinstate certain mining claims (see S. 1395), [20MY]

TILLIS, THOM ***(a Senator from North Carolina)***

Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [19MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [17NO]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [30SE]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [9NO]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [8JY]
———provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge (see S. 1567), [11JN]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [24FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [29JY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [8OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [5NO]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [21JA]
———inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [12FE]
Dept. of Education: prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [25FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: continue operation of certain programs that support the mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations directorate to combat the exploitation of children (see S. 575), [27FE]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [7JY]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: develop and publish an action plan for improving vocational rehabilitation services and assistance (see S. 2106), [30SE]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [20JA]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [23MR]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 1460), [22MY]
———improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [28AP]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [10SE]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
Drugs: exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [8SE]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [10NO]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule (see S. 1393), [1JN]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [9JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———improve financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks and development and use of data analytics for fraud identification, prevention, and response (see S. 2133), [5OC]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [3JN]
———require periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (see S. 1067), [23AP]
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 1668), [24JN]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [9NO]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Immigration: ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissible, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief (see S. 1120), [28AP]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in

Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [24FE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [9NO]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [27OC]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [4FE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Guard: authorize and provide flexibility for support of civilian firefighting activities (see S. 1437), [21MY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National security: authorize access to certain records, make permanent certain authorities on roving surveillance, individual terrorists, and foreign surveillance, and modify access requirements for telecommunications records (see S. 2344), [3DE]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [12FE]
OMB: consider Brunswick County, NC, to be part of the same statistical area as Wilmington, NC (see S. 1157), [30AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [9JA]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [3NO]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [9SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [23FE]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [24FE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [24FE]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [28SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 856), [24MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Smith, Dean E.: tribute (see S. Res. 79), [12FE]
Taxation: repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [5FE]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [19MR]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [16JY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [2JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Dept. of Transportation: designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: designate one U.S. city each year as an ''American World War II City'' (see S. 1401), [20MY]
FCC: limit authority to preempt laws of certain States relative to regulation of municipal broadband (see S. 597), [26FE]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Immigration: establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 117), [26MR]
Roads and highways: designate certain route segments of the National Highway System in North Carolina as high priority corridors (see S. 983), [16AP]

Cloture motions

Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [17MR], [19MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
———making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), motion to proceed, [30SE], [1OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize (S. 1177), [13JY], [15JY], [16JY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY], [28OC], [30OC]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [27JY], [29JY], [10NO]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), [31MY], [2JN]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]

Motions

Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]

TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Bills and resolutions

Children and youth: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [8JA]
Dept. of Labor: prohibit work by children in tobacco-related agriculture as particularly hazardous oppressive child labor (see S. 974), [16AP]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Government regulations: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small

businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
Taxation: provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 450), [11FE]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 1129), [29AP]
Reports filed
Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 142) (S. Rept. 114–12), [13AP]
TOBACCO TAX EQUITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 450), [11FE]
TONG, CHILING
Appointments
Congressional Award Board, [21MY]
TOO BIG TO FAIL, TOO BIG TO EXIST ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1206), [6MY]
TOOMEY, PATRICK J. ***(a Senator from Pennsylvania)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Attendance
Present, [8JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [12MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [2FE]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [5AU]
———require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 646), [24MR]
Bankruptcy: provide for the liquidation, reorganization, or recapitalization of a covered financial corporation (see S. 1840, 1841), [22JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18MY]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
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Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [16JN]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [10NO]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [21JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: limit crop insurance premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer (see S. 345), [3FE]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [20JA]
———inform Dept. of Justice of persons required to register as sex offenders (see S. 409), [11MR]
Dept. of Education: increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers (see S. 1352), [14MY]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [10MR]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [22OC]
Dept. of Energy: provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [27JA]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———establish a National Family Caregiving Project (see S. 1719), [4NO]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [24SE]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [4MY]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [24JN]
———establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17DE]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [18JN]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [10MR]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [9SE]
Drugs: provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [14AP]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
EPA: disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [16JY]
———issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 911), [14AP]
FDA: clarify definition and regulation of combination products (see S. 1767), [3AU]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
———repeal or revise one or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation (see S. 1944), [19NO]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
Federal employees: provide leave to a new employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at a certain percentage for purposes of undergoing treatment for such disability (see S. 242), [28JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [13AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [24FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: bring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 1383), [9SE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 372), [4FE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1814), [9SE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [8DE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [9MR]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [16DE]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]

———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 117), [12JA]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 260), [27JA]
———establish a process for consideration of temporary duty suspensions (see S. 998), [16AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [22SE]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [17DE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [13AP]
Lewisberry, PA: tribute to Red Land Little League baseball team (see S. Res. 249), [9SE] (see S. Res. 279), [6OC]
Liu Xiaobo Plaza, Washington, DC: designate (see S. Res. 224), [21JY]
Medicaid: extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [26FE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [10JN]
National Chemistry Week: designate (see S. Res. 289), [19OC]
National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 129), [26MR]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28SE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [19OC]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [11FE]
Nugent, Timothy: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1863), [3AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [13JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [24SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to women's soccer team (see S. Res. 334), [14DE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [30JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
Real estate: provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions (see S. 1711), [24SE]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [30SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 978), [16AP]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 322), [2FE]
———improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 195), [20JA]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [28AP]
———increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit (see S. 537), [24FE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (see S. 1660), [24JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [8JN]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
University of Pennsylvania: anniversary of Perelman School of Medicine (see S. Res. 127), [26MR]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [21OC]
Vietnam Veterans Day: designate (see S. Res. 130), [14AP]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [18DE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [22JY]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
———provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry firearms (see S. 368), [4FE]
Capital punishment: provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty relative to killing law enforcement officers or first responders (see S. 2034), [15SE]
Congress: prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [29JA]
Crime: expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
Dept. of Justice: curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund (see S. 1495), [3JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: conduct a study on the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries (see S. 695), [10MR]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 577), [26FE]
Families and domestic relations: clarify ability to use consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments (see S. 2077), [24SE]
Financial institutions: allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [16AP]
FRS: increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 482), [12FE]
Investments: protect the investment choices of American investors (see S. 1802), [16JY]
Iran: prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
Law enforcement officers: ensure Federal officers remain able to ensure their own safety and the safety of their families during a covered furlough (see S. 1162), [30AP]
Medicare: extend certain long-term care hospital payment rules and the moratorium on establishment of certain hospitals and facilities (see S. 2108), [30SE]
———provide programs to prevent prescription drug abuse (see S. 1913), [30JY]
Omar N. Bradley Foundation: authorize the transfer of certain items to the descendants of Omar N. Bradley (see S. 267), [27JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [12FE]
SEC: increase threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relative to compensatory benefit plans (see S. 576), [26FE]
Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office, Knox, PA: designate (see S. 231), [22JA]
Taxation: make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 341), [3FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55 (see S. 380), [5FE]
———provide an exemption from tax on early distributions for certain Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers who retire before age 55 (see S. 969), [16AP]

Cloture motions

Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), [20OC], [22OC]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]

TORNADOES *related term(s)* **DISASTERS**
Reports filed
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
TORTURE VICTIMS RELIEF ACT
Bills and resolutions
Human rights: authorizing appropriations for domestic and foreign treatment centers for victims of torture (see S. 1670), [24JN]
TOWSON, MD
Bills and resolutions
Towson University: anniversary (see S. Res. 338), [18DE]
TOWSON UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 338), [18DE]
TOXIC EXPOSURE RESEARCH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 901), [13AP]
TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Chemicals: amend to protect vulnerable populations from toxic chemicals (see S. 725), [12MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 1987), [5AU]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 225), [21JA]
Reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Reports filed
Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697), [17JN]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 697) (S. Rept. 114–67), [18JN]
TOXICS BY RAIL ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE (TRACK) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1114), [28AP]
TOYS
Bills and resolutions
CPSC: improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 325), [2DE]
TRACK, RAILROAD, AND INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 769), [18MR]
TRADE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE] (see S. 1003), [16AP] (see S. 1268), [11MY]
Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1009), [20AP] (see S. 1267), [11MY]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 340), [3FE]
Cloture motions
Enact (H.R. 1314), [19MY], [21MY], [22MY]
———motion to proceed, [12MY], [14MY]
Reports filed
Dept. of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Extension: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1268) (S. Rept. 114–44), [12MY]
Trade Preferences Extension Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]
TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 644, provisions, [24JN]
Cloture motions
Enact (H.R. 644): motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Motions
Enact (H.R. 644), [23JN]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1269), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1269) (S. Rept. 114–45), [13MY]
TRADE PREFERENCES EXTENSION ACT
Cloture motions
Enact (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
Motions
Enact (H.R. 1295), [18JN]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267), [11MY]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1267) (S. Rept. 114–43), [12MY]
TRADEMARK ACT
Bills and resolutions
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]
TRADEMARKS
Bills and resolutions
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 757), [17MR]
Marks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 328), [2FE]
TRAILS
Bills and resolutions
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Colorado: authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties (see S. 1941), [5AU]
Dept. of Agriculture: publish a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance (see S. 1110), [28AP]
Dept. of the Interior: require a study on feasibility of establishing Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail (see S. 479), [12FE]
Dept. of Transportation: amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [11MR]
National Park Service: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units (see S. 1074), [23AP]
North Country National Scenic Trail: revise route to extend trail into Vermont to connect with Appalachian National Scenic Trail (see S. 403), [5FE]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
Reports filed
Crags, Colorado Land Exchange Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 2223) (S. Rept. 114–196), [16DE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1941) (S. Rept. 114–188), [16DE]
North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 403) (S. Rept. 114–125), [9SE]
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LTD.
Bills and resolutions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Dept. of Energy: ensure oil transported through the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline is used in domestic commerce to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil (see S. 188), [16JA]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Messages
Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
Motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [22JA]
Reports filed
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]
TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1604), [18JN]
TRANSNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 32), [17SE]
TRANSPARENT RATINGS ON USABILITY AND SECURITY TO TRANSFORM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (TRUST IT) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2141), [6OC]
TRANSPORTATION *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; MOTOR VEHICLES; ROADS AND HIGHWAYS; SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 22, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act, [10NO]
Bills and resolutions
American Infrastructure Bank: establish (see S. 1296), [12MY]
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1087), [27AP]
Animals: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 850), [24MR] (see S. 946), [15AP]
Arizona: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [18JN]
———require development and posting of passenger capacity limits for recreational vessels (see S. 1464), [22MY]
Crime: impose criminal penalties for unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft (see S. 2249), [5NO]
Dept. of Energy: authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from Coastal Plain in Alaska (see S. 494), [12FE]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
———improve and permit recovery of costs incurred for preclearance operations activities in foreign countries and at foreign airports (see S. 2430), [18DE]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 458), [11FE]

Dept. of Justice: provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
Dept. of Transportation: adequately fund bridges (see S. 1370), [19MY]
———amend certain maritime programs (see S. 1326), [13MY]
———amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [11MR]
———assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges (see S. 2247), [5NO]
———authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]
———create National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [21MY]
———designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]
———enhance rail safety and provide for safe transport of hazardous materials (see S. 1114), [28AP]
———enhance transportation programs to connect people to jobs, schools, and other essential services through a multimodal transportation network (see S. 2008), [6AU]
———ensure motor vehicle crash avoidance information is provided alongside of crashworthiness information where such information is made available to the public (see S. 1535), [10JN]
———establish a bus state of good repair program (see S. 1813), [21JY]
———establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———establish port performance freight statistics program (see S. 1298), [12MY]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 650), [4MR]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
———improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
———incentivize early adoption of positive train control (see S. 1006), [16AP]
———increase limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents (see S. 1360), [18MY]
———increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1612), [18JN]
———prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [8JA]
———provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students (see S. 2433), [18DE]
———provide improved investment in national transportation infrastructure (see S. 1748), [9JY]
———provide sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (see S. 2093), [29SE]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 206), [21JA]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
———reduce highway and surface transportation funding available for a State if it issues a license plate that contains an image of a Confederate flag (see S. 1689), [25JN]
———reform the surface transportation project delivery program (see S. 2258), [9NO]
———require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects (see S. 2163), [7OC]
———streamline the permitting process for rail and transit infrastructure (see S. 769), [18MR]
———waive the state of good repair certification requirement for participants in the pilot program for expedited project delivery (see S. 1734), [9JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———make permanent authority to transport individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 603), [26FE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 2129), [5OC]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 319), [19NO]
FAA: address increase of aircraft noise due to implementation of new flight paths under Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) (see S. 2406), [16DE]
———use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [22JA]
FAA Modernization and Reform Act: make technical corrections relative to rollover of amounts received in airline carrier bankruptcy (see S. 1646), [23JN]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 111), [7JA]
———reduce operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal motor vehicle fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts (see S. 565), [25FE]
Federal Railroad Administration: improve Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (see S. 797), [19MR]
FEMA: establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the National Advisory Council (see S. 546), [24FE]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 461), [11FE]
Harry S. Truman Union Station, Washington, DC: designate (see S. 1247), [7MY]
Highway Beautification Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 288), [19OC]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
Medicare: require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
Motor vehicles: clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination (see S. 1692), [25JN]
———exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 654), [4MR]
———limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 766), [17MR]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 2322), [19NO]
———reduce number of nonessential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 427), [10FE]
National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority (see S. 1743), [9JY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [28JA]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Pipelines: provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation (see S. 2276), [10NO]
Public works: ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S. (see S. 1043), [22AP]
Railroads: improve highway-rail grade crossing safety (see S. 532), [23FE]
———improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
———reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, and streamline rail project delivery (see S. 1626), [18JN]
Rio Grande City, TX: provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Co., to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande river (see S. 2143), [6OC]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]
———designate certain route segments of the National Highway System in North Carolina as high priority corridors (see S. 983), [16AP]
———expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects relative to financing (see S. 880), [26MR]
———extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1350), [14MY] (see S. 1647), [23JN]
———extend Interstate Route 11 (see S. 842), [24MR]
———permit a State transportation department to approve a justification report for a project to build or modify a freeway-to-crossroad interchange within a transportation management area in such State (see S. 1782), [15JY]
———require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Safety: provide eligibility under certain highway programs for installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment (see S. 1499), [3JN]
Senior citizens: provide access to health and financial support services (see S. 1574), [15JN]
States: empower with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
———ensure each State receives a fair percentage of total Federal highway funding (see S. 2103), [30SE]
Strengthening America's Bridges Fund: establish (see S. 1273), [11MY]
Surface Transportation Board: establish as independent and make more efficient and accessible by increasing investigative authority, improving rate review timelines and advancing important proceedings (see S. 808), [19MR]
———expand competition, restore balance to regulatory environment, and improve efficiency and reliability of rail shipping and transportation (see S. 853), [24MR]
———prohibit long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks without approval of the rail carrier's rail car storage plan (see S. 443), [10FE]
Taxation: allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 41), [7JA]
———exempt aircraft management services from excise taxes imposed on transportation by air (see S. 2092), [29SE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1946), [5AU]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 1656), [24JN]
———free States to spend gas tax revenues on their transportation priorities (see S. 1404), [20MY]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from

such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [16AP]
———increase certain fuel taxes, strengthen the earned income tax and child tax credits, and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (see S. 1994), [5AU]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1792), [16JY]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 2360), [7DE]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
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Dept. of Homeland Security: enhance security measures for the visa waiver program (see S. 2362), [7DE]
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Federal agencies and departments: prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 111), [7JA]
Highway Beautification Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 288), [19OC]
Law enforcement: mandate reporting requirements for sex offenders intending to travel internationally, provide notice to the destination, and prevent entry to the U.S. by foreign sex offenders (see S. 1867), [27JY]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
Motor vehicles: protect consumers from discriminatory State taxes on motor vehicle rentals (see S. 1164), [30AP]
National Park Service: observe centennial through increased funding (see S. 2257), [5NO]
———refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]
Roads and highways: extend Interstate Route 11 (see S. 842), [24MR]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 340), [3FE]
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Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: implement (see S. 1251), [7MY]
China: express disfavor regarding the proposed U.S.-China nuclear cooperation agreement (see S.J. Res. 19), [15JY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1335), [13MY]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: implement (see S. 1336), [13MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 1015), [20AP] (see S. 1269), [11MY]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
———improve enforcement of trade laws (see S. 2299), [18NO]
———require that any trade agreement eligible for expedited consideration by Congress include requirements relative to paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods (see S. 735), [12MR]
———require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress (see S. 1381), [19MY]
Iran: clarify starting date of congressional review period for the agreement with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. Res. 238), [30JY]
———condition relief from sanctions pursuant to any nuclear program agreement on release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Con. Res. 14), [30AP]
———extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]

———prohibit lifting of sanctions until Iran pays judgments against it for terrorism (see S. 2086), [28SE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [27FE] (see S. 625), [3MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———reaffirm commitment to stopping sponsorship of terrorism and human rights violations and support right of States and local governments to maintain economic sanctions (see S. Con. Res. 26), [1DE]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
———require the President to report on Iran's compliance with any nuclear program agreements and set up expedited processes for Congress to reinstate sanctions for violations or implement further responses (see S. 669), [4MR]
Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act: express that congressional review and oversight provisions do not apply to current partial agreement and, therefore, such agreement cannot preempt existing sanctions (see S. Res. 251), [10SE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Japan: recognize importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights (see S. Res. 153), [28AP]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [10JN]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 90), [7JA]
Millennium Challenge Corp.: authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations (see S. 1605), [18JN]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [17MR]
Park Geun-hye: welcome Republic of Korea President upon U.S. visit and reaffirm importance of alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea (see S. Res. 194), [8JN] (see S. Res. 278), [6OC]
Terrorism: provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
U.N.: limit U.S. contributions if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
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Express Solidarity With Israel, Condemn Palestinian Terrorist Attacks, Support Right to Self-Defense, Call for Stop to Palestinian Violence and End to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 302), [10NO]
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———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 1408), [20MY]
Dept. of Transportation: authorize elements to enhance safety, provide regulatory relief, streamline grant programs, and improve accountability and efficiency of oversight efforts (see S. 1732), [9JY]
———authorize States to enter into interstate compacts to standardize requirements for commercial driver's licenses (see S. 1672), [24JN]
———create National Hiring Standard for Motor Carriers to enhance interstate commerce (see S. 1454), [21MY]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
———improve highway safety (see S. 1433), [21MY]
———increase minimum levels of financial responsibility for transporting property (see S. 1739), [9JY]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 806), [19MR]
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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: reform (see S. 1669), [24JN]
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Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 538), [24FE]
———extend Interstate Route 11 (see S. 842), [24MR]
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———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [10MR]
———provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death of the student borrower (see S. 1384), [19MY]
Education: require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
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Dept. of the Treasury: redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1508), [4JN] (see S. 1720), [8JY]
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Arizona: designate the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1649), [23JN]
Community development: provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land for purposes of economic development by conveyance of Federal reversionary interest (see S. 2379), [9DE]
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Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [13MY]
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Dept. of the Interior: take certain Federal lands located in Tuolumne County, CA, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (see S. 1822), [21JY]
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Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [20AP]
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———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
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———prohibit listing northern long-eared bat (see S. 655), [4MR]
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———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
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Idaho: modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
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Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 520), [12FE]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
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Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [29SE]
———outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [20OC]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [21AP]
BIA: secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime (see S. 1704), [7JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [18MR]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: provide for hardship duty pay for border patrol agents and customs and border protection officers assigned to highly-trafficked rural areas (see S. 2367), [9DE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 158), [30AP]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 1315), [3DE]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Constitution—U.S.: restore integrity of the Fifth Amendment relative to due process of law in civil forfeiture proceedings (see S. 255), [6OC]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships (see S. 2314), [19NO]
CPSC: establish a consumer product safety standard for liquid detergent packets to protect children under the age of five from injury or illness (see S. 588), [4MR]
———issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [23MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [22AP]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [16JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Defense Laboratory Day: designate (see S. Res. 182), [19MY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [2FE]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [16MR]
———support the education of Indian children through recruiting and retaining more teachers to Native American schools (see S. 1928), [2DE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [18JN]
———increase maximum percentage of funds available for laboratory directed research and development (see S. 830), [23MR]
———issue long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan (see S. 1428), [10JN]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [27JA]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
Dept. of HHS: provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 898), [20AP]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [17JN]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [23MR]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 32), [6JA]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [26MR]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 500), [12FE]
———improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
———reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 732), [12MR]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Dept. of Transportation: amend the Transportation Alternatives Program (see S. 705), [9JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [25JN]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [28JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [5AU]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [7DE]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [1JN]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [5FE]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [22JN]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [21AP]
EPA: require manufacturers or importers of asbestos-containing products to report such products and establish a public database of such products (see S. 700), [21AP]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [10DE]
———use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 239), [12FE]

Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [16JN]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 812), [29AP]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 161), [30AP]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Forests: provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 326), [13JY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [27OC]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [11JN]
Highway Beautification Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 288), [19OC]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Law enforcement: encourage greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies (see S. 2168), [8OC]
———facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [4MY]
———safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [30AP]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [25FE]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 626), [4JN]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 257), [15JN]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [16JN]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [23MR]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [3MR]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 626), [4JN]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [5MY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [15JN]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 319), [18MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 62), [2FE]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities (see S. 1579), [16JN]
———exempt the Indian Health Service, BIA, and certain other programs for Indians from budget sequestration (see S. 1497), [3JN]
———promote academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (see S. 1419), [21MY]
———protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
———provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
New Mexico: anniversary of White Sands Missile Range (see S. Res. 107), [23MR]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [28SE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
OMB: authorize additional uses of the Spectrum Relocation Fund (see S. 2211), [27OC]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [14JY]
Political campaigns: clarify treatment of certain coordinated political action committee expenditures as contributions to candidates (see S. 1838), [22JY]
———provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [13JA]
———support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [4AU]
Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board: reform (see S. 1337), [13MY]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [13JY]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [10JN]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22OC]
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [4JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [19NO]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senate Rules: limit debate on motions to proceed (see S. Res. 122), [26MR]
———modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 120), [26MR]
———provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments (see S. Res. 121), [26MR]
———provide for timely establishment of conference committees (see S. Res. 119), [26MR]
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) (organization): strengthen entrepreneurial resources (see S. 1000), [8JN]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [22SE]
Space policy: improve transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles (see S. 592), [26FE]
———promote competitiveness of U.S. commercial space sector (see S. 1297), [1JN]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [29OC]
SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 753), [17MR]
———establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [23JN]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [10SE]
Taxation: allow deduction equal to fair market value for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor (see S. 931), [30SE]
———expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers (see S. 379), [16MR]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [4JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [1JN]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]

———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 996), [27AP]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [5AU]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [23JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations (see S. 367), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Tropical Forest Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 566), [25FE]
Veterans: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [29OC]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [20MY]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7JY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Children and youth: improve childhood outcomes in well-being and reduce childhood poverty (see S. 473), [12FE]
Cuba: authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [19MY]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve child nutrition in tribal areas (see S. 1937), [4AU]
Dept. of Commerce: promote innovation, investment, and economic growth by accelerating spectrum efficiency through a challenge prize competition (see S. 2366), [8DE]
Dept. of Education: assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 419), [9FE]
———make grants to promote the education of expectant and parenting students (see S. 416), [9FE]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 418), [9FE]
Dept. of Energy: improve technology transfer by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses and increase public-private partnerships in research and development (see S. 2287), [17NO]
Dept. of HHS: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 1537), [10JN]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1391), [20MY]
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 805), [19MR]
———take parcels of Federal land into trust for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in New Mexico (see S. 986), [16AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
Drought: provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
Drugs: reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 636), [3MR]
Drunken driving: designate a national day of remembrance for victims of drunken and drugged driving and for victims of consequences of underage drinking (see S. Res. 328), [3DE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
———provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program (see S. 886), [26MR]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 415), [9FE]
Indonesia: condemn mass murders in 1965–66, form truth, justice, and reconciliation commission to address crimes and human rights violations, and urge U.S. agencies to declassify and release relevant records and documents (see S. Res. 273), [1OC]
Mining and mineral resources: modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: carry out a collaborative research effort to prevent drunken driving injuries and fatalities (see S. 1703), [25JN]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 410), [9FE]
———reauthorize program to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (see S. 1163), [30AP]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to Navajo water rights settlement (see S. 501), [12FE]
Political campaigns: reform system of public financing of Presidential elections (see S. 1176), [30AP]
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 1160), [30AP]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
SBA: increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
Sports: deregulate interstate commerce relative to parimutuel wagering on horseracing (see S. 1174), [30AP]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]
Taxation: exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program (see S. 536), [24FE]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1281), [11MY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]

UKRAINE
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [28JA]
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ULYSSES S. GRANT ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
Grant, Ulysses S.: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]

UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Bills and resolutions
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]

UNDERSTANDING THE TRUE COST OF COLLEGE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2149), [7OC]

UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Firearms: reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]

UNEMPLOYMENT *related term(s)* **EMPLOYMENT**
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Dept. of Labor: provide for youth jobs (see S. 1506), [4JN]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1695), [25JN] (see S. 2132), [5OC]
Employment: continue job creation and the promotion of investment through improvements to targeted employment areas (see S. 2115), [1OC]
———incentivize establishment and provide States with temporary financing of short-time compensation programs (see S. 1902), [30JY]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 343), [3FE] (see S. 499), [12FE] (see S. 2005), [6AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [7JA]
SBA: make Community Advantage Pilot Program permanent (see S. 2125), [1OC]
Taxation: provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
Urban areas: making emergency supplemental appropriations to address critical challenges and rebuild inner city neighborhoods (see S. 1889), [29JY]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
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Commission on Native Children Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 246) (S. Rept. 114–39), [11MY]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1695) (S. Rept. 114–74), [25JN]

UNFUNDED MANDATES INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY ACT
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UNICOI COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]

UNIFIED SAVINGS AND ACCOUNTABILITY (USA) ACT
Bills and resolutions
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Dept. of State: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1725), [9JY] (see S. 2130), [5OC]
International Decade for People of African Descent: support goals and ideals (see S. Con. Res. 5), [24FE]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
———express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Israel: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
U.S. contributions: limit if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
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———extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 1035), [21AP] (see S. 1357), [14MY]
———extend authority to collect certain records, make permanent the authority for roving surveillance, and treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (see S. 2295), [17NO]
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Dept. of Agriculture: authorize a summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program and allow State flexibility in providing summer meals (see S. 1966), [5AU]
Dept. of HHS: designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
Dept. of Justice: enhance the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program (see S. 2401), [15DE]
District of Columbia: reauthorize funding for public schools, charter schools, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program providing private school vouchers (see S. 2171), [8OC]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [27JA]
FEMA: enter into agreement with National Research Council to study urban flooding (see S. 1481), [2JN]
Immigration: limit Federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions that interfere with enforcement of Federal immigration law, publish sanctuary jurisdictions, and increase penalties for reentry by removed aliens (see S. 1812), [21JY]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1764), [14JY] (see S. 1814), [21JY]
Medicare: extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 332), [2FE]
———increase access to ambulance services and reform payments for such services (see S. 377), [4FE]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
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BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
———withdraw lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 331), [2FE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 14), [6JA]
———sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels (see S. 365), [4FE]

Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area: establish (see S. 13), [6JA]
National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 145), [12JA]
Public lands: provide for conveyance of certain land to Washington County and authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land (see S. 1985), [5AU]
Washington County, UT: clarify laws relative to designation of a northern transportation route (see S. 1783), [15JY]
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National Park Access Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 145) (S. Rept. 114–124), [9SE]

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North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 403) (S. Rept. 114–125), [9SE]

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Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans (see S. 1955), [5AU]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Benefits: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [3JN]
BLM: transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain lands to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery (see S. 1924), [4AU] (see S. 2223), [29OC]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to World War II First Special Service Force (see S. Con. Res. 2), [8JA]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 294), [22OC]
Dept. of Defense: establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 151), [13JA]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize and improve grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, and improving veteran student centers (see S. 604), [26FE]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of HHS: facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 218), [21JA]
———provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training (see S. 453), [11FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [15JY]
Dept. of Labor: create a tiered awards program recognizing meaningful and verifiable efforts by employers to recruit, employ, and retain veterans (see S. 2263), [10NO]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim (see S. 1451), [21MY]
———adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in tracking and procurement of biological implants and tissue or bone grafts (see S. 2334), [30NO]
———allow entrance into agreements with non-departmental health care providers if unable to provide health care in departmental facilities or through contracts or sharing agreements (see S. 2000), [5AU] (see S. 2179), [8OC]
———allow the modification of hours of employment for full-time physicians and physician assistants (see S. 1450), [21MY]
———authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1105), [28AP]
———carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to veterans for education and training as physician assistants and establish payment structure for physician assistants (see S. 2134), [5OC]
———carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Dept. (see S. 2210), [27OC]
———carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———carry out certain major medical facility seismic safety projects for which appropriations were made (see S. 833), [23MR] (see S. 2422), [18DE]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
———clarify role of podiatrists (see S. 2175), [8OC]
———clarify which children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 1070), [23AP]
———conduct a study on the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries (see S. 695), [10MR]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16MR]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 761), [17MR]
———designate one U.S. city each year as an ''American World War II City'' (see S. 1401), [20MY]
———develop and publish an action plan for improving vocational rehabilitation services and assistance (see S. 2106), [30SE]
———eliminate sunset date and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program (see S. 1991), [5AU]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 1534), [9JN]
———enter into enhanced-use leases at the West Los Angeles, CA, Medical Center to provide supportive housing for homeless veterans and out-leases to provide critical services for such veterans (see S. 2013), [9SE]
———establish a continuing medical education program for non-departmental medical professionals who treat veterans and their families (see S. 2049), [17SE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [13AP]
———establish a pilot program to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing (see S. 223), [21JA]
———establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program (see S. 563), [25FE]
———establish voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans (see S. 1797), [16JY]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [13JA]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [23AP]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [23MR]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and prevent insurance companies from limiting reimbursements based on the VA not being an in-network provider (see S. 1452), [21MY]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1693), [25JN]
———expand requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and improve oversight of fiduciaries (see S. 2316), [19NO]
———extend authorities to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases de-

termined to be associated with exposure to herbicide agents (see S. 2081), [25SE]
———extend authority for operation of regional office in Manila, Philippines (see S. 2062), [21SE]
———extend authority of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans (see S. 2048), [17SE]
———extend authorization for construction of medical center in Aurora, CO, and enter into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to manage such construction (see S. 285), [28JA] (see S. 997), [16AP]
———extend authorization to replace existing medical center in Denver, CO, and authorize transfers of certain funding to replace such medical center (see S. 1568), [11JN]
———extend certain expiring provisions of administered law (see S. 2082), [25SE]
———extend requirement to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 374), [4FE]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 1460), [22MY]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 657), [4MR]
———improve accountability of employees (see S. 290), [28JA]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve enrollment of veterans in certain educational courses (see S. 1303), [12MY]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 684), [10MR]
———improve provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing (see S. 1885), [29JY]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
———improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2265), [10NO]
———improve treatment of medical evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals in support of disability claims compensation (see S. 666), [4MR]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [22JN]
———include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 564), [25FE]
———increase amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients (see S. 2022), [10SE]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———increase number of graduate medical education positions and improve compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 1676), [24JN]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
———make permanent authority to transport individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 603), [26FE]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1257), [7MY]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [5AU]
———modify treatment of agreements entered into to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services (see S. 739), [16MR]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 171), [13JA]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 172), [13JA]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 241), [22JA]
———provide the public with access to departmental research (see S. 114), [7JA]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 979), [16AP]
———require an independent review of the process by which assessments of cognitive impairments resulting from traumatic brain injury are made relative to awarding disability compensation (see S. 244), [22JA]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program (see S. 297), [28JA]
———revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [3MR]
———terminate any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower (see S. 788), [18MR]
———transfer authority for construction of future major medical facility projects to the Corps of Engineers (see S. 997), [16AP]
———treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [21JA]
———waive copayment requirement for medical and hospital services in the case of certain billing errors and inform veterans of payment plan and waiver rights relative to untimely billing (see S. 2052), [17SE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (see S. 2130), [5OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: conduct a pilot program to assess feasibility and advisability of expanding use of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine (see S. 714), [11MR]
———designate certain non-departmental mental health care providers as providers who have particular knowledge of provision of mental health care to Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 717), [11MR]
———establish a joint uniform formulary for systemic pain and psychotropic drugs critical to transitioning treatment of an individual between Depts. (see S. 1721), [8JY]
———improve provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans (see S. 715), [11MR]
———improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [10MR]
Education: require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Federal employees: provide leave to a new employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at a certain percentage for purposes of undergoing treatment for such disability (see S. 242), [22JA]
———provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [8JA]
Flowers: recognize the daisy as the flower for military caregivers (see S. Con. Res. 18), [22JN]
France: tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
GAO: conduct audits relative to timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other care from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (see S. 2229), [3NO]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 131), [26MR]
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.: amend charter to remove certain restrictions (see S. 1366), [18MY]
Health: improve ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine (see S. 2170), [8OC]
———provide for coordination between TRICARE and eligibility to make contributions to health savings accounts (see S. 448), [11FE]
Homeless: extend homeless veterans reintegration programs and clarify eligibility for services under such programs (see S. 425), [10FE]
———waive minimum period of continuous active duty for homeless veterans to receive benefits and furnish benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases under other than honorable conditions (see S. 1731), [9JY]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
Income: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [27JA]
Insurance: expand eligibility for reimbursement for smoking cessation services to include copayments for such services by covered beneficiaries under TRICARE who are eligible for Medicare (see S. 1313), [13MY]
———increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 170), [13JA]
Kettles, Charles S.: award Medal of Honor (see S. 2250), [5NO]
Korean War Veterans Memorial: authorize and allow certain private contributions to fund a Wall of Remembrance (see S. 1982), [5AU]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 1502), [4JN]
Moret, Calvin G.: tribute (see S. Res. 260), [21SE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record: provide an amnesty period during which veterans

and their families can register certain firearms (see S. 670), [4MR]
National parks and recreation areas: provide a lifetime America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass to any veteran with a service-connected disability (see S. 119), [8JA]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
Native Americans: allow Indian Health Service to pay for Indian or Alaska Native veterans' copayments at Dept. of Veterans Affairs facilities (see S. 2417), [17DE]
———provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans (see S. 2274), [10NO]
Nugent, Timothy: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1863), [27JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
SBA: carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses (see S. 1862), [26JY] (see S. 1870), [27JY]
———direct Office of Veterans Business Development task force to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses (see S. 1400), [20MY]
———establish an incubator and accelerator grant program for veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 2273), [10NO]
———establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs (see S. 957), [15AP]
———increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 136), [16AP]
Taxation: allow a credit for veteran first-time homebuyers and for adaptive housing and mobility improvements for disabled veterans (see S. 2277), [10NO]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 41), [7JA]
———extend employer wage credit for activated military reservists (see S. 641), [3MR]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1517), [4JN]
———prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving VA medical care for service-connected disabilities (see S. 1880), [28JY]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for low-income housing tax credit (see S. 1412), [21MY]
Treto Garza South Texas Dept. of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center, Harlingen, TX: designate (see S. 1534), [9JN]
21st Century Conservation Service Corps: establish (see S. 1993), [5AU]
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges (see S. 1754), [14JY]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Vietnam Veterans Day: designate (see S. Res. 130), [26MR]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]
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Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 993), [30AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 833), [6AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Revoking of Bonuses Paid to Employees Involved in Electronic Medical Appointment Wait List Manipulations: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 627) (S. Rept. 114–148), [28SE]
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Floresville Veterans Post Office Building, Floresville, TX: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 891), [24JN]
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Suicide Prevention for American Veterans (SAV) Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 203), [21JA]
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VETERANS ACCESS, CHOICE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs: eliminate sunset date and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program (see S. 1991), [5AU]
———expand eligibility for certain health care benefits to include certain veterans seeking mental health care (see S. 841), [23MR]
———extend requirement to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 374), [4FE]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]

VETERANS ACCESS TO COMMUNITY CARE ACT
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VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT
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VETERANS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Observance: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]

VETERANS E-HEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE SUPPORT (VETS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2170), [8OC]

VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 957), [10JN]

VETERANS SCHEDULING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2229), [3NO]

VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1400), [20MY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1400), [15SE]

VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERSHIP IMPROVEMENTS ACT
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VETERANS TRICARE CHOICE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 448), [11FE]

VETERINARY MEDICINE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 440), [10FE]

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.)
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———H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
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National Emergency Relative to Foreign Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process: President Obama, [21JA]
National Emergency Relative to Lebanon: President Obama, [29JY]
National Emergency Relative to Sudan: President Obama, [28OC]
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National Emergency Relative to the Stabilization of Iraq: President Obama, [19MY]
National Emergency Relative to Transnational Criminal Organizations: President Obama, [21JY]
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VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
Bills and resolutions
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Crime: prohibit threats against former Vice Presidents and members of their families (see S. 250), [26JA]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government (see S. 310), [29JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
Reports filed
Eliminating Government-Funded Oil-Painting (EGO) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 310) (S. Rept. 114–93), [27JY]

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT
Bills and resolutions
Crime: expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]

VIETNAM, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Asia: condemn construction of artificial land formations by China on the Spratly Islands and call for peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and territorial disputes in South China Sea (see S. Res. 183), [21MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Women: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 130), [26MR]

VIETNAMESE AMERICANS
Bills and resolutions
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
Congressional Gold Medal: award to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9MR]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
Kettles, Charles S.: award Medal of Honor (see S. 2250), [5NO]
Southeast-Asian Americans: recognize economic, cultural, and political contributions on anniversary of the end of the Vietnamese Conflict and related historical events (see S. Res. 157), [30AP]
Vietnam Veterans Day: designate (see S. Res. 130), [26MR]

VIRGINIA
Bills and resolutions
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: submit a report to Congress on headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region (see S. 1638), [18JN]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
———enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
Dept. of Transportation: designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]
———provide sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (see S. 2093), [29SE]
Native Americans: extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy, Chickahominy-Eastern Division, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond Tribes (see S. 465), [11FE]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 718), [11MR]

Rockingham County, VA: remove use restriction on a certain parcel of land that was to be used for a child care center (see S. 1329), [13MY]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in U.S. v. Jeffrey A. Sterling (see S. Res. 27), [16JA]
Simon, Robert E., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 285), [8OC]
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Dept. of Transportation Sole Authority To Appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2093) (S. Rept. 114–170), [30NO]
Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 465) (S. Rept. 114–141), [10SE]
VISA WAIVER PROGRAM FIREARMS CLARIFICATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2323), [19NO]
VISA WAIVER PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT AND TERRORIST TRAVEL PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2362), [7DE]
VITTER, DAVID ***(a Senator from Louisiana)***
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [30JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [21SE]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 1634), [18JN]
Armed Forces: actively recruit members who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers (see S. 1603), [8JY]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 2), [12JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 238), [22JA]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Committee on Taxation (Joint): provide a macroeconomic analysis or dynamic scoring of the impact of major revenue legislation (see S. 200), [21JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 309), [5FE]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [5FE]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [29OC]
Cuba: prohibit transactions with the Cuban military, incentivize arrest of those responsible for attack on U.S. aircraft, coordinate capture of U.S. fugitives, return confiscated property, and support Cuban people (see S. 1489), [3JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [26FE]
Dept. of Defense: make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [14MY]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 2310), [19NO]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [20AP]
———expand higher education opportunities by allowing States to develop their own systems of accrediting educational institutions, curricula, programs, and courses (see S. 649), [4MR]
Dept. of Energy: provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [22JN]
Dept. of HHS: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 923), [14AP]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [1JN]
———provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———reauthorize certain trauma care programs (see S. 763), [2JN]
Dept. of HUD: prohibit implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule (see S. 1909), [30JY]
Dept. of Justice: improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [24MR]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1770), [15JY]
Dept. of Labor: preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay and the live-in domestic services exemption for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2221), [29OC]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit funding to State or local governments for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for motorcycle riders (see S. 127), [14MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [9JY]
———expand authority to remove senior executives for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other departmental employees (see S. 1117), [28AP]
———improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 1203), [6MY]
———provide for removal or demotion of employees based on performance or misconduct (see S. 1082), [14MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [23MR]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [24FE]
Diseases: improve understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease (see S. 598), [8JY]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1566), [3AU]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [9FE]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 678), [9MR]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [14MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———prohibit proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (see S. 544), [24FE]
———reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [8JN]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [3JN]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FDA: establish procedures regarding approval of opioid drugs (see S. 954), [15AP]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 226), [21JA]
———strengthen accountability relative to misconduct affecting background investigations, update security clearance guidelines, and prevent conflicts of interest involving contractors (see S. 434), [10FE]
Federal employees: make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 303), [25MR]
Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 435), [10FE]
FEMA: prohibit recouping of certain assistance (see S. 406), [5FE]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [27OC]

Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries receiving certain detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 778), [18MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: reform by amending Board of Governors staffing policies and settlement voting guidelines (see S. 1248), [7MY]
———reform by limiting emergency lending authority and closing loopholes allowing megabanks to engage in unrestricted commodities activities (see S. 1320), [13MY]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 264), [27JA] (see S. 2232), [3NO]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Health: reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
Immigration: extend detention of certain aliens ordered removed (see S. 291), [28JA]
———improve law enforcement within the interior of the U.S. by improving State and local enforcement, national security, removal of criminal aliens, visa security, and aid to officers (see S. 1640), [22JN]
———increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S. after being removed (see S. 2193), [21OC]
Insurance: provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual market (see S. 1697), [10DE]
———provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce (see S. 647), [3MR]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [4FE]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [20AP]
IRS: prohibit from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities (see S. 274), [28JA]
———prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
———prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 273), [28JA]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE]
Law enforcement: safeguard electronic data stored abroad from improper Government access (see S. 512), [27JY]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [14AP]
Medicare: ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [3JN]
———provide a technical change to long-term care hospital moratorium exception (see S. 202), [4JN]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [3JN]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [20AP]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 39), [7JA]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [6AU]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [15JN]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [21JA]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 171), [6MY]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 248), [5AU]
National School Choice Week: designate (see S. Res. 30), [20JA]
National Veterans Small Business Week: designate (see S. Res. 295), [22OC]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [10SE]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [10SE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 507), [12FE]
———reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 288), [16MR]
Outer Continental Shelf: increase energy exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Patents: amend laws to promote basic research, stimulate publication of scientific documents, encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, and improve transfer of technology to the private sector (see S. 926), [14AP]
———strengthen the patent system and combat abuse (see S. 632), [11MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [6JA]
———authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of individual health insurance mandate (see S. 158), [13JA]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 123), [8JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [9SE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [12JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [9JN]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 490), [12FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [24MR]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [2MR]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 333), [2FE]
Roads and highways: extend Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other Highway Trust Fund-funded programs (see S. 1647), [23JN]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
SBA: direct Office of Veterans Business Development task force to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses (see S. 1400), [21MY]
———improve certain programs to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology (see S. 2116), [1OC]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 552), [4MR]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [1OC]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [10MR]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1010), [20AP]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [9FE]
———exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
SSA: prohibit issuance of Social Security numbers to individuals given deferred action under immigration Executive actions (see S. 748), [16MR]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 195), [20JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [18NO]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [5FE]
———reform and reset the excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 807), [19MR]

———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [25MR]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 441), [10FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [10MR]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1541), [10JN]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [29SE]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 1493), [22SE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [5MY]
Wildlife: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [7JA]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 51), [28JA]
Census: include a question to ascertain U.S. citizenship and immigration status in each decennial census questionnaire (see S. 49), [7JA]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 55), [7JA]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 45), [28JA]
———ease burden of Federal tax compliance on small businesses (see S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [7JA]
Contracts: ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 21), [6JA]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 71), [7JA]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 104), [7JA]
Courts: remand certain civil actions transferred by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (see S. 1113), [28AP]
Crime: provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable relative to tort claims arising out of rape (see S. 852), [24MR]
Cuba: submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relative to property confiscated by Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade (see S. 1388), [19MY]
Delta Regional Authority: add Vernon and Sabine Parishes, LA, to make such parishes eligible for Federal economic development grants (see S. 1791), [16JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits (see S. 57), [7JA]
Dept. of Education: allow for portability of funds for programs improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged (see S. 72), [7JA]
———improve privacy protections for students and their parents (see S. 1341), [14MY]
Dept. of Energy: award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training (see S. 2053), [17SE]
Dept. of HHS: prohibit applicants from enrolling in a health plan on an exchange, in Medicaid, or in a child health plan if their self-attested personal information is inconsistent with Federal data sources (see S. 42), (see S. 118), [7JA]
———revise operations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (see S. 1151), [30AP]
Dept. of HUD: authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 65), [7JA]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 80), [7JA]
Dept. of the Interior: replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 59), [7JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: terminate the U.S. Mint Presidential $1 Coin Program (see S. 95), [7JA]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 76), [7JA]
Education: prohibit Federal mandating, incentivizing, or coercing of States to adopt Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, content, or curricula (see S. 73), [7JA]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 88), [7JA]
FCC: prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 56), [7JA] (see S. 1621), [18JN]
———require a quarterly report on the Lifeline program funded by the Universal Service Fund (see S. 1545), [10JN]
FDA: ensure the safety of imported seafood (see S. 190), [20JA]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 131), [8JA]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 1406), [20MY]
Federal agencies and departments: reestablish period of limitations for claims of the U.S. that may be collected by garnishing payments received from the Government (see S. 2233), [3NO]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 2005), [6AU]
Federal Water Pollution Control Act: permit removal of certain civil actions filed in State courts to U.S. district courts (see S. 106), [7JA]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 94), [7JA]
Financial institutions: establish standards for identity verification for non-U.S. persons opening bank accounts or applying for credit cards (see S. 52), [7JA]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 107), [7JA]
Firearms: more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition (see S. 1308), [12MY]
———update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions (see S. 1351), [14MY]
Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 105), [7JA]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 21), [30JY]
FRS: provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 96), [7JA]
———reaffirm importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Board of Governors and ensure at least one member with such experience (see S. 92), [7JA]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 70), [7JA]
Government regulations: ensure complete analysis of potential impacts of rules on small entities (see S. 1536), [10JN]
Government-sponsored enterprises: suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 2036), [15SE]
Health care professionals: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 78), [7JA]
Immigration: clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 45), [7JA]
———expedite processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the U.S. (see S. 44), [7JA]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [6OC]
———impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 79), [7JA]
———make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 68), [7JA]
———prohibit aliens not lawfully present in the U.S. from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits not available to all citizens and U.S. nationals (see S. 60), [7JA]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 47), [7JA]
———prohibit receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities that interfere with the enforcement of Federal immigration law (see S. 1814), [21JY]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 98), [7JA]
———suspend admission and resettlement of aliens seeking refugee status because of the conflict in Syria until adequate protocols are established to protect U.S. national security (see S. 2284), [17NO]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 130), [8JA]
Insurance: provide notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the FDIC places a lien against insurance company assets (see S. 798), [19MR]
Kisatchie National Forest: convey certain land (see S. 61), [7JA]
Labor unions: clarify the illegality of the use of violence to achieve objectives during a strike (see S. 62), [7JA]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater

shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [21AP]
———provide beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment relative to speech generating devices (see S. 768), [18MR] (see S. 984), [16AP]
———require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services (see S. 1149), [30AP]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 1), [6JA]
———eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 17), [6JA]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 46), [7JA]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 90), [7JA]
Moret, Calvin G.: tribute (see S. Res. 260), [21SE]
Motor vehicles: prescribe safety standards for autocycles and related equipment (see S. 685), [10MR]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 172), [6MY]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
NRC: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 58), [7JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 16), [6JA]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 97), [7JA]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1810), [21JY]
———repeal (see S. 77), [7JA]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 87), [7JA]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from certain countries (see S. 1790), [16JY]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 18), [6JA]
Public debt: appropriately manage debt by limiting use of extraordinary measures (see S. 19), [6JA]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 69), [7JA]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement a cash withdrawal daily limit for recipients of cash assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 1288), [12MY]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 64), [7JA]
SBA: anniversary of Small Business Development Center network (see S. Res. 243), [5AU]
———establish Export Credit Insurance Program (see S. 1546), [10JN]
———establish Regional Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program (see S. 2136), [6OC]
———establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———improve review and acceptance of subcontracting plans (see S. 2138), [6OC]
———improve small business development centers (see S. 999), [16AP]
———prohibit use of reverse auctions for procurements of covered contracts (see S. 2139), [6OC]
———provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery (see S. 1470), [31MY]
———treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain defense base closure areas (see S. 1292), [12MY]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 102), [7JA]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 63), [7JA]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 67), [7JA]
Senate: review procedures ensuring an employee in the office of Senators on committees requiring access to top secret information may obtain security clearances needed to have access to such information (see S. 1569), [11JN]
Ships and vessels: promote the recycling of vessels (see S. 1511), [4JN]
Small business: suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 86), [7JA]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 99), [7JA]
———establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 20), [6JA]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 82), [7JA]
Taxation: clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 53), [7JA]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 101), [7JA]
———improve tax treatment of small businesses (see S. 1827), [22JY]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 1), [7JA]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 43), [7JA]
———provide deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 100), [7JA]
———provide for dependent care savings accounts (see S. 74), [7JA]
———provide tax relief for certain major disasters and make certain tax relief provisions permanent (see S. 1795), [16JY]
———require student Social Security numbers and employer identification numbers for education tax credits (see S. 75), [7JA]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 93), [7JA]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 89), [7JA]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [17MR], [19MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [10JN], [11JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (S. 2232), motion to proceed, [18DE]
Immigration: hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter U.S., and provide protection for local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (S. 2146), motion to proceed, [8OC], [20OC]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), motion to proceed, [7MY], [12MY], [14MY]
National security: extend authority relating to roving surveillance, access to business records, and individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers (S. 1357), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [22SE], [24SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [27JY], [29JY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records, allow challenges to national security letter gag orders, reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and strengthen national security (H.R. 2048), motion to proceed, [21MY], [23MY], [31MY]
Reports filed
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 966), [10JN]
Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the Small Business Administration (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 967), [10JN]
Ease Burden of Federal Tax Compliance on Small Businesses: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 252), [15SE]
Expenditures: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 45), [28JA]
HUBZone Revitalization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1292), [10JN]
Improving Small Business Innovative Research and Technologies Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2136), [3DE]
Microloan Modernization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1857), [15SE]
Recovery Improvements for Small Entities (RISE) After Disaster Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1470), [10JN]
SBA Authorization Levels for General Business Loans Establishment: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1001), [10JN]
SCORE for Small Business Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1000), [10JN]
Small Business Broadband and Emerging Information Technology Enhancement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2116), [7OC]
Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 999), [10JN]
Small Business Energy Efficiency Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1756), [15SE]
Small Business Fairness Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 958), [10JN]
Small Business Investment Capital Company Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 552), [10JN]
Small Business Subcontracting Transparency Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2138), [3NO]

Small Contractors Improve Competition Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2139), [2DE]
Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1811), [8OC]
Veterans Entrepreneurship Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 957), [10JN]
Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1400), [15SE]
Veterans Small Business Ownership Improvements Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1866), [15SE]
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———Paul amendment (prevent entry of extremists into U.S. under the refugee program), [3DE]
———Paul amendment (restore right to keep concealed firearms in the District of Columbia), [3DE]
———Rubio motion to waive Budget Act and budget rules relative to McConnell amendment (substitute), [3DE]
———Shaheen motion to waive Budget Act relative to Shaheen amendment (mental health and substance use disorders programs), [3DE]
Senate: motion to request attendance of absent Senators, [22JA], [27JY]
State Children's Health Insurance Program (H.R. 2): Bennet motion to waive Budget Act and budget rules relative to Bennet amendment (extend for four years), [14AP]
———extend, [14AP]
———Lee amendment (comply with pay-as-you-go requirement), [14AP]
Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act (S. 2146): cloture motion on motion to proceed, [20OC]
Suicide Prevention for American Veterans (SAV) Act (H.R. 203): enact, [3FE]
Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act (H.R. 3236): enact, [30JY]
Trade Act (H.R. 1314): Brown amendment (require approval of Congress before additional countries may join Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement), [22MY]
———Brown amendment (Trade Adjustment Assistance program extension), [18MY]
———cloture motion, [22MY]
———cloture motion on Hatch amendment (substitute), [21MY]
———cloture motion on motion to proceed, [12MY], [14MY]
———enact, [22MY]
———Flake amendment (prohibit Trade Adjustment Assistance program extension), [22MY]
———Hatch amendment (clarify that countervailing duties may be imposed to address subsidies relative to a fundamentally undervalued foreign currency), [22MY]
———Hatch amendment (substitute), [22MY]
———Lankford amendment (ensure conditions relating to religious freedoms are considered as part of negotiations for trade agreements), [18MY]
———Portman amendment (Dept. of the Treasury identification of misaligned currency and requirement of action to correct the misalignment), [22MY]
———Warren amendment (prohibit entrance into free trade agreements or investment treaties with foreign countries if the agreements or treaties include investor-state dispute settlement provisions), [22MY]
Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act (H.R. 644): enact, [14MY]
Trade Preferences Extension Act (H.R. 1295): cloture motion, [24JN]
———enact, [14MY]
Uniting and Strengthening America by Fulfilling Rights and Ensuring Effective Discipline Over Monitoring (USA FREEDOM) Act (H.R. 2048): McConnell amendment (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court amicus curiae provision reform), [2JN]
———McConnell amendment (business record collection reform enactment date), [2JN]
———McConnell amendment (substitute), [2JN]
———cloture motion, [2JN]
———cloture motion on motion to proceed, [23MY], [31MY]
———enact, [2JN]

VOTING
Bills and resolutions
Civil liberties: secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 457), [11FE] (see S. 772), [18MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Constitution—U.S.: commemorate anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, often referred to as the ''Second Founding'' of the U.S. (see S. Res. 198), [10JN]
Discrimination: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Elections: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [21JA]
———establish election day as a legal public holiday (see S. 1969), [5AU]
———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 1139), [30AP]
Immigration: make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 68), [7JA]
Native Americans: protect Indian and Native Alaskan voters by improving tribal access to polling places and voter registration and remove barriers to exercising the right to vote (see S. 1912), [30JY]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Senate Rules: revise number of affirmative votes required to end debate on nominations (see S. Res. 67), [4FE]
States: establish national procedures for automatic voter registration for Federal elections (see S. 1970), [5AU]
———provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [27AP] (see S. 1950), [5AU]
———provide that a voter who has previously registered in a State shall be allowed to update their address within the State up to Election Day (see S. 1952), [5AU]
———require availability of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting (see S. 1951), [5AU]
Reports filed
Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]

VOTING RIGHTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Reports filed
Congressional Gold Medal to Participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, Which Served As a Catalyst for Voting Rights Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 527), [24FE]

VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1659), [24JN]

WALDWICK, NJ
Bills and resolutions
Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building: designate (see S. 994), [16AP]
Reports filed
Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building, Waldwick, NJ: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 994), [6MY]

WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: improve accountability and transparency in the financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, and provide sensible relief to financial institutions (see S. 1484), [2JN]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 107), [7JA]
FRS: eliminate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 1804), [21JY]
———increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 482), [12FE]
Government regulations: ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions (see S. 881), [26MR]
Insurance: clarify definition of nonadmitted insurer (see S. 1561), [11JN]
Investments: provide end-users with time to meet margin requirements and repeal certain indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required by swaps entities (see S. 1560), [11JN]
Repeal (see S. 89), [7JA]
SEC: repeal disclosure requirements that allow for comparison of executive compensation to that of other employees (see S. 1722), [8JY]
Reports filed
Financial Regulatory Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1484), [2JN]

WALLACE, BARBARA CHILDS
Appointments
Congressional Office of Compliance Board of Directors, [23MR]
WAR *related term(s)* **KOREAN WAR; VIETNAMESE CONFLICT; WORLD WAR I; WORLD WAR II**
Bills and resolutions
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 895), [26MR]
———require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 646), [3MR]
Arts and humanities: protect and preserve international cultural property at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters (see S. 1887), [29JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to World War II First Special Service Force (see S. Con. Res. 2), [8JA]
Dept. of Defense: prohibit the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens and lawful resident aliens (see S. 2195), [22OC]
———require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
Dept. of State: report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria (see S. 756), [17MR]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
Law enforcement: limit authority to detain U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under authorizations for use of military force without charge or trial (see S. 24), [6JA]
Refugees: recognize need for international assistance, commend resettlement efforts of foreign countries, and support increased admission into the U.S. relative to refugees seeking asylum from violence in Syria (see S. Res. 268), [24SE]
Vietnamese Conflict: award Congressional Gold Medal to Army Dust Off crews (see S. 2268), [10NO]
Women: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
———commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]
Reports filed
Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 756), [11JN]
World Refugee Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 204), [25JN]
WARING, J. WATIES
Bills and resolutions
J. Waties Waring Judicial Center, Charleston, SC: designate (see S. 1147), [30AP]
WARNER, MARK R. ***(a Senator from Virginia)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees, [11FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 475), [12FE]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 282), [3NO]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [10NO]
Aviation: require air carriers to modify certain policies relative to use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies (see S. 1972), [6AU]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [11FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 150), [13JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: clarify waiver authority for Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (see S. 1362), [18JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [23FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [14AP]
College of William & Mary: anniversary of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (see S. Res. 239), [30JY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [4MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Crime: reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [3DE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [13JA]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [8JN]
———authorize U.S. companies to provide consumer communications devices and services to Cuba (see S. 1389), [4JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [4JN]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [7JY]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 1524), [8JN]
Dept. of Education: award Early College Federal Pell Grants (see S. 1106), [28AP]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [7JA]
———provide for loan repayment for teachers in high-need schools (see S. 1892), [29JY]
———simplify college financial aid application and repayment processes, streamline Federal grant and loan programs, reinstate year-round access to Pell Grants, and discourage over-borrowing (see S. 108), [16NO]
———support continuation of Federal Perkins Loan Program (see S. Res. 267), [24SE]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
Dept. of Energy: coordinate provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools (see S. 523), [12FE]
———provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 33), [11FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [16MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: improve homeland security by enhancing requirements for participation in the visa waiver program (see S. 2337), [1DE]
———strengthen ability to detect and prevent intrusions against, and use countermeasures to protect, Government agency information systems (see S. 1828), [22JY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [19NO]
Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2096), [29SE]
———extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of Transportation: designate the corridor between Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, as an interstate highway (see S. 1348), [14MY]
———provide sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (see S. 2093), [29SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [15SE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [2DE]
———expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 1085), [4AU]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [3AU]
———improve use of opioids in treating veterans, improve patient advocacy, and expand availability of complementary and integrative health (see S. 1641), [8OC]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 160), [13JA]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 181), [16JA]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]

1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
EPA: implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize and reform (see S. 819), [19MR] (see S. 2183), [19OC]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [26JY]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [3AU]
Federal agencies and departments: improve effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review (see S. 1817), [1OC]
———modify the Do Not Pay Initiative and improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1073), [23AP]
———reduce deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property (see S. 2375), [8DE]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1607), [18JN]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 1378), [19MY]
Federal aid programs: exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs to individuals sterilized under a government-sponsored program from determining eligibility for, or amount of, benefits (see S. 1698), [25JN]
Federal employees: provide for compensation of furloughed employees in the event of a lapse in appropriations (see S. 554), [24FE] (see S. 2035), [15SE]
Financial institutions: allow more small insured depository institutions to qualify for an 18-month on-site examination cycle (see S. 970), [5MY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
Government-sponsored enterprises: establish scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit (see S. 752), [17MR]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [28AP]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
Immigration: establish an H-2B work visa program for temporary non-agricultural workers (see S. 2225), [30OC]
Internet Governance Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [5FE]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [5NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 1547), [10JN]
Korean Peninsula: resume family reunions between North and South Korea, allow Korean Americans to reunite with divided families in North Korea, and encourage peace (see S. Res. 190), [3JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: allow individuals to elect to receive Medicare Summary Notice electronically and increase flexibility and transparency of contracts with Medicare administrative contractors (see S. 584), [26FE]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———provide a technical change to long-term care hospital moratorium exception (see S. 202), [3JN]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [16AP]
———provide for coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy (see S. 275), [28JA]
———refine payment for orthotics and prosthetics and improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care (see S. 829), [23MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [8JN]
Mining and mineral resources: transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan (see S. 1714), [7JY]
National Credit Union Administration: hold public hearings and receive comments from the public on its budget (see S. 924), [14AP]
National Criminal Justice Commission: establish (see S. 1119), [18MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 215), [25JN]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 170), [6MY]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
Native Americans: extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy, Chickahominy-Eastern Division, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond Tribes (see S. 465), [11FE]
Navy Reserve: centennial (see S. Res. 86), [25FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [16SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [29AP]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 280), [11JN]
OPM: provide complimentary, comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies (see S. 1746), [9JY]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [30NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [21JY]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [28SE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
SEC: increase threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relative to compensatory benefit plans (see S. 576), [26FE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [6MY]
Simon, Robert E., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 285), [8OC]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [21SE]
Space policy: promote development of a U.S. commercial space resource exploration and utilization industry and increase the exploration and utilization of resources in outer space (see S. 976), [30AP]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [19MY]
———tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [4NO]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [2FE]
———permit the Dept. of the Treasury and the SSA to disclose certain return information relative to identity theft (see S. 1323), [13MY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 352), [9MR]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [18MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]

Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [16MR]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [17MR]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [14JY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Bills and resolutions introduced
CBO: prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside normal scoring periods (see S. 2260), [9NO]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Dept. of Energy: establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) (see S. 893), [26MR]
Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutions of higher education (see S. 1279), [11MY]
Hinduism: issue commemorative postage stamp honoring the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 113), [25MR]
Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA: designate the Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum (see S. 1468), [22MY]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Medicare: provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1549), [10JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen eligibility verification process for premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies (see S. 1996), [5AU]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 718), [11MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
WARREN, ELIZABETH ***(a Senator from Massachusetts)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [18NO]
American Heart Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: outlaw the practice of animal crushing and production or distribution of any videos depicting such acts (see S. 1831), [1OC]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: enhance mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 1152), [8DE]
———ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2357), [9DE] (see S. 2393), [14DE]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [22AP]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [10FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [24MR]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1896), [29JY]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 124), [26MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education instructions in court (see S. 1122), [15SE]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [21AP]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [6MY]
Consumers: provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts (see S. 2315), [19NO]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 142), [5AU]
Credit: enhance accuracy, ensure consumers receive information, improve transparency of agencies, and provide a means to dispute errors relative to credit reporting (see S. 1847), [23JY]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1330), [13MY]
Crime: protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [5OC]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [8JY]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [14MY]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [2DE]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [2DE]
———improve the child and adult care food program (see S. 1833), [28OC]
———increase age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC (see S. 1796), [16JY]
———require animals in Federal research centers be included in the definition of animal under the Animal Welfare Act (see S. 388), [17MR]
Dept. of Defense: require death benefits to be paid to a deceased employee's designated beneficiary or next of kin in the case of death resulting from a war-risk hazard or act of terrorism (see S. 2374), [8DE]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 251), [26JA]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [20JA]
———clarify Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct (see S. 2037), [16SE]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 402), [9FE]
———improve determination of cohort default rates, provide for enhanced civil penalties, and require executives and owners to assume liability relative to for-profit colleges (see S. 2098), [29SE]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1102), [27AP]
———require State report cards to reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population (see S. 389), [7JY]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 2272), [10NO]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of HHS: amend and reauthorize National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Grant Program (see S. 480), [12FE]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [2DE]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 2214), [28OC]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 1299), [12MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [16JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [5OC]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [24FE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring

timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [20AP]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [25FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———making supplemental appropriations for migration and refugee assistance (see S. 2145), [26OC]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of the Interior: permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [3NO]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [3DE]
———modify requirements for approval of courses using educational benefits (see S. 1938), [16SE]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [5AU]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 2336), [1DE]
———prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [7DE]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 1688), [25JN]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Drugs: provide certain protections from civil liability for individuals prescribing or administering opioid overdose drugs (see S. 707), [14JY]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [14JY]
Education: establish additional protections and disclosures for students and co-signers relative to student loans (see S. 1958), [5AU]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 840), [23MR]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———prohibit employers from requiring low-wage workers to enter into non-compete covenants and require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into such covenants (see S. 1504), [8JN]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [29SE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [23AP]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [19MY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [12MY]
FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
FDA: allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs (see S. 2030), [15SE]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of animal diseases in order to minimize development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (see S. 621), [2MR]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 511), [12FE]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [21AP]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
Federal employees: prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting bonuses from former private sector employers, increase lobbying prohibitions, and address associations between financial regulators and former clients or employers (see S. 1779), [15JY]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [13JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 423), [10FE]
———provide sensible relief to community financial institutions and protect consumers (see S. 1491), [3JN]
Firearms: develop and use technology for personalized handguns and require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the U.S. incorporate such technology (see S. 1474), [2JN]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FRS: allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to provide greater protection to servicemembers (see S. 1565), [11JN]
GAO: conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms on electricity prices, supply, and competition in energy markets (see S. 1272), [11MY]
Government-sponsored enterprises: suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 2036), [15SE]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [27JY]
Health care professionals: require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education (see S. 1392), [14JY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 254), [15SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [27JY]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 2038), [16SE]
———permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
Information technology: limit ability of companies to share consumer geolocation information accessed through electronic communications devices (see S. 2270), [10NO]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [6OC]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [23FE]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [20AP]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [7OC]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children, and families (see S. 737), [2DE]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [1JN]
———require States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance while such individual is an inmate of a public institution (see S. 1409), [14JY]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 488), [2MR]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [15AP]

———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [23MR]
———improve access to medication therapy management (see S. 776), [27JY]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [20OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [11MY]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [5AU]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [4MR]
Mental health: make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis (see S. 1945), [4NO]
———protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Minimum wage: increase (see S. 1832), [8SE]
———increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mortgages: establish programs to encourage use of shared equity mortgage modifications (see S. 1582), [16JN]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 125), [26MR]
National Blood Donor Month: designate (see S. Res. 56), [29JA]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 245), [8SE]
National Dyslexia Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 275), [22OC]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 255), [15SE]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 175), [7MY]
National Wear Red Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 90), [26FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [14AP]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [9SE]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
———reform financing of Senate elections (see S. 1538), [10JN]
———require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Privacy: prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [13JY]
Puerto Rico: treat as a State relative to authorizing certain government-owned corporations to restructure their debt obligations under certain bankruptcy proceedings (see S. 1774), [15JY]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [29OC]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site: establish (see S. 1975), [5AU]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [9SE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 968), [13MY]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1069), [23AP]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [30AP]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the earned income tax credit and provide equitable treatment relative to the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 2203), [22OC]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care (see S. 2327), [19NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 946), [1DE]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
Veterans Day: encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1004), [16AP]
Voting: revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [9JN]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
———support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [26MR]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
Dept. of Energy: conduct a study on energy savings benefits of operational efficiency programs and services for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental entities (see S. 1342), [14MY]
Employment: allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
Federal agencies and departments: disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1109), [28AP]
Federal aid programs: provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [7JY]
Foreign trade: require the President to make the text of trade agreements available to the public in order

for those agreements to receive expedited consideration from Congress (see S. 1381), [19MY]
FRS: reform by amending Board of Governors staffing policies and settlement voting guidelines (see S. 1248), [7MY]
———reform by limiting emergency lending authority and closing loopholes allowing megabanks to engage in unrestricted commodities activities (see S. 1320), [13MY]
Health: require certain drug manufacturers entering into settlement agreements for violations of law to make supplemental payments to be used to increase medical research funding (see S. 320), [29JA]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
Puerto Rico: provide a short-term stay from legal actions by certain creditors until debt restructuring legislation has passed (see S. 2436), [18DE]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025 (S. Con. Res. 11), [15AP]
WASHINGTON, GEORGE ***(1st President of the United States)***
Appointments
Reading of George Washington's farewell address, [9FE]
WASHINGTON COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
WASHINGTON COUNTY, UT
Bills and resolutions
Transportation: clarify laws relative to designation of a northern transportation route (see S. 1783), [15JY]
Utah: provide for conveyance of certain land to Washington County and authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land (see S. 1985), [5AU]
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: provide sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (see S. 2093), [29SE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Transportation Sole Authority To Appoint Federal Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 2093) (S. Rept. 114–170), [30NO]
WASHINGTON (STATE)
Bills and resolutions
Corps of Engineers: transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see S. 1979), [5AU]
Dept. of the Interior: designate the Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [30AP]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1690), [25JN]
Public lands: designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Yakima River: authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project to improve water management in the Yakima River basin (see S. 1694), [25JN]
Reports filed
Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Phase III Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1694) (S. Rept. 114–187), [16DE]
WATER *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**
Bills and resolutions
Alexander Creek, AK: recognize as a Native village (see S. 2017), [9SE]
Bureau of Reclamation: allow proactive measures to maintain and repair dams and water infrastructure (see S. 1657), [24JN]
———authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 1125), [28AP]
———authorize early repayment of obligations within the Northport Irrigation District in Nebraska (see S. 1291), [12MY]
———authorize use of active capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [12MY]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
Canada: ensure the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 134), [13AP]
Conservation of natural resources: provide for advancement of energy-water efficiency research, development, and deployment activities (see S. 1485), [2JN]
Corps of Engineers: control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
———deauthorize Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project (see S. 124), [8JA]
———modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 837), [23MR]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
Dept. of Commerce: undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 259), [27JA]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [11JN]
———authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1983), [5AU]
———conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 14), [6JA]
———coordinate Federal and State permitting processes relative to construction of new surface water storage projects on Federal lands and designate Bureau of Reclamation as lead agency (see S. 1533), [9JN]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 1365), [18MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold long-standing State water laws (see S. 982), [16AP]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
———provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 2129, 2130), [5OC]
EPA: authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (see S. 1024), [21AP]
———award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
———carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
———modify provision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relative to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites (see S. 1701), [25JN]
———prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
———provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program (see S. 886), [26MR]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
———publish a health advisory and submit reports relative to microcystins in drinking water (see S. 462), [11FE]
———reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [8JN]
Federal Water Pollution Control Act: permit removal of certain civil actions filed in State courts to U.S. district courts (see S. 106), [7JA]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam (see S. 1104), [27AP]
———extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam (see S. 1103), [27AP]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
Government regulations: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Great Lakes: foster bilateral engagement and scientific analysis of storing nuclear waste in permanent repositories in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. 2026), [10SE]
———protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: ensure amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access to public lands (see S. 390), [5FE]

———reauthorize (see S. 338), [2FE] (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2101), [29SE] (see S. 2164), [7OC] (see S. 2165, 2169), [8OC] (see S. 2318), [19NO]
National Science and Technology Council: establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency (see S. 1218), [6MY]
Native Americans: provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects (see S. 438), [10FE]
Natural resources: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to Navajo water rights settlement (see S. 501), [12FE]
NOAA: develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Power resources: modernize U.S. energy policy (see S. 2012), [9SE]
Presidents of the U.S.: limit authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument (see S. 1416), [21MY]
Roads and highways: require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Rural areas: reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to those residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective well water and alternative systems (see S. 1642), [22JN]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
———provide for an energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel in the case of liquefied natural gas for purposes of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate (see S. 2378), [9DE]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
Yakima River: authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project to improve water management in the Yakima River basin (see S. 1694), [25JN]
Cloture motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Government regulations: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), [6OC], [7OC]
Government regulations: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Authorization of Use of Active Capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1305) (S. Rept. 114–135), [9SE]
Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2028) (S. Rept. 114–54), [21MY]
Energy Policy Modernization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2012) (S. Rept. 114–138), [9SE]
EPA National Estuary Program Reauthorization: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1523) (S. Rept. 114–161), [29OC]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Gibson Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1104) (S. Rept. 114–133), [9SE]
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
FERC Reinstatement and Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving Clark Canyon Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1103) (S. Rept. 114–132), [9SE]
Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 611) (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. 501) (S. Rept. 114–41), [11MY]
Sensible Environmental Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]
Vessel Incidental Discharge Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 373) (S. Rept. 114–96), [29JY]
Water Resources Research Act Grants Reauthorization and Applied Water Supply Research Regarding Water Resources Research and Technology Institutes: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 653) (S. Rept. 114–48), [18MY]
Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Phase III Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1694) (S. Rept. 114–187), [16DE]
WATER DESALINATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 741), [16MR]
WATER POLLUTION *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT; POLLUTION**
Bills and resolutions
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
Business and industry: modify certain penalties to deter oil spills (see S. 1311), [12MY]
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
———improve ability of NOAA, Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems by maintaining capabilities relative to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response (see S. 1430), [21MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA] (see S. 147), [12JA]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
———provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 1424), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
Dept. of Transportation: improve safety standards for transporting crude oil by rail (see S. 859), [25MR] (see S. 1462), [22MY]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (see S. 1024), [21AP]
———carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2358), [3DE]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 54), [7JA] (see S. 234), [22JA]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 896), [13AP]
———establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program (see S. 1394), [20MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1914), [30JY]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
———modify provision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relative to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites (see S. 1701), [25JN]
———prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
———provide for assessment and management of risk of algal toxins in drinking water (see S. 460), [11FE]
———publish a health advisory and submit reports relative to microcystins in drinking water (see S. 462), [11FE]
Federal Water Pollution Control Act: permit removal of certain civil actions filed in State courts to U.S. district courts (see S. 106), [7JA]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 504), [12FE]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1724), [9JY]

Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
Pipelines: ban shipment of crude oil on, and study pipeline risks in, the Great Lakes, improve oil spill response plans, increase transparency about risks, and expand safety measures in high consequence areas (see S. 2080), [24SE]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]
———require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Roads and highways: require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 596), [26FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
———remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 371), [4FE]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), motion to proceed, [8JA], [12JA]
———approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), veto, [2MR]
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Messages
Veto of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: President Obama, [24FE]
Motions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [8JA], [9JA], [12JA], [13JA], [20JA], [22JA]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 611) (S. Rept. 114–47), [18MY]
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 147) (S. Rept. 114–1), [12JA]
Vessel Incidental Discharge Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 373) (S. Rept. 114–96), [29JY]

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
———deauthorize Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project (see S. 124), [8JA]

WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Research: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 653), [4MR]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
Reports filed
Water Resources Research Act Grants Reauthorization and Applied Water Supply Research Regarding Water Resources Research and Technology Institutes: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 653) (S. Rept. 114–48), [18MY]

WATERFRONT COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AND RESILIENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1935), [4AU]

WATERWAYS *related term(s)* **WATER**
Bills and resolutions
Budget: provide relief from reductions in discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration (see S. 515), [12FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 593), [26FE]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 519), [12FE]
Coast Guard: strengthen authority to prevent and respond to the threat of damage from pollution of the sea by crude oil from oil drilling in foreign countries (see S. 1999), [5AU]
Corps of Engineers: authorize Central Everglades Planning Project (see S. 120), [8JA]
———control spread of aquatic nuisance species from the Mississippi River basin to the Great Lakes basin and inform long-term measures to prevent the Interbasin transfer of aquatic nuisance species (see S. 589), [26FE]
———deauthorize Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project (see S. 124), [8JA]
———ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
———modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 837), [23MR]
Dept. of Commerce: undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1763), [14JY]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 921), [14AP]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area (see S. 1824), [21JY]
Dept. of Transportation: establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
———improve condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network (see S. 1680), [25JN]
East Rosebud Creek: designate segments for inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1577), [15JN]
EPA: address liability relative to release of wastewater from Gold King Mine into Animas and San Juan Rivers (see S. 2135), [5OC]
———award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
———improve beach monitoring by requiring coastal States to adopt water quality standards, conduct quicker water testing, and improve monitoring and public notification programs (see S. 2335), [1DE]
———prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes (see S. 1586), [16JN]
———provide compensation to injured persons relating to the Gold King Mine spill and amend CERCLA to address mining-related issues (see S. 2063), [22SE]
———reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [8JN]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 329), [2FE]
FERC: authorize expansion of an existing hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1583), [16JN]
———issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in Alaska (see S. 1585), [16JN] (see S. 2046), [17SE]
Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 105), [7JA]
Immigration: prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 47), [7JA]
Infrastructure: improve (see S. 268), [27JA]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relative to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1674), [24JN]
Maritime Washington National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1623), [18JN]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
New Mexico: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 1956), [5AU]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: repeal funding limitation (see S. 936), [14AP]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
Parks and recreation areas: provide grants to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities (see S. 1995), [5AU]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 1500), [3JN]
Roads and highways: require States to establish highway stormwater management programs (see S. 518), [12FE]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 630), [3MR]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 596), [26FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [4FE]
———exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if certain structural alterations are made to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 1717), [8JY]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 384), [5FE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]

———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 593) (S. Rept. 114–128), [9SE]
EPA National Estuary Program Reauthorization: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1523) (S. Rept. 114–161), [29OC]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]
FERC Expansion of Existing Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1583) (S. Rept. 114–185), [16DE]
FERC Order Continuing a Stay of a Hydroelectric License for the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2046) (S. Rept. 114–190), [16DE]
Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 329) (S. Rept. 114–182), [16DE]
Sensible Environmental Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1500) (S. Rept. 114–160), [29OC]
Vessel Incidental Discharge Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 373) (S. Rept. 114–96), [29JY]

WEAPONS *related term(s)* **BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS; CHEMICAL WEAPONS; NUCLEAR WEAPONS**
Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [12FE], [24FE]
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: enhance security of military personnel at U.S. military installations and operating locations (see S. 1988), [5AU]
———establish process to allow members to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation (see S. 1815), [21JY]
———improve security at recruitment centers by allowing officers to carry weapons or improving structural security (see S. 1819), [21JY]
———permit members to possess firearms on military installations in accordance with applicable State law (see S. 1839), [22JY]
———repeal bans on military personnel carrying firearms on military bases and recruitment facilities (see S. 1821, 1823), [21JY]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
———prohibit from requiring disclosure of race or ethnicity in the transfer of a firearm (see S. 1385), [19MY]
Bahrain: prohibit arms sales (see S. 2009), [6AU]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Corps of Engineers: ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects (see S. 263), [27JA]
CPSC: improve requirements for imitation firearms (see S. 213), [21JA]
Crime: reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
Dept. of Defense: make certain certifications to Congress before retiring B–1, B–2, or B–52 bomber aircraft (see S. 1265), [11MY]
———reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 831), [23MR]
———require a report on future mix of aircraft platforms (see S. 1477), [2JN]
Dept. of Justice: allow additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases (see S. 2330), [19NO]
———allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———provide a grant program for handgun licensing programs (see S. 1751), [13JY]
———require State and local law enforcement to report certain information on shooting incidents involving officers and provide grant funds to protect officers from violence and use of force training (see S. 1476), [2JN]
District of Columbia: restore right to keep and bear arms (see S. 874), [26MR] (see S. 2359), [3DE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
Firearms: develop and use technology for personalized handguns and require that all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the U.S. incorporate such technology (see S. 1474), [2JN]
———ensure States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2192), [21OC]
———facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR] (see S. 992), [16AP]
———modify definition of ''antique firearm'' (see S. 173), [13JA]
———more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition (see S. 1308), [12MY]
———permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 1760), [14JY]
———prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
———provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution has no force or effect (see S. 2434), [18DE]
———provide that silencers would be treated the same as long guns relative to registration and transfer laws (see S. 2236), [4NO]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
———require sellers or transferors of firearms to take reasonable steps to ensure the recipient is not prohibited from possessing a firearm (see S. 2016), [9SE]
———revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes (see S. 2209), [27OC]
———update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions (see S. 1351), [14MY]
Iran: extend sanctions and report on use of funds made available through sanctions relief (see S. 1682), [25JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [27JA] (see S. 792), [18MR]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [16JY]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: improve enforcement of sanctions (see S. 1747), [9JY] (see S. 2144), [6OC]
———urge additional sanctions based on human rights abuses, redesignate as a state sponsor of terror, and impose conditions on resumption of negotiations (see S. Res. 180), [19MY]
Law enforcement: provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
———require agencies to report the use of lethal force (see S. 2112), [30SE]
———strengthen mental health system, improve public safety, and reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 2002), [5AU]
Mental health: strengthen mental health infrastructure and firearm prohibitions for at-risk individuals, and improve reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (see S. 1738), [9JY]
National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record: provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their families can register certain firearms (see S. 670), [4MR]
New Mexico: anniversary of White Sands Missile Range (see S. Res. 107), [23MR]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 213), [24JN]
Philippines: provide special foreign military sales status (see S. 1855), [23JY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 2239), [4NO]
Terrorism: defeat Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and enhance homeland security programs to protect the U.S. (see S. 2377), [9DE]
———provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
Transportation Security Administration: improve the Federal Flight Deck Officers program (see S. 1594), [17JN]
U.N.: limit U.S. contributions if arms embargo on Iran is lifted (see S. 1853), [23JY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 68), [4FE] (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]
———provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]

Utah: withdraw BLM lands and transfer management to the Dept. of the Interior and Air Force for enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, maintain public access of such lands, and provide for exchange of Federal and State lands (see S. 2383), [10DE]
World War II: commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Lebanon: President Obama, [29JY]
Reports filed
Knife Owners' Protection Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1315) (S. Rept. 114–121), [8SE]
Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1318), [15DE]
Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 792), [18MR]
Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 2123), [26OC]
U.S.-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1789), [27OC]

WEATHER
Bills and resolutions
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 66), [7JA]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Disasters: provide a criminal penalty for launching unmanned aircraft (drones) that interfere with fighting wildfires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce (see S. 2156), [7OC]
Drought: provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to California, other Western States, and the nation (see S. 1837), [22JY]
———provide for drought preparedness in New Mexico (see S. 1936), [4AU]
———provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (see S. 1894), [29JY]
El Faro (vessel): recognize crew who died in sinking of ship during Hurricane Joaquin and search efforts of members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force, and offer condolences to victims' families and friends (see S. Res. 291), [21OC]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [16MR]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
———require decisions on whether naturally occurring or ''exceptional'' events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 638), [3MR]
Interagency Task Force on Short-Lived Climate Pollution Mitigation: establish (see S. 2076), [24SE]
National Weather Service: maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site near cities of a certain size (see S. 2058), [17SE]
NOAA: codify the Hurricane Forecasting Improvement Project (see S. 1343), [14MY]
———develop information platform to integrate coastal data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinate collection of geospatial data to inform and improve management of coastal region (see S. 2325), [19NO]
Pope Francis: support encyclical on global warming and climate change (see S. Res. 244), [5AU]
Power resources: provide for emissions reductions (see S. 2399), [10DE]
———stop all new and nonproducing Federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on public lands and waters (see S. 2238), [4NO]
Public safety officers: expand benefits to families of officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries in the line of duty (see S. 1321), [13MY]
SBA: establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 1811), [21JY]
Science: establish regional weather forecast offices (see S. 1573), [15JN]
Taxation: temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty (see S. 2346), [2DE]
Technology: enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts (see S. 1331), [13MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
———express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Res. 290), [20OC] (see S. Res. 329), [7DE]
Water: reauthorize EPA WaterSense program, create State and local conservation and efficiency programs, support recycling, storage, and management projects, improve water data, and provide for drought preparedness (see S. 176), [13JA]
Wildfires: provide additional wildfire suppression activities and for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects (see S. 508), [12FE]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016: President Obama, [2FE]
Reports filed
National Weather Service Improvement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1573) (S. Rept. 114–154), [19OC]
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (H.R. 23) (S. Rept. 114–62), [11JN]
Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1811), [8OC]

WEATHERIZATION ENHANCEMENT AND LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 703), [11MR]

WEBSTER, MARSHALL
Appointments
Commission on Care, [12FE]

WEINSTEIN, WARREN
Bills and resolutions
Terrorism: express condolences to family and commemorate life and work (see S. Res. 169), [5MY]

WELLS, SQUIRE K.P.
Bills and resolutions
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]

WEST POINT, NY
Bills and resolutions
Omar N. Bradley Foundation: authorize the transfer of certain items to the descendants of Omar N. Bradley (see S. 267), [27JA]

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System (see S. 1552), [11JN]

WETLANDS
Bills and resolutions
California Coastal National Monument: expand boundary (see S. 1971), [5AU]
Corps of Engineers: provide loans to enable eligible entities to purchase credits from mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs or acquire interests in certain mitigation project-related real property (see S. 1700), [25JN]
New Mexico: protect, restore, and improve health of watersheds on national forest lands (see S. 1780), [15JY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 980), [16AP]
———disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———prohibit implementation of a proposed environmental protection rule relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' until certain reports are produced (see S. 1178), [30AP]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Water: revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), motion to proceed, [30OC], [3NO]
Motions
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S.J. Res. 22), [3NO]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (S. 1140), [30OC], [3NO]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1140) (S. Rept. 114–84), [16JY]

WHALEY, RICHARD
Bills and resolutions
Hawaii: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]

WHEELER, JEFF
Prayers
Senate, [19NO]

WHEELER COUNTY, OR
Bills and resolutions
Oregon: designate certain BLM land as wilderness, authorize certain land exchanges, and convey certain BLM land to Wheeler County for economic and community development purposes (see S. 1255), [7MY]

WHEELING, WV
Bills and resolutions
Wheeling Jesuit University: tribute to women's volleyball team (see S. Res. 342), [18DE]

WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to women's volleyball team (see S. Res. 342), [18DE]

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2127), [1OC]

WHISTLEBLOWING *related term(s)* **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**
Bills and resolutions
Antitrust policy: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 1599), [17JN]
Armed Forces: improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [29AP]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish procedures for processing of whistleblower complaints (see S. 2291), [17NO]
———terminate any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower (see S. 788), [18MR]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 2180), [8OC]
———enhance protection for contractor and grantee employees (see S. 795), [18MR]
———extend protections for defense contractor employees to employees of contractors of elements of the intelligence community (see S. 794), [18MR]
FBI: provide adequate whistleblower protections (see S. 2390), [10DE]
Federal employees: provide whistleblowing protections to probationary employees, provide Special Counsel with adequate access to information, and increase awareness of Federal whistleblower protections (see S. 2127), [1OC]
Law enforcement: provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies (see S. 1245), [7MY]
Medicare: provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers (see S. 1132), [29AP]
Motor vehicles: allow automotive industry employees who provide information on motor vehicle defects or noncompliance to receive a percentage of monetary penalties resulting from enforcement actions (see S. 304), [29JA]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers and penalties for violators, disclose safety violations, and clarify employer's duty to provide a safe worksite (see S. 1112), [28AP]
Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board: reform (see S. 1337), [13MY]
Reports filed
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 1599), [16JY]
Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 114–13), [13AP]

WHITE HOUSE *related term(s)* **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**
Bills and resolutions
White House Fellows Program: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 22), [6OC]

WHITE PINE COUNTY, NV
Bills and resolutions
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]

WHITEHOUSE, SHELDON ***(a Senator from Rhode Island)***
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [11FE]
Conferee: S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, [18NO]
———S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, [11FE]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Africa: condemn Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for crimes against humanity and mass atrocities and support efforts to end threat and remove the Lord's Resistance Army from the battlefield (see S. Res. 237), [17NO]
Americans With Disabilities Act: anniversary (see S. Con. Res. 20), [28JY]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [26OC]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Arctic Ocean: prohibit drilling (see S. 1794), [16JY]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1557), [11JN]
Armenia: observe anniversary, support an equitable relationship with Turkey based on acknowledgment of facts, and ensure that U.S. policy reflects appropriate understanding relative to the Armenian Genocide (see S. Res. 140), [21AP]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1529), [9JN]
Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 1156), [30AP]
———make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
———increase royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land and prohibit export of coal produced on Federal land (see S. 2339), [1DE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [9FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 698), [10MR]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [2JN]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [4MY]
———issue postage stamp in commemoration of Selma to Montgomery, AL, voting rights marches (see S. Con. Res. 8), [4MR]
Colleges and universities: prohibit inclusion of mandatory arbitration clauses in federally funded school enrollment agreements, thereby restricting pursuit of legal claims against higher education instructions in court (see S. 1122), [20MY]
———support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [28AP]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 246), [22JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Contraceptives: recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services, [4JN]
Copyrights: allow a rate court to consider other royalty rates when establishing digital performance rates for songwriters and adopt a fair rate standard for reproduction (see S. 662), [4MR]
———clarify definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'' to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 23), [6JA]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify application of the words people, person, or citizen in the Constitution to corporations, limited liability companies, or other corporate entities (see S.J. Res. 7), [4FE]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
———prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 447), [11FE]
Credit: establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 838), [23MR]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [11MY]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 467), [11FE]
———reform and establish mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses to provide more flexibility and reduce recidivism among Federal inmates (see S. 2123), [1OC]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [26FE]
Cuba: lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [8JN]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [29JA]
Dalai Lama: tribute (see S. Res. 200), [22JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 363), [4FE]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [2FE]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [23AP]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools (see S. 1609), [18JN]
———promote environmental education (see S. 492), [12FE]
———provide access to higher education through a Federal-State partnership to waive community college tuition and provide grants to minority-serving institutions to assist low-income students (see S. 1716), [8JY]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 312), [29JA]
———revise rule requiring for-profit colleges receiving a certain percentage of revenue from non-Federal sources to count military and veterans' education benefits under such rule (see S. 1664), [24JN]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 600), [18JN]
———establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———require consideration of the objective of improving conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs (see S. 1282), [12MY]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission (see S. 586), [23AP]

———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———expand and improve childhood cancer treatments, research, surveillance, and quality of life for survivors (see S. 1883), [9SE]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [4MY]
———provide for enhanced Federal efforts on prevention, education, treatment, and research relative to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases (see S. 1503), [4JN]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 2172), [8OC]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
———strengthen accountability and improve transparency in health information technology systems (see S. 2141), [6OC]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [24FE]
———establish grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce risk of injury and death from wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities (see S. 163), [12MR]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 125), [12JA]
———improve enforcement efforts relative to prescription drug diversion and abuse (see S. 483), [12FE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [28JA]
———provide death benefits for police officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers (see S. 962), [15AP]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 568), [26FE]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1876), [28JY]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct study on stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations (see S. 1554), [11JN]
———permanently prohibit conduct of offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean (see S. 1042), [22AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [21AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes (see S. 2120), [1OC]
———clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [21SE]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 1358), [14MY]
———reduce backlog of appeals of disability claims by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans and provide authority to address unreasonably delayed claims (see S. 1286), [11MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 398), [5FE]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———suspend and remove employees for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and improve accountability of employees (see S. 1856), [4NO]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [22SE]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [19NO]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 74), [12FE]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [12FE]
———improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 481), [12FE]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 36), [6JA]
———reduce deaths occurring from overdoses (see S. 1654), [23JN]
Education: encourage parent, family, and community involvement, provide needed integrated services and supports to assist students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement (see S. 412), [23FE]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [12FE]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
———prohibit employers from requiring low-wage workers to enter into non-compete covenants and require employers to notify potential employees of any requirement to enter into such covenants (see S. 1504), [8SE]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 741), [8SE]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Eximbank: reauthorize (see S. 824), [21AP]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [21SE]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 622), [2MR]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 1302), [24SE]
FCC: promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic (see S. 40), [7JA]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [14JY]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit awarding of contracts to inverted domestic corporations (see S. 975), [16AP]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
———provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits (see S. 2251), [5NO]
FEMA: enter into agreement with National Research Council to study urban flooding (see S. 1481), [2JN]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 2028), [10SE]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1709), [9SE]
Firearms: prohibit firearm dealers from proceeding with sale of a weapon if a background check on the buyer is not returned by the FBI within 3 days (see S. 2213), [28OC]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 407), [5FE]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and require plastic guns to be made with certain nonremovable metal parts so they can be detected by metal detectors (see S. 1735), [9JY]
Fish and fishing: strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and implement Antigua Convention on conservation of migratory fish in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (see S. 1334), [20MY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: amend (see S. 1469), [23MY]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 1214), [20MY]
———prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research (see S. 289), [4FE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 693), [10MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [30AP]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property (see S. 730), [12MR]
Immigration: clarify definition of nonimmigrant under the Visa Waiver Program relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 2323), [30NO]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
International Year of Soils: designate (see S. Con. Res. 10), [25MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [6OC]
———reaffirm U.S. policy of not allowing development of nuclear weapons, support diplomatic efforts to prevent acquisition of nuclear weapons, and allow reimposition of sanctions (see S. Res. 40), [26JA]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]

Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [17NO]
Jordan: improve defense cooperation with the U.S. (see S. 1789), [16NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1169), [30AP]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [18MY]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [16AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured, killed, missing, or threatened in connection with official duties (see S. 665), [4MR]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 2161), [7OC]
Maldives: call for release of former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison, release all other political prisoners, and guarantee due process for and respect human rights of all people (see S. 2231), [3NO]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———extend and expand emergency psychiatric demonstration project (see S. 599), [28AP]
———require payment of an additional rebate to State plans in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation (see S. 1364), [3JN]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 843), [13AP]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 1884), [29JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [21AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [8OC]
———provide coverage of an initial comprehensive care plan for beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (see S. 857), [23AP]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 539), [4MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 1083), [23AP]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [30SE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 861), [25MR]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Lobster Day: designate (see S. Res. 230), [27JY]
National Mentoring Month: observance (see S. Res. 58), [29JA]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 133), [13AP]
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: designate (see S. Res. 75), [12FE]
New England Patriots (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 63), [3FE]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [20AP]
NLRB: establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (see S. 2142), [6OC]
———strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [16SE]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 560), [25FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [17SE]
Pensions: modify certain provisions relative to multiemployer pensions (see S. 1631), [16DE]
Pharmaceuticals: allow personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada (see S. 122), [23FE]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1209), [6MY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1208), [6MY]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 214), [21JA]
Pope Francis: commend efforts in securing release of Alan P. Gross from Cuba as a political prisoner and encouraging improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba (see S. Res. 26), [20JA]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [27OC]
Privacy: require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure accuracy of collected personal information (see S. 668), [4MR]
Providence College: tribute to men's ice hockey team (see S. Res. 138), [16AP]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Res. 197), [16JY]
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act: establish an energy storage portfolio standard (see S. 1434), [17JN]
Rabin, Yitzhak: tribute (see S. Res. 299), [3NO]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1264), [11MY]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 1414), [21MY]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [23FE]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [3JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 20), [6JA]
Sister Ann Keefe Post Office, Providence, RI: designate (see S. 354), [3FE]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 1651), [23JN]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 786), [18MR]
SSI: update eligibility (see S. 1387), [19MY]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1072), [23AP]
Taxation: clarify that tar sands are crude oil subject to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund per-barrel excise tax (see S. 187), [16JA]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 1212), [6MY]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1127), [6MY]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend financing of the Superfund program by reinstating certain excise taxes (see S. 2400), [14DE]
———extend the residential energy efficient property tax credit (see S. 1755), [14JY]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [5MY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [28AP]
———modify rules relative to inverted corporations in order to prevent tax avoidance by domestic companies moving operations to foreign countries (see S. 198), [20JA]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 608), [30AP]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 1736), [9JY]
———provide for proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities (see S. 1686), [25JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 1737), [9JY]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 1907), [30JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 2068), [7OC]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 2040), [16SE]
———provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism (see S. 1318), [13MY]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tobacco products: prohibit the sale or distribution to individuals under the age of 21 (see S. 2100), [29SE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [7MY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Tropical Forest Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 566), [25FE]
$2.13 Day: designate (see S. Res. 77), [12FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 229), [23JY]
Ukraine: condemn attacks by Russian backed rebels on civilian population in Mariupol, impose sanctions and urge Russia to disengage, and provide lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine (see S. Res. 72), [10FE]

Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [20AP]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 212), [3FE]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
———secure Federal voting rights of nonviolent persons when released from incarceration (see S. 772), [18MR]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 785), [18MR]
Women: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [12MY]
———condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [25JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1087), [27AP]
Armed Forces: extend mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections (see S. 2347), (see S. 2357), [3DE] (see S. 2393), [10DE]
———make mortgage, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction protections permanent (see S. 1152), [30AP]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Coastal zones: establish a fund to promote protection and conservation of U.S. ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems (see S. 2025), [10SE]
Crime: impose criminal penalties for unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft (see S. 2249), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 581), [26FE]
Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 524), [12FE]
Education: include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
EPA: reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [8JN]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1144), [30AP]
Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building, North Kingstown, RI: designate (see S. 2073), [24SE]
Mongolia: anniversary of first democratic elections (see S. Res. 189), [1JN]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 111), [25MR]
Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 229), [21JA]
Taxation: expand personal and retirement savings by allowing employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic individual retirement accounts (see S. 245), [22JA]
———impose a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 161), [13JA]
———provide for greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, and deliver additional benefits to the retired and disabled (see S. 1548), [10JN]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 162), [13JA]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 174), [13JA]
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Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [3FE]
Conferee: H.R. 1735, Dept. of Defense appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction, [9JY]
———S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors, [21MY]
Attendance
Present, [6JA]
Abortion: prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22OC]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 334), [4FE]
Architect of the Capitol: place a chair honoring American POW/MIA in the Capitol (see S. 885), [24JN]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 194), [24MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 84), [23FE] (see S. Res. 88), [26FE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina-American Enterprise Fund (organization): establish (see S. 2307), [19NO]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 301), [12FE]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [4FE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 688), [10MR]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 2200), [14DE]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1750), [13JY]
Coast Guard: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1611), [23JN]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 1), [6JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 720), [11MR]
Courts: provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets (see S. 1890), [10DE]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 682), [5MY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 404), [12FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [3MR]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 166), [21JA]
Dept. of Defense: extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations relative to transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see S. 165), [29JA]
Dept. of Education: establish simplified income-driven student loan repayment plan for new borrowers, repayment notification options, and loan forgiveness for total and permanently disabled (see S. 85), [6MY]
———prohibit from engaging in regulatory overreach relative to institutional eligibility under student aid provisions of the Higher Education Act (see S. 559), [28JY]
Dept. of HHS: provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases (see S. 849), [24MR]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 1426), [21MY]
———publish physical activity recommendations (see S. 1793), [16JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers (see S. 1915), [28OC]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House in Jackson, MS (see S. 2177), [8OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 627), [17NO]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans (see S. 715), [11MR]
Developing countries: provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [22MY]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1624), [18JN]
Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 265), [29JA]
1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: designate (see S. Res. 232), [27JY]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 233), [22JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 1032), [21AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 293), [28JA]
EPA: disapprove a rule relative to ''National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone'' (see S.J. Res. 25), [17NO]
———disapprove rule on carbon pollution emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 24), [26OC]
———disapprove rule on standards of performance for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, and reconstructed electric utility generating units (see S.J. Res. 23), [26OC]
———extend timeline to review and revise ambient air quality standards and delay decision on proposal to revise ozone standards (see S. 640), [3MR]
———fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. 1324), [13MY]
———improve establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards (see S. 751), [17MR]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates,

and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [25FE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1598), [17JN]
FCC: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 417), [10NO]
———exempt application of joint sales agreement (JSA) attribution rule in case of existing agreements in order to protect local television broadcasting (see S. 1182), [11JN]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 168), [13JA]
Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by nonresidents (see S. 498), [12FE]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act: repeal certain provisions relative to reporting on foreign assets and investments (see S. 663), [4MR]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms worldwide (see S. Res. 69), [5FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Health: preserve freedom and choice in health care (see S. 1016), [20AP]
———reform provision of insurance coverage by promoting health savings accounts, State-based alternatives, and price transparency if tax-credit subsidies for coverage are lost under King v. Burwell (see S. 1531), [9JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 2178), [9DE]
Human rights: impose sanctions relative to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights (see S. 284), [28JA]
Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [29OC]
Immigration: ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody (see S. 1842), [5AU]
———ensure that certain aliens receive thorough background investigations before being admitted to the U.S. as refugees (see S. 2435), [18DE]
———hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable, increase penalties for those who illegally reenter the U.S., and provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement (see S. 2146), [8OC]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1589), [16JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 269), [28JA]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [14AP]
———require report on military dimensions of nuclear program and prohibit sanctions relief until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program (see S. 2429), [18DE]
IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 283), [28JA]
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): express that ISIS is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, protect targets, create a criminal tribunal, and destroy ISIS and disrupt support (see S. Res. 340), [18DE]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [10NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: designate (see S. Res. 201), [15JN]
Labor unions: address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at U.S. ports (see S. 1519), [17JN]
———protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 391), [5FE] (see S. 1874), [28JY]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 4), [21OC]
Medicare: add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements (see S. 313), [21JY]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 1020), [9SE]
———ensure equal access of beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage (see S. 1190), [22JN]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [11MY]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 1849), [17DE]
———extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program (see S. 607), [16AP]
———provide coverage of pharmacist services in medically underserved areas (see S. 314), [3FE]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 1013), [27AP]
———provide for coverage of continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMS) (see S. 804), [25JN]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 1135), [15JY]
———provide for the non-application of competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories (see S. 2196), [19NO]
———provide that payments made to a long-term care hospital for inpatient services shall not be made at the applicable site neutral payment rate for certain discharges involving severe wounds (see S. 1211), [6MY]
———remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 258), [27JA]
———treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful electronic health records use (see S. 1347), [22MY]
———waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 624), [3MR]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 1893), [29JY]
Mining and mineral resources: ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations (see S. 1458), [9JY]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional and State approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 228), [3MR]
Motor vehicles: establish tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards, improve tire registration, and help consumers identify recalled tires (see S. 1741), [9JY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 241), [3AU]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 144), [22AP]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 177), [11MY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Telecommunications and Information Administration: permit authorization of Federal agencies to accept certain payments relative to spectrum efficiency and reallocation (see S. 2227), [3NO]
———provide for certain requirements relative to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition (see S. 1551), [11JN]
———reallocate Federal Government spectrum for commercial use and provide transparency on use of the Federal spectrum (see S. 1618), [18JN]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 248), [8OC]
Nemtsov, Boris: commend Russian opposition efforts, call for investigation of murder, and add recommended names to visa ban list for Russian human rights violators (see S. Res. 93), [2MR]
Netanyahu, Benjamin: welcome Israeli Prime Minister upon U.S. visit and speech before Congress and reaffirm unequivocal U.S. support for Israel (see S. Res. 76), [12FE]
NLRB: clarify treatment of two or more employers as joint employers (see S. 2015), [9SE]
———disapprove rule relative to representation case procedures (see S.J. Res. 8), [9FE]
NOAA: reduce incidence of sexual harassment and assault (see S. 2206), [29OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize (see S. 2206), [29OC]
Outer Continental Shelf: increase energy exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 1276), [11MY]
Parks, Rosa: anniversary of refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL (see S. Res. 322), [1DE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 12), [8JA]
———ensure long-term unemployed individuals are not taken into account for purposes of the employer health care coverage mandate (see S. 38), [8JA]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (see S. 420), [10FE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 30), [7JA]
———provide States with flexibility in determining the size of employers in the small group market (see S. 1099), [5AU]
———provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 347), [3FE]
———repeal (see S. 336, 339), [2FE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements and impose contribution caps (see S. 836), [23MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 183), [16JA]
———repeal excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (see S. 2045), [19NO]
———repeal Federal mandate to purchase insurance (see S. 203), [21JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 141), [8JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 305), [29JA]
Pilgrims: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary of arrival (see S. 1715), [4NO]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1881), [29JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 828), [19MR]

Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 294), [28JA]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 92), [27FE]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 708), [11MR]
Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 667), [24JN]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [22OC]
Russia: call for release of Ukrainian fighter pilot, Nadiya V. Savchenko (see S. Res. 52), [28JA]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 474), [27FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 366), [4FE]
Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 373), [25FE]
Social Security: disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [13AP]
———provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program (see S. 298), [7MY]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3JN]
———extend the health coverage tax credit (see S. 505), [10MR]
———improve certain education savings plans (see S. 335), [17MR]
———incentivize companies to repatriate foreign earnings held overseas and dedicate tax revenues from such repatriation to the Highway Trust Fund (see S. 981), [30AP]
———make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program (see S. 1193), [24SE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [26FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 330), [12MY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 394), [14AP]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 591), [10MR]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 1002), [11MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 860), [15AP]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 149), [13JA]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 697), [9JY]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 1238), [7MY]
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change: express that any related protocol or other negotiated agreement dealing with targets and timetables is considered a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. Con. Res. 25), [19NO]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: extend date after which interest earned on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund may be available for apportionment (see S. 722), [11MR]
Ukraine: provide lethal weapons to defend against Russian-backed rebel separatists (see S. 452), [11FE]
Ulysses S. Grant Association: designate as institution for organizing and leading bicentennial celebration of birth of Ulysses S. Grant (see S. Res. 195), [9JN] (see S. Res. 209), [23JN]
Water: disapprove rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and EPA relative to the definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S.J. Res. 22), [17SE]
———revise definition of ''waters of the U.S.'' relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 1140), [11MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [18DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 582), [26FE]
Appalachian Regional Commission: reauthorize and establish a High-Speed Broadband Development Initiative (see S. 863), [25MR]
Charles Clark U.S. Courthouse, Jackson, MS: designate (see S. 1034), [21AP]
Courts: ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal actions by amending prohibition on exercise of jurisdiction by U.S. Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts (see S. 1353), [14MY]
Dept. of Transportation: establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 762), [17MR]
FCC: extend to private land use restrictions its rule relative to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications (see S. 1685), [25JN]
Health: enhance patient engagement in medical product development process (see S. 1597), [17JN]
Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act: reauthorize (see S. 1886), [29JY]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 132), [26MR]
National Sea Grant College Program Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 764), [17MR] (see S. 2328), [19NO]
Railroads: reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, and streamline rail project delivery (see S. 1626), [18JN]
Research: establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of treatments, detection, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (see S. 2067), [22SE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 611), [27FE]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1045), [22AP]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall after receipt of gift for renovation of such hall (see S. 143), [9JA]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (S. 1), [22JA], [26JA], [29JA]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (S. 178), [12MR], [17MR], [18MR], [14AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), [11JN], [16JN], [17JN]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to go to conference, [9JY]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (H.R. 1735), motion to proceed, [31MY]
———making appropriations (H.R. 2685), motion to proceed, [16JN], [18JN], [22SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: making appropriations (H.R. 240), [26FE], [27FE]
———making appropriations (H.R. 240), motion to proceed, [30JA], [3FE], [4FE], [5FE], [12FE], [23FE], [25FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), motion to proceed, [16NO]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (H.R. 2028), motion to proceed, [6OC], [8OC]
Immigration: prohibit funding to implement, administer, carry out, or enforce Executive orders to implement immigration reform (S. 534), motion to proceed, [26FE], [27FE]
Intelligence services: enhance sharing of information about cybersecurity threats (S. 754), motion to proceed, [3AU]
Iran: provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (S. 625), motion to proceed, [4MR]
IRS: provide for a right to administrative appeal relative to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations (H.R. 1314), [28OC], [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.J. Res. 61), [15SE], [17SE]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [24JY], [27JY], [29JY]
———allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), motion to proceed, [14JY], [21JY], [22JY]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from individual health insurance mandate (H.R. 1191), [5MY], [7MY]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
Taxation: allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after a certain age (H.R. 2146), [18JN], [23JN]
———improve process for determining whether organizations are 501(c)4 tax-exempt (H.R. 1295), [18JN], [24JN]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (H.R. 644), motion to go to conference, [23JN]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (H.R. 2577), [16NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (H.R. 22), [10NO]

WI-FI INNOVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 424), [10FE]

WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 329), [2FE]
Reports filed
Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 329) (S. Rept. 114–182), [16DE]

WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM
Bills and resolutions
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Dept. of the Interior: maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch, ID (see S. 1777), [15JY]
East Rosebud Creek: designate segments for inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1577), [15JN]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 329), [2FE]

Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Reports filed
Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 329) (S. Rept. 114–182), [16DE]

WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSES AND BURROS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Animals: provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros (see S. 1845), [23JY]

WILDERNESS AREAS
Bills and resolutions
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: designate (see S. 393), [5FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 1375), [19MY]
California: designate certain Federal lands as wilderness (see S. 1423), [21MY]
California Desert Conservation Area: provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy (see S. 414), [9FE]
Chaffee County, CO: clarify effect of designating certain Federal land as a national monument (see S. 972), [16AP]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 755), [17MR]
Forest Service: provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 199), [20JA]
Idaho: establish certain wilderness areas and authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System and BLM lands in central Idaho (see S. 583), [26FE]
———modify boundaries of Pole Creek Wilderness, Owyhee River Wilderness, and North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness and authorize continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock activities in certain wilderness areas (see S. 1167), [30AP]
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve: designate wilderness as Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area (see S. 873), [26MR]
Nevada: facilitate pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, modify boundaries of certain wilderness areas, and implement conservation plan for the Virgin River (see S. 953), [15AP]
Oregon: clarify the Cooper Spur land exchange in the Mount Hood Wilderness (see S. 2069), [22SE]
———designate certain BLM land as wilderness, authorize certain land exchanges, and convey certain BLM land to Wheeler County for economic and community development purposes (see S. 1255), [7MY]
———designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]
Rio Grand del Norte National Monument: designate Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas (see S. 1240), [7MY]
Washington (State): designate and expand wilderness areas and designate certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park (see S. 1510), [4JN]
Reports filed
Cerros del Norte Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1240) (S. Rept. 114–134), [9SE]
Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 873) (S. Rept. 114–131), [9SE]
Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 583) (S. Rept. 114–127), [9SE]

WILDFIRE DISASTER FUNDING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 235), [22JA]

WILDLIFE
Bills and resolutions
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 203), [17JN]
Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2032), [15SE]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1601), [17JN]
Crime: increase penalties for wildlife trafficking and allow civil penalties, fines, forfeitures, and restitution for such crimes to be transferred to wildlife conservation funds (see S. 27), [6JA]
Dept. of HHS: establish a program to assist in importation and care for abused, injured, or abandoned nonhuman primates (see S. 1898), [29JY]
Dept. of the Interior: enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse and mule deer (see S. 468), [11FE]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 2286), [17NO]
———improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands (see S. 2240), [4NO]
———provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 1036), [22AP]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 855), [24MR]
Endangered Species Act: extend import- and export-related provision to species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in order to ban bringing trophy animals killed abroad back to the U.S. (see S. 1918), [3AU]
———require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered or threatened (see S. 292), [28JA]
EPA: reauthorize National Estuary Program (see S. 1523), [8JN]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR] (see S. 992), [16AP]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [23AP]
Interstate commerce: clarify that intrastate species are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act or other Federal interstate commerce laws (see S. 1142), [30AP]
Lacey Act: replace criminal penalties reliant on foreign law for trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants with a civil penalty system (see S. 1019), [21AP]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 300), [28OC]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
NOAA: provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1107), [28AP]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 405), [5FE] (see S. 556), [25FE] (see S. 659), [4MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: extend date after which interest earned on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund may be available for apportionment (see S. 722), [11MR]
———prohibit listing northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 655), [4MR]
———reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
World Wildlife Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]
Reports filed
Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 556) (S. Rept. 114–183), [16DE]
EPA National Estuary Program Reauthorization: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 1523) (S. Rept. 114–161), [29OC]

WILDLIFE REFUGES
Bills and resolutions
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Dept. of the Interior: designate the Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and establish Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge (see S. 2326), [19NO]
———enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (see S. 1204), [6MY]
Hunting and trapping: prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuge System (see S. 1081), [23AP]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]

WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 721), [11MR] (see S. 992), [16AP]

WILKES COUNTY, NC
Bills and resolutions
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
Reports filed
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]

WILKESBORO HYDROELECTRIC CO.
Bills and resolutions
FERC: extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam (see S. 2083), [28SE]
Reports filed
FERC Extension of Deadline for Commencement of Construction of a Hydroelectric Project Involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 2083) (S. Rept. 114–192), [16DE]

WILLIAMSON, RALPH E.
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WILMINGTON, NC
Bills and resolutions
OMB: consider Brunswick County, NC, to be part of the same statistical area as Wilmington, NC (see S. 1157), [30AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Trails: clarify status of North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park Service (see S. 1074), [23AP]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]

WISE INVESTMENT IN OUR CHILDREN (WIC) ACT
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WOMEN
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Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, [26MR]
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Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
———prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (see S. 2066), [22SE]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 50), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 48), [7JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 220), [21JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 219), [21JA] (see S. 582), [26FE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1553), [11JN]
AID: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 1911), [30JY]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [4FE]
Birth control: ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
Business and industry: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [4JN]
———provide protections against pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (see S. 1590), [17JN]
Children and youth: eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities (see S. 1851), [23JY]
Civil rights: improve nonretaliation provisions of equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 83), [7JA]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [25MR] (see S. 2070), [22SE]
———strengthen equal pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 875), [26MR] (see S. 2200), [22OC]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 746), [16MR]
Constitutional amendments: ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 16), [7MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 1438), [21MY]
———prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 51), [7JA]
———recognize anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut Supreme Court decision allowing use of contraceptives by married couples and the importance of affordable family planning services (see S. Res. 193), [4JN]
Crime: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———expand funding available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes (see S. 1071), [23AP]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 201), [21JA] (see S. 404), [5FE]
———protect pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence (see S. 1559), [11JN]
———provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts (see S. 572), [25FE]
———provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable relative to tort claims arising out of rape (see S. 852), [24MR]
Daughters of Penelope (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 214), [25JN]
Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [26FE]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1183), [4MY]
———require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 706), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 221), [21JA]
———designate maternity care health professional shortage areas (see S. 628), [3MR]
———develop and disseminate evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately (see S. 205), [21JA]
———ensure access to screening mammography (see S. 1926), [4AU]
———establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to provide training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking (see S. 1446), [21MY]
———make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression (see S. 2311), [19NO]
———prevent and treat prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 799), [19MR]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 1192), [5MY]
———reauthorize residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women (see S. 2226), [3NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: train personnel to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities (see S. 623), [3MR]
Dept. of Justice: appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and fund such investigation through rescission of funds appropriated to such organization (see S. 1877), [28JY]
———establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt firearms transfer and possession policies to prevent domestic violence perpetrators from possessing firearms (see S. 2198), [22OC]
———investigate whether Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., affiliates have engaged in illegal activity pertaining to fetal tissue and defund any affiliate receiving compensation for such activities (see S. 1917), [3AU]
———promote pro bono legal services as a critical way to empower survivors of domestic violence (see S. 2280), [10NO]
Dept. of the Treasury: convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the ten dollar bill (see S. 1613), [18JN]
———convene a citizens panel to make recommendations for likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill (see S. 925), [14AP]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman (see S. 1508), [4JN] (see S. 1720), [8JY]
———redesign Federal reserve notes to include a likeness of Jeannette Rankin (see S. 1633), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 865), [25MR]
———improve provision of health care for women veterans (see S. 471), [12FE]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve reproductive assistance to severely wounded, ill, or injured Armed Forces members, veterans, and their spouses or partners and make child care program permanent (see S. 469), [11FE]
Developing countries: authorize aid to reduce poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote agricultural-led economic growth, and build resilience among vulnerable populations (see S. 1252), [7MY]
———promote use of clean cookstoves and fuels in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2194), [22OC]
———provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls (see S. 802), [19MR]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support breast cancer research (see S. 1170), [30AP]
———mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer (see S. 2185), [20OC]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 84), [7JA]
District of Columbia: disapprove law on reproductive health non-discrimination (see S.J. Res. 10), [18MR]
Employment: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
End Modern Slavery Initiative Foundation: establish (see S. 553), [24FE]
Families and domestic relations: provide workplace protections relative to the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see S. 2208), [27OC]
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA): eliminate gender pay inequity (see S. Res. 222), [13JY]
Firearms: protect victims of domestic abuse by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms (see S. 1834), [22JY]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
Foreign policy: codify U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to promote inclusion of women in conflict resolution efforts and peacebuilding institutions (see S. 224), [21JA]
Griest, Kristen: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE] (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Haver, Shaye: tribute (see S. Res. 257), [17SE] (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Health: ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———expand programs (see S. 674), [4MR]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1919), [4AU]
———require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms (see S. 370), [4FE]
Health care professionals: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 78), [7JA]
Human rights: support empowerment and human rights for women and call for release of female political prisoners through #Freethe20 campaign (see S. Res. 262), [22SE]
Insurance: provide for a special enrollment period for pregnant women (see S. 2220), [29OC]
International relations: combat international violence against women and girls (see S. 713), [11MR]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 97), [4MR]
Jaster, Lisa: tribute (see S. Res. 296), [26OC]
Medicaid: allow for greater State flexibility relative to excluding providers who are involved in abortions (see S. 2159), [7OC]
———extend application of Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services for women, children,

and families (see S. 737), [12MR] (see S. 2118), [1OC]
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [26OC]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 132), [26MR]
National Association of Women Business Owners: anniversary (see S. Res. 225), [21JY]
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 293), [22OC]
National Florence Crittenton Mission: rename as the National Critteton Foundation (see S. 1727), [9JY]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 228), [23JY]
National Pregnancy Center Week: designate (see S. Res. 312), [10NO]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 59), [30JA]
National Women's Small Business Month: designate (see S. Res. 280), [7OC]
Nigeria: develop a strategy to protect civilians and eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) (see S. 1632), [18JN]
———eliminate threat posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) and urge Government to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections (see S. Res. 65), [4FE]
NIH: anniversary of Office of Research on Women's Health (see S. Res. 242), [5AU]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1980), [5AU]
Pensions: provide greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, expand access to retirement savings, and increase financial literacy (see S. 2110), [30SE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (see S. 1861), [24JY] (see S. 1881), [28JY]
———provide for a moratorium on Federal funding relative to provision of abortion services (see S. 1836), [22JY]
SBA: establish veterans' business outreach center program and improve certain other veterans programs (see S. 1866), [27JY]
———increase small business Federal contracting goals, including those for service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, economically disadvantaged minority-owned, and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 1859), [23JY]
———reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2126), [1OC]
Social Security: enhance benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers (see S. 2293), [17NO]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 466), [11FE]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 91), [7JA]
———provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 1486), [2JN]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
U.N.: condemn sexual violence against women and children of religious minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) and support international prosecution of such crimes (see S. Res. 310), [9NO]
Cloture motions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), motion to proceed, [17SE], [22SE]
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.: prohibit funding (S. 1881), motion to proceed, [30JY], [3AU]
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Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (H.R. 36), [17SE]
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Develop a Strategy To Protect Nigerian Civilians and Eliminate Threat Posed by Boko Haram (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1632), [29JY]
Girls Count Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 802), [21MY]
Human Trafficking Detection Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 460) (S. Rept. 114–46), [14MY]
Postal Service Issuance of Semipostal Stamp To Support Breast Cancer Research: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1170) (S. Rept. 114–144), [17SE]
Protecting Our Infants Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 799), [1OC]
Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 466) (S. Rept. 114–100), [30JY]
U.N. Condemning of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children of Religious Minorities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 310), [18NO]
Veterans Small Business Ownership Improvements Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 1866), [15SE]
Women's Small Business Ownership Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2126), [8OC]
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Enact (see S. 469), [11FE]
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Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [26OC]
WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS OWNERSHIP ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 2126), [8OC]
WOODS, TYRONE
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
WOODS, WILLIAM B., JR.
Reports filed
Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr., Post Office, Cedar Hill, MO: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 728), [24JN]
WORK COLLEGES RELIEF ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 376), [4FE]
WORKFORCE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ACT
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Enact (see S. 2296), [18NO]
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
Education: include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs (see S. 580), [26FE]
Employment: reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP] (see S. 1124), [28AP]
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Workforce Investment System Reform and Strengthening: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1124), [28AP]
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Colleges and universities: require programs offered by institutions to meet licensure and accreditation requirements for an occupation in order to receive Federal tuition grants and loans (see S. 1165), [30AP]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 2222), [29OC]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1328), [13MY]
Employment: reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1031), [21AP] (see S. 1124), [28AP]
Taxation: establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs (see S. 959), [15AP] (see S. 2020), [9SE]
Reports filed
Workforce Investment System Reform and Strengthening: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1124), [28AP]
WORKING FAMILY FLEXIBILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 233), [22JA]
WORKPLACE DEMOCRACY ACT
Bills and resolutions
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WORLD BANK GROUP *related term(s)* **INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND**
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Nepal: support sustainable recovery and rebuilding following earthquakes (see S. 1882), [29JY]
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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
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World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 165), [30AP]
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WORLD MALARIA DAY
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WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY
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Goal and ideals: support (see S. Res. 103), [18MR]
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Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: make the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center permanent and create a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator (see S. 758), [17MR]
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Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
WORLD WAR II *related term(s)* **WAR**
Appointments
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [11FE]
Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (see S. Con. Res. 7), [3MR]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to World War II First Special Service Force (see S. Con. Res. 2), [8JA]

———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals to the American Fighter Aces (see S. Con. Res. 13), [20AP]
Congressional Gold Medal: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [11JN]
———award to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
Dept. of Defense: establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 151), [13JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1775), [15JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: designate one U.S. city each year as an ''American World War II City'' (see S. 1401), [20MY]
Hawaii: recognize Hui Panala'au colonists who occupied remote Pacific islands on behalf of the U.S. prior to, and immediately after, World War II and extend condolences to families of those who lost their lives there (see S. Res. 109), [24MR]
History: commemorate decision of Harry S. Truman to use atomic bombs against Japan to end World War II and honor crews of *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* who carried out the missions (see S. Res. 247), [5AU]
Holocaust: commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [22JA]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 733), [12MR]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 1502), [4JN]
Moret, Calvin G.: tribute (see S. Res. 260), [21SE]
Tule Lake National Historic Site: establish (see S. 2412), [17DE]
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Commemorate Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Extermination Camp, Remember the Victims, and Honor the Legacy of the Survivors of the Holocaust: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 35), [28JA]

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Designate (see S. Res. 95), [3MR]

WOUNDED VETERANS RECREATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 119), [8JA]

WOUNDED WARRIOR EMPLOYMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 2106), [30SE]

WOUNDED WARRIOR RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1022), [21AP]

WOUNDED WARRIOR TAX EQUITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 907), [14AP]
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Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 907) (S. Rept. 114–18), [14AP]

WOUNDED WARRIOR WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1021), [21AP]

WOUNDED WARRIORS FEDERAL LEAVE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 242), [22JA]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 242) (S. Rept. 114–89), [23JY]

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Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims (see S. 872), [26MR]

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 331), [8DE]

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Taylor, Charles E.: tribute (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]

WRIGHT, WILBUR
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Taylor, Charles E.: tribute (see S. Res. 335), [15DE]

WYATT, DAVID A.
Bills and resolutions
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]

WYDEN, RON *(a Senator from Oregon)*
Appointments
Committee on Taxation (Joint), [26JA]
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———H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, [24JN]
———S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the Federal budget for 2016–2025, [15AP]
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Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 217), [21JA]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 2341), [2DE]
Armed Forces: ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 358), [8JY]
———improve procedures for legal justice for members (see S. 1130), [29AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 185), [21MY]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 729), [12MR]
Biden, Joseph R., III (Beau): tribute (see S. Res. 191), [3JN]
Brooke, Edward W.: tribute (see S. Res. 19), [6JA]
Career and Technical Education Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 94), [3MR]
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: authorize appropriations for firearms safety or gun violence prevention research (see S. 1473), [24SE]
Charleston, SC: condemn attack and offer condolences to the community, families, and victims of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, and support community efforts towards healing (see S. Res. 212), [24JN]
Chattanooga, TN: condemn shootings at military sites, honor Armed Forces members who lost their lives, commend those caring for injured and investigating incident, and express condolences to those affected (see S. Res. 227), [21JY]
Civil liberties: protect rights of citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding patchwork of local and State prohibitions (see S. 567), [25FE] (see S. 1315), [13MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act (see S. 527), [12FE]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 862), [2JN]
Colleges and universities: support efforts to ensure that students have access to debt-free higher education (see S. Res. 143), [9SE]
Contracts: prohibit use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict ability of consumers to communicate relative to goods or services that were the subject of the contract (see S. 2044), [15DE]
Corps of Engineers: transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see S. 1979), [7OC]
Courts: eliminate mandatory arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, civil rights, and antitrust cases (see S. 1133), [29AP]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1981), [5AU]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 178), [13JA]
Cuba: allow the financing by U.S. persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba (see S. 1049), [5MY]
———lift trade embargo (see S. 491), [28AP]
———lift travel restrictions (see S. 299), [28AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 29), [6JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program under the National School Lunch Program (see S. 1539), [20OC]
———improve efficiency of Summer Food Service Program (see S. 613), [5AU]
———reauthorize Farm to School Program (see S. 569), [5AU]
———repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken and institute voluntary program (see S. 1844), [28JY]
Dept. of Commerce: undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency (see S. 1935), [4AU]
Dept. of Defense: improve energy savings (see S. 1277), [11MY] (see S. 1528), [9JN]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 300), [29JA] (see S. 327), [2FE]
———review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1766), [15JY]
Dept. of Education: allow a choice between a fixed amount student loan repayment plan or an income-driven student loan repayment plan for all borrowers (see S. 1948), [6AU]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 793), [18MR]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 451), [28OC]
———award grants to States to improve delivery of high quality assessments (see S. 197), [9FE]
———combat campus sexual violence (see S. 590), [19MR]
———create a competitive high school redesign program to increase number and percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college and a career (see S. 696), [7JY]
———require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 773), [18MR]
Dept. of Energy: establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program (see S. 878), [26MR]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1033), [21AP]
Dept. of HHS: establish the Transition to Independence Medicaid Buy-In Option demonstration program (see S. 1604), [18JN]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 1588), [18JN]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 551), [15DE]
———improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 295), [11FE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1003), [16AP]
Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 302), [29JA]

Dept. of the Interior: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 2155), [7OC]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify presumptions relating to exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam (see S. 681), [15SE]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 743), [16AP]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 901), [17JN]
———evaluate mental health care and suicide prevention programs and require a loan repayment pilot program for psychiatrists (see S. 167), [2FE]
———increase efficiency in recruitment and hiring of health care workers separating from the Armed Forces and create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals (see S. 2279), [10NO]
———modify distance requirements regarding eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-departmental facilities (see S. 1463), [22MY]
———provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits (see S. 2253), [5NO]
———revise definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse (see S. 270), [27JA]
———use authorities to furnish health care at non-departmental facilities to veterans who live more than a certain distance from the closest departmental facility that furnishes the necessary care (see S. 207), [2FE]
Discrimination: prohibit on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity (see S. 1858), [23JY]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Drugs: end Federal ban of medical marijuana, allow importation of certain derivatives, allow banks to work with medical marijuana businesses, enable medicinal research, and allow prescription to veterans (see S. 683), [13MY]
———exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana (see S. 1333), [13MY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 502), [7OC]
Education: improve early education (see S. 317), [29JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1380), [19MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 308), [12FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [21JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 497), [30JY]
———allow workers to make requests about schedules without fear of retaliation and ensure employers consider such requests in order to provide more stable and predictable schedules for employees (see S. 1772), [15JY]
EPA: establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program (see S. 1394), [20MY]
Europe: express concern regarding anti-Semitism and encourage greater cooperation with European governments, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism (see S. Res. 87), [25FE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 28), [6JA]
FAA: amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other issued certificates, and revise the third class medical certification regulations (see S. 571), [13AP]
———clarify whether an unmanned aircraft conducting aeronautical research flights qualifies for public aircraft status (see S. 387), [5FE]
———establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system (see S. 1314), [4AU]
Families and domestic relations: increase availability of high-quality child care for working parents (see S. Res. 292), [22OC]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1382), [2JN]
FCC: prohibit debt collectors from making robocalls to individuals' cell phones (see S. 2235), [4NO]
———reform and modernize Universal Service Fund Lifeline Assistance Program (see S. 1472), [1JN]
———revise sponsorship identification rules to require disclosure of significant donors to persons paying for broadcasts of political matters or matters involving issues of public importance (see S. 1260), [7MY]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 779), [18MR]
———strengthen independence of inspectors general (see S. 579), [7DE]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 2189), [21OC]
Financial institutions: create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses (see S. 1726), [9JY]
Fish and fishing: make authority of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fisheries permanent (see S. 1143), [22MY]
Ford, Wendell H.: tribute (see S. Res. 38), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 677), [9MR]
Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 995), [16AP]
France: condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirm fundamental freedom of expression (see S. Res. 29), [20JA]
———condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, offer condolences to families of the victims, express solidarity with the people of France, and support pursuit of justice against those involved in such attacks (see S. Res. 313), [16NO]
———tribute to U.S. citizens and other individuals who helped foil a terrorist attack on a French train (see S. Res. 259), [17SE]
FTC: prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children (see S. 430), [10FE]
Government: prohibit agencies and contractors from requesting criminal history information from employment applicants until conditional offer stage and report on employment statistics of formerly incarcerated individuals (see S. 2021), [17NO]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 105), [19MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1121), [30AP]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 148), [23AP]
———provide congressional review and oversight of any agreements with Iran relative to its nuclear program (see S. 615), [15AP]
———provide for greater congressional oversight of Iran's nuclear program (see S. 2119), [1OC]
Israel: express solidarity with people, condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks, support right to self-defense, call for a stop to violence by Palestinians and an end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 302), [3NO]
Joint Inquiry Into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001: require declassification of certain redacted information (see S. 1471), [1JN]
Lafayette, LA: condemn attack and offer condolences to community, families, and victims of movie theater shooting and commend first responders and those caring for the injured and investigating the incident (see S. Res. 231), [27JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 890), [26MR]
———reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU] (see S. 2165), [8OC]
Law enforcement: facilitate collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment services, and substance abuse systems to address needs of mentally ill offenders (see S. 993), [27JY]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1056), [22AP]
Medicaid: ensure health insurance continuity for former foster youth (see S. 1852), [8SE]
Medicare: ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 578), [29AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and radiation therapy services, extend hardship exemptions from electronic health record meaningful use requirements, and strengthen Medicaid integrity (see S. 2425), [18DE]
Mental health: protect minors from efforts by practitioners to change their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (see S. Res. 184), [21MY]
Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 1617), [7JY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the median wage (see S. 1150), [30AP]
Mining and mineral resources: modify requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands (see S. 2254), [5NO]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 315), [18NO]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 269), [24SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [18MY]
National Guard: modify and extend the State Partnership Program (see S. 1126), [29AP]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
National Retirement Security Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 263), [22SE]
National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 60), [30JA]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 236), [30JY]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 286), [8OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 307), [5NO]
New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 928), [8SE]
NLRB: strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment and provide stronger remedies for interference with these rights (see S. 2042), [29OC]
NSF: support afterschool science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (see S. 444), [10FE]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 854), [16AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 192), [15JY]
Power resources: invest in clean energy, empower and protect consumers, modernize energy infrastructure, cut pollution and waste, and invest in research and development (see S. 2089), [28SE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 356), [12FE]

———prevent identity theft, ensure privacy, and enhance penalties, law enforcement, and protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (see S. 1158), [30AP]
Public Health Service: designate the Chief Nurse Officer as the National Nurse for Public Health (see S. 1205), [15JY]
Public lands: reduce the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (see S. 2031), [15SE]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 1407), [19OC]
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 262), [10MR]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 311), [14MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 439), [10FE]
Schweiker, Richard S.: tribute (see S. Res. 250), [9SE]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1513), [16JN]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1925), [4AU]
Small Business Saturday: observance (see S. Res. 304), [3NO]
Smith, Sean: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Social Security: extend State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 522), [12FE]
Sports: tribute to U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (see S. Res. 218), [8JY]
Stevens, J. Christopher: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
Tariff: increase the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [12FE]
Taxation: enhance the dependent care credit to make child care more affordable (see S. 661), [4MR]
———establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children (see S. 660), [4MR]
———exclude from gross income any discharge of student loan indebtedness (see S. 1947), [29OC]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 699), [10MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 637), [3MR]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 431), [10FE]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 851), [24MR]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1429), [21MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 375), [4FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 1012), [20AP]
Technology: improve coordination and use of geospatial data (see S. 740), [11MY]
Telecommunications: promote competition to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services (see S. 240), [3FE]
Thompson, Fred: tribute (see S. Res. 309), [5NO]
Tritak, Kathleen Alvarez: tribute (see S. Res. 82), [12FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 271), [27JA]
Voting: provide for voter registration through the Internet (see S. 1088), [30AP]
———revise criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to certain protections against racial discrimination in voting (see S. 1659), [24JN]
Women: condemn violence that targets healthcare for women (see S. Res. 327), [3DE]
———ensure access to the best-available health care and support the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions (see S. Res. 37), [22JA]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 1512), [30NO]
———ensure timely access to affordable birth control (see S. 1532), [9JN]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 2321), [19NO]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [7MY]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 2407), [16DE]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 207), [22JN]
World Refugee Day: observance (see S. Res. 204), [18JN]
World War II: award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Filipino veterans (see S. 1555), [3NO]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 2234), [4NO]
———commemorate anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, remember the victims, and honor the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust (see S. Res. 35), [26JA]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Alcoholic beverages: reform taxation (see S. 1562), [11JN]
Animals: require that military working dogs be retired in the U.S. (see S. 1498), [3JN]
Armed Forces: require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 587), [26FE]
Bahrain: prohibit arms sales (see S. 2009), [6AU]
BIA: manage the Coquille Forest in accordance with laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land (see S. 816), [19MR]
Civil liberties: require the Federal Government to obtain warrants when conducting aerial surveillance (see S. 1595), [17JN]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1030), [21AP]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 134), [8JA]
Dept. of Education: establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships in order to reduce tuition for students (see S. 2191), [21OC]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 1195), [5MY]
Dept. of Energy: establish competitive grant programs to promote electricity grid modernization (see S. 1232), [6MY]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 814), [19MR]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 815), [19MR]
———improve coal royalties by collecting royalties based on actual market value of the coal and increasing transparency and standardizing the royalty collection process (see S. 1891), [29JY]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 817), [19MR]
———restore mandatory funding status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Dept. of the Treasury: regulate tax return preparers (see S. 137), [8JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: treat time spent by Armed Forces Reserve members receiving Dept. of Defense medical care as active duty for purposes of Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program eligibility (see S. 602), [26FE]
Depts. of Energy and Agriculture: collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems (see S. 1294), [12MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 235), [22JA]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit requirement that private entities design or alter their commercial information technology products to facilitate Government surveillance (see S. 135), [8JA]
Federal aid programs: prohibit administrative offset of Social Security, railroad retirement, and black lung benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal debts (see S. 2387), [10DE]
Federal employees: provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in civil service (see S. 136), [8JA]
Financial institutions: exclude credit union loans secured by certain non-owner occupied family dwellings from the definition of member business loan (see S. 1440), [21MY]
Forest Service: designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary (see S. 1448), [21MY]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 132), [8JA]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 818), [19MR]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1058), [22AP]
Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 237), [22JA]
Intelligence services: require Presidents' annual budget submissions to include the total dollar amount requested for intelligence or intelligence-related activities of the Government (see S. 1307), [12MY]
IRS: clarify that all Internal Revenue Code provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples (see S. 1740), [9JY]
Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 154), [29AP] (see S. Res. 179), [14MY]
Klamath Basin: approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production (see S. 133), [8JA]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: reauthorize (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Library of Congress: expand availability to exemptions to prohibition on copyrighted technological protection measures to facilitate computer security research, personal device maintenance, and technological innovation (see S. 990), [16AP]
Medicaid: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
Medicare: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [8JA]
———increase limit on length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program (see S. 971), [16AP]
———prevent increase in part B premiums and deductibles (see S. 2148), [7OC]
Medicare/Medicaid: improve payments for hospital outpatient department services and complex rehabilitation technology and improve program integrity (see S. 2409), [16DE]
National Florence Crittenton Mission: rename as the National Critteton Foundation (see S. 1727), [9JY]
National Kinship Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 266), [22SE]
Oregon: clarify the Cooper Spur land exchange in the Mount Hood Wilderness (see S. 2069), [22SE]
———designate certain land as wilderness and national recreation areas and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 1699), [25JN]

———withdraw certain land in Curry and Josephine Counties from coverage under public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws (see S. 346), [3FE]
Oregon Shakespeare Festival: anniversary (see S. Res. 89), [26FE]
Portland Timbers (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 336), [15DE]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 822), [19MR]
———promote geothermal energy (see S. 1057), [22AP]
Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board: reform (see S. 1337), [13MY]
Public utilities: expand electric rate-setting authority of States (see S. 1233), [6MY]
Railroads: improve safety of hazardous materials rail transportation (see S. 1175), [30AP]
Roseburg, OR: express condolences for victims of shooting at Umpqua Community College (see S. Res. 287), [8OC]
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 517), [12FE] (see S. 2164), [7OC]
Social Security: anniversary (see S. Res. 246), [5AU]
———disregard, for purposes of eligibility for SSI and Medicaid, compensation for participation in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions (see S. 139), [8JA]
———ensure contributions made by workers are available to pay all benefits which they have earned (see S. 2090), [28SE]
———invest child welfare funds to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families to reduce the prevalence and length of foster care (see S. 1964), [5AU]
Taxation: allow deductions and credits relative to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law (see S. 987), [16AP]
———extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals (see S. 1005), [16AP]
———provide for Move America bonds and allow such bonds to be converted into tax credits to support public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment (see S. 1186), [4MY]
———provide tax credit to teachers in rural or high unemployment areas or who achieve National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (see S. 138), [8JA] (see S. 1954), [5AU]
———restrict the insurance business exception to passive foreign investment company rules (see S. 1687), [25JN]
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Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies: making appropriations for military construction and veterans' services (H.R. 2029), [18DE]

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Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize use of active capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming (see S. 1305), [12MY]
Dept. of the Interior: sell certain Federal lands in certain Western States previously identified as suitable for disposal (see S. 361), [4FE]
Devils Tower National Monument: designate the mountain and populated place as Devils Tower (see S. 2039), [16SE]
Forest Service: provide for management of certain inventoried roadless areas (see S. 193), [20JA]
Statehood: anniversary (see S. Res. 210), [23JN]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reissue final rules relative to listing of gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act (see S. 2281), [10NO]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Authorization of Use of Active Capacity of Colorado River Storage Project Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1305) (S. Rept. 114–135), [9SE]

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Kaibab National Forest: clarify mapping error to allow the purchase of certain lands by Young Life (organization) (see S. 1592), [17JN]
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Bills and resolutions
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YUMA COUNTY, AZ
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Dept. of Homeland Security: commend success of Operation Streamline in improving border security and call for continued prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers (see S. Res. 104), [18MR]

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